



2026 Proposed Constitution Changes

Proposal C.1: Clarify Operation of Joint Roles

Suggested by: Steve Karmeinsky, Buccaneers

Context and Rationale:

We already allow joint roles on the Committee, but these are not actually defined in the Constitution, nor is it clear how voting works for joint roles. This change clarifies that two or more people may run for a role jointly, but they would only get a single collective vote. If unable to agree on that vote, that role would be considered as having abstained.

This closes a loophole that could be exploited - a group could theoretically jointly run for office and then dominate committee business by voting as a bloc.

Add new subsection to section 7.

New Subsection:

Any committee position may be filled by multiple people if those people have agreed in advance to work on that role together. If no agreement has been made, then they will be treated as separate candidates for that role.

In addition, update section 9.f to clarify that committee roles held by multiple people only share a single vote.

Replace:

All members of the LSL committee as listed in Section 8 above shall be entitled to vote, any matters arising determined by a simple majority. In the event of a tie, the Chair shall have a casting vote.

With:

Each role of the LSL committee as listed in Section 8 shall be entitled to one vote. In the event of a jointly held role, all holders of the role must agree on their single vote or their role is considered to have abstained. Any matters arising determined by a simple majority. In the event of a tie, the Chair shall have a casting vote.

Proposal C.2: Clarify AGM Proposal Process

Suggested by: Committee

Context and Rationale:

This change clarifies the process for submission of amendments to the Constitution and Standing Orders ahead of the AGM and adds a requirement for an additional person to second any proposal. It also clarifies the Committee review process for amendments, replacing the "reserves the right" clause with a specific requirement for a majority vote.

This will ensure that proposals have a minimum level of support before being presented to the league for voting.

Update Section 6.i to clarify the requirements and process.

Replace:

Players wishing to submit AOB (outside of their member teams representative) must submit, in writing, to the Secretary no later than 7 days before the AGM date. The committee will discuss all submitted items and reserves the right to add them to the AGM agenda.

With:

Individuals wishing to submit amendments to the Constitution or the Standing Orders must submit proposals in writing to the Committee no later than 7 days in advance, in the format designated by the Committee. All proposals must be seconded by a team captain of a team that the proposer is not rostered to. The committee will discuss all submitted items and will add the item to the AGM agenda should the proposed amendment pass committee vote by a simple majority.

2026 Proposed Standing Order Changes

Proposal S.1: Require Pitcher and Catcher for short-handed teams

Suggested by: Paul Duncan, Meteors Red

Context and Rationale:

This change would require that defensive teams provide a pitcher and catcher at minimum when playing short-handed, as the game cannot be played effectively without a pitcher and catcher. Any other position or positions may remain vacant.

Update section B.10, adding a new subsection c (and moving existing subsections down).

New Subsection:

A team playing with fewer than 10 players must provide a pitcher and catcher when fielding. Any other position may remain vacant.

Proposal S.2: Required Number of Players after injury / ejection

Suggested by: Jason Kurtis, Bat Intentions

Context and Rationale:

WBSC rules require a forfeit if a team falls below the minimum number of required players (10). Our rules have an exception to allow playing short-handed with an auto-out after an

ejection, but we do not currently have the same exception to allow playing short-handed as a result of an injury.

This change creates the same exception for injuries as already exists for ejections. Teams will not have to choose between a forfeit or forcing an injured player to continue playing.

Update section B.10, adding a new subsection (and moving existing subsections down).

New Subsection:

If an injury or ejection results in a team having fewer than 10 players remaining, play may continue under the rules defined for starting a game short-handed (see Section B.10.a-b).

In addition, update section B.15.i.v:

Replace

If an ejection results in a team having fewer than 4 males and 4 females in the line-up, the game is forfeit

With

If an ejection or injury results in a team having fewer than 4 males and 4 females in the line-up, the game is forfeit

Proposal S.3: Consequences for Failing to Confirm Games

Suggested by: Eddie Wang, Soft Boiled

Context and Rationale:

The current standing orders require that the home team contact the away team and umpires at least 48 hours in advance. This rule is often forgotten or overlooked, but there is currently no consequence for failing to do so.

This change adds specific consequences to this rule. It also standardizes on email as the required contact mechanism.

Update section B.2.a with consequences for failing to contact the away team and umpires at least 48 hours in advance.

Replace:

Contacting the Away Team and umpires not less than 48 hours in advance to confirm the game and location. Email is preferable to verbal confirmation.

With:

Contacting the Away Team and umpires not less than 48 hours in advance to confirm the game and location (email is preferred). Failure to do so will result in a warning should the away team or umpires file a complaint. Repeated violations will be investigated by the Technical Officer under the disciplinary process.

Proposal S.4: Entering Scores in a Timely Manner

Suggested by: Eddie Wang, Soft Boiled

Context and Rationale:

We currently allow results to be entered any time up until the last day of the season. Results not entered by then will be considered a no-result (i.e. neither team will receive any points).

This change would require the results to be entered within one week. This ensures that the overall league tables are kept up to date throughout the season.

Update section B.8.c to require teams to enter results within one week.

Replace:

Any results not registered by the last eligible day of play will be declared no-results.

With:

Results must be registered within one week of the completion of the game. Repeated failures to do so will be investigated by the Technical Officer under the disciplinary process.

Proposal S.5: Requirements for changing teams mid-season

Suggested by: Jon Clanton, Bat to the Future

Context and Rationale:

Individuals must register for one and only one team each season. There is an implied exception in the ringing rules - if a player rings for a team a fourth time, they must leave their current team and register for the new team. There is no declaration required as part of this change, making it difficult to track or prove when a roster change has taken place due to this provision.

This change would require explicit committee approval of any roster change. The committee is responsible for adjudicating roster / ringing violations, so they must be aware of any changes like this. This also creates a pathway for changing teams within your division or even to a lower division.

Add a new subsection to section B.9 requiring that players who wish to change teams mid-season get approval from the committee.

New Subsection:

Individuals wishing to change teams after the first week of the season must get confirmation from the Committee (Majors / Minors officers, depending on the players current team) before playing for their new team. If requesting to move to a lower division, the Committee may ask for additional information before approving. Until confirmation has been received, the individual remains rostered to their original team.

In addition, change section B.9.e.ii to remove the implication that changing teams is automatic after ringing three times.

Replace:

Teams must not use the same individual more than three times over the course of a season. If an individual wants to play for the same higher division team more than three times, they must transfer to that team's roster.

With:

Teams must not use the same individual more than three times over the course of a season.

Proposal S.6: Expand Div6 ringer exception to Div5

Suggested by: Jon Clanton, Bat to the Future

Context and Rationale:

Division 5 is in the worst position in terms of ringers, as they can only borrow from 1 other division (division 6). The committee has received a lot of feedback this season from division 5 teams about the difficulty of finding ringers. This change expands the pool of ringers available for division 5, and ensures that all Minors divisions are able to borrow from at least two divisions.

The change also removes language that refers to specific divisions to prevent confusion in case of league expansion.

Update section B.9.f to allow div5 teams to use one ringer from another div5 team, or 2 ringers from div5 teams if one is a pitcher.

Replace:

- *(ii) 1 general player, registered to a Minors Division 2 team can fill in for a Minors Division 3 team. The league recognises the difficulty in the lowest division not being able to borrow from divisions below*
- *(iii) This player can play in any position. But bat at the bottom of the order as per normal ringing rules*
- *(iv) In addition to above, Minors Division 3 teams can also borrow a pitcher registered with a Minors Division 2 team, in addition to a general player from a Minors Division 2 team. This means that the Minors Division 3 team can borrow up to 2 players from Minors Division 2, provided one of those players is a pitcher.*

With:

- *(ii) Teams in the lowest and second-lowest Minors division may borrow 1 general player registered to a team in the second-lowest minor division. They may also borrow a pitcher registered to a team in the second-lowest Minors division. This means that a team in the lowest division or second-lowest division may borrow up to two players registered to teams in the second-lowest division, provided one of those players is a pitcher.*

Proposal S.7: Clarify adjustments to league structure in response to growth

Suggested by: Jon Clanton, Bat to the Future

Context and Rationale:

We have some specific rules about how to restructure the league when teams leave the league. But we don't have any guidelines about league expansion - it's up to the committee to determine what happens as new teams join. It's also unclear if the committee could choose to increase the number of teams relegated in advance of a new season as part of an effort to balance out divisions.

This change generalizes the rules around relegation and promotion when divisions change size due to teams joining or exiting the league. It ensures that no team is faced with unexpected relegation at the start of a new season (though teams may be promoted unexpectedly) and requires the committee to explicitly publish the target league structure each season. It explicitly empowers the committee to increase the number of relegation slots in a division as part of an effort to achieve that target structure.

Update section A.5 to clarify how the committee adjusts the league structure over time.

Replace:

- *a) If the departure of a team from League means that, even after giving effect to end-of-season promotion/relegation and the addition of new teams qualifying to join the Majors, a division intended to have 8 teams will be left with 7 or fewer, the vacant spot(s) will be filled as follows:*
 - *i) the Committee will offer the vacant spot to six teams based on where they finished in the preceding season, ranked in this order (see Section 12(k)):*
 - *a) the team that finished second to last in the departing team's division;*
 - *b) the team that finished 3rd in the division below;*
 - *c) the team that finished last in the departing team's division;*
 - *d) the team that finished 4th in the division below;*
 - *e) the team that finished 5th in the division below;*
 - *f) the team that finished 6th in the division below;*
 - *ii) the highest ranked of these teams to accept the offer will take the vacant spot;*
 - *iii) if none of these teams accepts the offer, the vacant spot will be filled by the highest ranked team;*
 - *iv) the same process will then be repeated to fill the vacancy left by the team that has been 'promoted'.*
- *b) The Committee shall commence and conclude this process as soon as possible in order to avoid delays finalising the division structure and schedule for the season.*

With:

- *a) The Committee will attempt to maintain a standard number of teams in each division*
- *b) Before the start of each season, the Committee will announce the target number of teams in each division for that season, based on the number of teams that have registered.*
- *c) Where a division has fewer than the target number of teams, slots will be filled in order based on where teams finished in the preceding season, using the following ranking.*
 - *i) The team with the best record that was relegated from the division in the previous season.*

- *ii) The team with the best record from the division below that was not promoted in the previous season*
- *iii) The team with the second-best record that was relegated from the division in the previous season*
- *iv) The team with the second-best record from the division below that was not promoted in the previous season*
- *d) Where a division has more than than the target number of teams*
 - *i) All teams in the division will remain in that division for the season*
 - *ii) The number of relegation spots in that division will be increased by 1 for the current season.*
 - *iii) At the Committee's discretion, the number of relegation spots in all lower divisions may also be increased by 1 for the current season.*