

Hertfordshire Football Association

Proposed Amendments to Articles of Association – Annual General Meeting June 2018

Existing Article	Proposed Amendments – changes in bold or strikeout	Reason for Change
<p>Article 2</p> <p>Honorary Treasurer means the honorary treasurer of the Association appointed in accordance with Article 43 who shall act as the director of finance;</p> <p>Honorary Secretary means the Secretary of Council for the Association appointed in accordance with Article 43 who may act as</p>	<p>Article 2</p> <p>NEW Community Clubs means all those youth clubs referred to as Community Clubs who are affiliated to the Association and who have more than 40 youth teams.</p> <p>NEW Council Member means all those persons comprising the Council as described in Article 33 and shall include Officers, Honorary Past Presidents, Life Members, Incumbent Members and representatives nominated in accordance with Articles [33 & 36].</p> <p>Honorary Treasurer means the honorary treasurer of the Association appointed in accordance with Article 43 who shall act as the director of finance if so determined by the Board;</p> <p>Honorary Secretary means the Secretary of Council for the Association appointed in accordance with Article 43 who may act as the managing director if so directed by the</p>	

the managing director if so directed by the Association;	Association. This paragraph shall cease to have effect at the last Council Meeting prior to the Annual General Meeting in 2019 and shall thereafter be removed from the Articles;	
Article 33 Council 1. The Council shall comprise: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) the President; ii) the Chairman; iii) the Vice Chairman; iv) the Honorary Past Presidents; v) The Honorary Life Vice Presidents vi) The Honorary Secretary who may act as the Managing Director if so directed by the Association; vii) the Honorary Treasurer who shall act as Director of Finance; viii) the Honorary Secretary of each Standing Committee all appointed in 	Article 33 Council 2. The Council shall comprise: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> xi) the President; xii) the Chairman; xiii) the Vice Chairman; xiv) the Honorary Past Presidents; xv) The Honorary Life Vice Presidents xvi) The Honorary Secretary who may act as the Managing Director if so directed by the Association (This paragraph shall not longer have effect at the last Council Meeting prior to the Annual General Meeting in 2019 and shall thereafter be removed from the Articles) xvii) the Honorary Treasurer who shall act as Director of 	

	<p>accordance with Article 46; and such other officers as the Council shall from time to time consider appropriate for the effective governance of football;</p> <p>ix) the Life Members;</p> <p>x) Incumbent Members who shall remain in Office until either they resign or retire in accordance with Articles 35 or 48;</p> <p>(xi) One representative from the Hertfordshire Schools Football Association for such time as the Association continues to exist and generally represents the interests of schools football in the County;</p> <p>(xii) One representative from the</p>		<p>Finance if so determined by the Board;</p> <p>xviii) the Honorary Secretary of each Standing Committee all appointed in accordance with Article 46; and such other officers as the Council shall from time to time consider appropriate for the effective governance of football;</p> <p>xix) the Life Members;</p> <p>xx) Incumbent Members who shall remain in Office until either they resign or retire in accordance with Articles 35 or 48;</p> <p>(xxi) One representative from the Hertfordshire Schools Football Association for such time as the Association continues to exist and generally</p>	
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	Hertfordshire Referees' Society for such time as the Society continues to exist and generally represents the interests of referees in the County;		represents the interests of schools football in the County;	
(xiii)	One representative from each affiliated league with at least 10 affiliated Clubs in Membership;	(xxii)	One representative from the Hertfordshire Referees' Society for such time as the Society continues to exist and generally represents the interests of referees in the County;	
(xiv)	One representative from affiliated senior clubs at Steps 1-4 and one representative from affiliated senior clubs at Steps 5-7;	(xxiii)	One representative from each affiliated league with at least 10 affiliated Clubs in Membership;	
(xv)	One representative from affiliated clubs playing football for the disabled;	(xxiv)	One representative from affiliated senior clubs at Steps 1-4 and one representative from affiliated senior clubs at Steps 5-7;	
(xvi)	One representative from affiliated small-sided football;	(xxv)	One representative from affiliated clubs playing football for the disabled;	
(xvii)	One representative from girls football who are associated			

	with an affiliated club or league unless representation comes from Article 33 (xiii) above;	(xxvi)	One representative from affiliated small-sided football;	
(xviii)	One representative from ladies football who are associated with an affiliated club or league unless representation comes from Article 33 (xiii) above;	(xxvii)	One representative from girls football who are associated with an affiliated club or league unless representation comes from Article 33 (xiii) above;	
(xix)	One representative from the Hertfordshire FA Youth Council if such is established and approved by Council;	(xxviii)	One representative from Womens football who are associated with an affiliated club or league unless representation comes from Article 33 (xiii) above;	
(xx)	One representative from the Hertfordshire FA Inclusion Advisory Group if such is established and approved by Council;	(xxix)	One representative from the Hertfordshire FA Youth Council if such is established and approved by Council;	
		(xxx)	One representative from the Hertfordshire FA Inclusion Advisory	

<p>Such representatives shall be subject to Articles 48 and 49 and shall be entitled to attend Council and any other Committee to which they may be appointed and be entitled to vote and to such privileges as the Council may from time determine. Such representatives shall not be members of a Standing Committee but may be co-opted to a Standing Committee.</p> <p>The Council may from time to time vary the number of Members on Council as circumstances dictate either by not filling vacancies which occur by resignation, retirement or otherwise, or if an increase is considered necessary by advertisement or by election. An Ad Hoc Committee shall be appointed by Council in accordance with Articles 53 and 55 to interview prospective members and prepare a short list for</p>	<p>Group if such is established and approved by Council;</p> <p>(xxxi) Two representative from the Youth Community Clubs with more than 40 teams affiliated to the Association</p> <p>Such representatives shall be subject to Articles [48 and 49] and shall be entitled to attend Council and any other Committee to which they may be appointed and be entitled to vote and to such privileges as the Council may from time to time determine. Such representatives shall not be members of a Standing Committee but may be co-opted to a Standing Committee.</p> <p>The Council may from time to time vary the number of persons on Council as circumstances dictate either by not filling vacancies which occur by resignation, retirement or otherwise, or if an increase is considered necessary by advertisement or by election. An Ad Hoc Committee shall be appointed by Council in accordance with Articles 53 and 55 to interview prospective members and prepare a short list for approval and election by Council.</p>	
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<p>Article 35</p> <p>No person may be appointed or elected as a Council Member for the first time who has attained the age of 70. All Officers and Council Members other than the Honorary Past President, Life Vice-Presidents and Life Members shall retire on reaching the age of 80.</p>	<p>Article 35</p> <p>No person may be appointed or elected as a Council Member for the first time who has attained the age of 70. All Officers and Council Members other than the Honorary Past President, Life Vice-Presidents and Life Members shall retire on reaching the age of 80.</p>	
<p>Honorary Members</p> <p>41. The Council shall have the power to elect and remove such persons as they consider appropriate to be Honorary Members of the Association'. Such persons shall be resident or formerly resident in the County and, in the opinion of Council, have given exemplary service to association football. No person may be considered for such election unless recommended by an ad hoc committee composed of the Chairman, Vice Chairman, and two elected members of Council. Honorary Members shall be entitled to receive notice of and attend all Council Meetings but shall not be entitled to vote thereat.</p>	<p>Honorary Members</p> <p>41. The Council shall, on the recommendation of the Board, have the power to elect and remove such persons as they are considered appropriate to be Honorary Members of the Association'. Such persons shall be resident or formerly resident in the County and, in the opinion of Council the Board, have given exemplary service to association football. No person may be considered for such election unless recommended by an ad hoc committee composed of the Chairman, Vice Chairman, and two elected members of Council. Honorary Members shall be entitled to receive notice of and attend all Council Meetings but shall not be entitled to vote thereat. Honorary Membership may be</p>	<p>Confidentiality is essential when considering potential candidates for Honorary Membership. Open discussion in Council is undesirable.</p>

	removed by Council on the recommendation of the Board.	
<p>Article 42 President, Chairman and Vice Chairman</p> <p>At the last Council Meeting prior to the Annual General Meeting in each year the Council shall decide who shall be President, the Chairman, and the Vice Chairman. Such persons shall be elected by Council and hold office for a one-year term until the last Council Meeting prior to the next Annual General Meeting but are eligible for re-appointment.</p>	<p>Article 42 President, Chairman and Vice Chairman</p> <p>At the last Council Meeting prior to the Annual General Meeting in each year the Council shall decide who shall be the President, the Chairman, and the Vice Chairman. Such persons shall be elected by Council in accordance with Articles [46 to 49] and hold office for a one-year term until the last Council Meeting prior to the next Annual General Meeting but are eligible for re-appointment.</p>	
<p>Article 43 The Honorary Secretary and The Honorary Treasurer</p> <p>At the last Council Meeting prior to the Annual General Meeting in each year the Honorary Treasurer and the Honorary Secretary shall retire but shall be eligible for re-appointment. Such persons appointed by Council to act as the Honorary Treasurer shall hold office for a one-year term until the last Council</p>	<p>Article 43 The Honorary Treasurer</p> <p>The Council shall at the last Council Meeting prior to the Annual General Meeting determine whether the Association should appoint or re-appoint the position of Honorary Treasurer. In doing so Council shall have regard to the views of the Board. At the last Council Meeting prior to the Annual General Meeting in each year the Honorary Treasurer shall retire but shall be eligible for re-appointment if such appointment</p>	

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<p>Article 43</p> <p>At the last Council Meeting prior to the Annual General Meeting in each year the Council shall decide which member of Council should be the FA Representative. Such persons shall be elected by Council and hold office for a one-year term until the last Council Meeting prior to the next Annual General Meeting but are eligible for re-election.</p>	<p>Article 43</p> <p>Subject to Articles [46 – 49] [See New Articles Below] at the last Council Meeting prior to the Annual General Meeting in each year the Council shall decide which member of Council should be the FA Representative. Such persons shall be elected by Council and hold office for a one-year term until the last Council Meeting prior to the next Annual General Meeting but are eligible for re-election.</p>	
	<p>NEW ARTICLE</p> <p>Election of Chairman, Vice Chairman & FA Representative</p> <p>The Chief Executive shall send, on request, to Council Members a nomination paper on or before such date as the Directors shall prescribe each year. Such nomination paper must be completed and returned to the Chief Executive not later than such date as the</p>	

	<p>Directors shall prescribe each year.</p> <p>Any Council Member may nominate another Council Member on the form provided, which must be seconded by another Council Member and signed by the candidate. The nomination paper shall state clearly the position for which the candidate is nominated. Council Members may only nominate or second one candidate for each position subject to election</p> <p>In the event that a ballot for any position is necessary a voting paper containing the names of candidates will be provided to each Council Member. The ballot shall take place at or prior to the last Council Meeting prior to the Annual General Meeting in such manner as the Directors shall prescribe. For the avoidance of doubt nominated representatives are entitled to vote in such elections.</p> <p>The candidate recording the highest number of votes shall be declared elected for that position.</p>	
<p>Article 54</p> <p>Council Members including nominated representatives shall conduct themselves in a manner which does not bring the good name of the Association into disrepute. Council Members whose</p>	<p>Article 54</p> <p>Council Members including nominated representatives shall conduct themselves in a manner which does not bring the good name of the Association into disrepute. Council Members whose actions or</p>	<p>Amended to ensure that members who do not adhere to specific</p>

<p>actions or activities may prejudice the good name and reputation of the Association may be expelled from Council. Council Members affected by this Article shall be entitled to address Council prior to any decision being taken.</p>	<p>activities may prejudice the good name and reputation of the Association or fail to meet the requirements of the Football Association may be suspended, expelled from Council, or otherwise dealt with. Council Members affected by this Article shall be entitled to address Council prior to any decision being taken. The Board shall determine the process by which any allegations are investigated and determined. Any member subject to action under this Article shall be entitled to a hearing and a right of appeal.</p>	<p>requirements of the Football Association e.g. Safeguarding measures do not prejudice the good standing of the Association. (Required by The FA)</p>
<p>The President, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer shall be nominated as ex officio members of the Standing Committees. All ex-officio Officers are entitled to receive notice of meetings for Standing Committees and shall, if asked to attend, be entitled to speak and vote at such meetings. Not more than two ex-officio Officers may exercise their right to vote at the Standing Committee. The Chief Executive shall co-ordinate the ex officio attendance at the Standing Committee.</p>	<p>The Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Honorary Treasurer shall be nominated as ex officio members of the Standing Committees. The FA Representative shall also be an ex officio member of the Standing Committees if that representative does not hold the position of either Chair, Vice Chair or Honorary Treasurer. All ex-officio Officers are entitled to receive notice of meetings for Standing Committees and shall, if they attend, be entitled to speak and vote at such meetings. Not more than two ex-officio Officers may exercise their right to vote at the Standing Committee. The Chief Executive shall co-ordinate the ex officio attendance at the Standing Committee.</p>	<p>To enable the FA Representative to have a full knowledge of the activities of the Association and thus better represent the views and interests of the Association.</p>

<p>Article 72 Board of Directors</p> <p>The directors shall be:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> the President; the Chairman; the Vice Chairman; the Honorary Treasurer who shall act as Director of Finance; the Honorary Secretary who may act as the Managing Director; up to six further persons elected by the Council; one non-executive who in the opinion of the Board has the specialist skill and expertise required by the Board subject to approval by the Council; 	<p>Article 72 Board of Directors</p> <p>The directors shall be:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> the Chairman; the Vice Chairman; the Honorary Treasurer, if such appointment is determined by Council, who shall act as Director of Finance if so determined by the Board; up to six further persons elected by the Council; two non-executives who in the opinion of the Board have the specialist skill and expertise required by the Board subject to approval by the Council; <p>The President and Honorary Secretary shall cease to be directors at the last Council Meeting prior to the Annual General Meeting in 2019</p>	
<p>Article 76</p> <p>In the event that a ballot is necessary a voting paper containing the names of candidates will be provided to each Council Member. Representatives nominated in accordance with Article 33 shall not be entitled to vote. The ballot shall take place at or prior to the last Council Meeting prior to the Annual General Meeting in</p>	<p>Article 76</p> <p>In the event that a ballot is necessary a voting paper containing the names of candidates will be provided to each Council Member. The ballot shall take place at or prior to the last Council Meeting prior to the Annual General Meeting in such manner as the Directors shall prescribe.</p>	<p>Nominated Representative will be entitled to vote for Directors</p>

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	<p>NEW ARTICLE</p> <p>Directors shall serve for a maximum of nine (9) years and shall not be entitled to be candidates for re-elected for a further period of three (3) years thereafter. No more than two directors shall be required to retire under this Article in any one year commencing at the last Council Meeting prior to the Annual General Meeting.</p> <p>In applying this Article in the event that more than two directors exceed the maximum period of nine years the Board shall then determine which of the directors shall retire by drawing of lots.</p>	<p>[Explanatory Note: Only two out of the six elected directors will be required to retire. This ensures some continuity on the Board whilst introducing new directors from Council]</p> <p>[Explanatory Note: Nomination for election as a director is not restricted to Incumbent Members only. Nominated representatives may become directors so long as they remain the nominated representative of their organisation.]</p>