

Proposed changes to RULES OF ASSOCIATION 2023 - reasonings

In order to expedite discussion and decision making, it is suggested that the changes to the rules are put to the Executive Council and District meetings in 5 motions as suggested below. Detailed explanations, if required, will accompany the suggested changes (see minor rule changes motion as an example).

Changes to rules are in **bold font** in the **Proposed changes to RULES OF ASSOCIATION 2023 document** and the relevant rule numbers where change is recommended are listed below.

Motion 1: Simple changes to ensure consistency of rules format – The committee strongly suggests that all rules begin with **“That”**. Such changes relate to
ATTENDANCE SHIELD COMPETITION: rules 1, 2, 2a, 2b, 2c, 2d, 2e, 2f
MURPHY CUP COMPETITION: rules 14 and 15
BELL RESTORATION FUND: rules 1 to 7 inclusive
RINGING OF PEALS: rule 27

Motion 2: Revision of his to his / her – The committee strongly recommends that rules correspond to current day requirements
MURPHY CUP COMPETITION: rule 20

Motion 3: Language “tidy ups” / removal of ambiguities

ATTENDANCE SHIELD COMPETITION: rule 2 and 2a
MURPHY CUP COMPETITION: rule 17
RINGING OF PEALS: rule 24
RULES OF ASSOCIATION: rules 15 and 18

Motion 4: Minor Rule changes

BELL RESTORATION FUND: rule 4 This rule change is strongly suggested by the Committee and would also make sense in terms of the Association’s Charity Status requirements.

RULES OF ASSOCIATION: rule 14 The current rule makes no provision for the suggestions for Office holders made by the Executive Council which has been custom and practice for at least 20 years. The wording of the rule does not preclude a District’s right to nominate any individual, whether suggested by the Executive Council or not.

Motion 5: Major rule changes with implications on other rules

RULES OF ASSOCIATION: rules 3, 6, 9 with implications for numbering of rules. The committee strongly recommends the removal of the membership category NRM (Non-Resident Member) from rule 3 but add NRLM (Non-Resident Life Member) to it. This is because the Association has one NRM but more than a hundred NRLMs who contribute peal fees; some reasonably frequently. NRLM status is also afforded to persons who move away from Ireland. It is thus proposed to replace the definition of NRM in rule 6 with a definition of how NRLM status is gained (simply put: moving out of the jurisdiction, being elected as an NRLM prior to a peal attempt, simply paying the necessary membership fee and requesting NRLM status). This then

results in rule 9 being deleted to prevent repetition. If these amendments to the rules are agreed, then it will be necessary to renumber rules appropriately to take into account the deletion of rule 9.

RULES OF ASSOCIATION: rule 13 Due to changes in the way the CCCBR operates it is necessary to change rule 13 to accommodate these changes. The important changes are:

- i) The number of CCCBR delegates the IACR can have is dependent on its membership. Thus, it may be necessary for the Executive Council to choose from the delegates elected by the Districts, if numbers fall, or elect additional delegates, if numbers increase. Currently the IACR has, conveniently, three delegates. The number of CCCBR delegates is made known to the IACR in January.
- ii) The CCCBR has changed its membership approach such that rather than delegates from the member Associations (e.g. IACR) being elected to the CCCBR every three years, delegates may now be elected annually. This means that it is useful, henceforth, for the Districts to nominate CCCBR delegates annually too.