THE HUNGERFORD CLUB

Proposed Changes to the Club Rules — AGM 2026

Member briefing paper

Purpose of this paper

The Committee is presenting a revised set of Club Rules for members' approval at the AGM 2026. The existing rule book dates from 2016 (and records earlier amendments in November 2014).

The present rules are incompatible with Community Amateur Sports Club (CASC) and therefore changes must be made. The proposed 2026 version corrects this and takes the opportunity to update the language, reorganise several provisions, update the Club's governance arrangements and make a number of practical changes.

Summary of principal changes

1. Membership categories and administration —

New members must now complete a Membership form, which may be online, the requirement for members to be proposed and seconded and approved is removed. This now conforms to Hungerford Club's requirement under CASC rules.

The former category "Honorary Members" is renamed "Guest Members". Temporary Members must now have their name, address and email recorded and pay the fee before using membership rights. Temporary membership lasts four calendar months; a further temporary membership application cannot be made until eight calendar months have elapsed.

The proposed rules state that new members and Temporary members must wait two days after paying their subscription before receiving membership privileges.

2. Committee structure and meetings —

The Committee structure is reduced and simplified and the language updated. The previous list was President, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, 3 sport section Hon.secretaries, Trustees and eight other members – potentially 20 people. It is replaced by Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, representatives from the three sports sections and six other members, with three elected each AGM. Trustees may attend Committee meetings but may not vote. The Committee is to meet monthly except in August, and minutes are to be sent to Committee members and Trustees.

3. Officer elections and eligibility — The annually elected President and the Vice-Chairman roles are retired. The Chair, Secretary and Treasurer are elected annually. A new exception allows the Committee unanimously to waive the usual one-year Committee-service requirement for a Chair candidate where there is an unplanned vacancy and no existing Committee member stands, provided the candidate has been a Full Member for at least two years.

4. Quorum for rule changes — The quorum for motions to repeal, add or amend the Rules is reduced from 40 to 30. The quorum for bylaw changes remains 20, as does the quorum for other business.

5. Financial approval limit — The spending limit requiring prior Committee authorisation rises from £150 to £500. The rule continues to apply to withdrawals from sinking funds.

6. Expulsion and conduct — The expulsion rule is shortened. It continues to allow cautions, suspension, required resignation or expulsion for serious rule breaches or misconduct, but the earlier explicit requirement to call the member before the Committee and give an opportunity for a satisfactory explanation is removed