

Proposed Rule Changes

FAQs

Why are these changes being proposed?

These rule changes are being proposed to enable the Association to adopt a revised management structure, which can be viewed here:

- [Document F - BACBR Proposed Management Structure Agreed by General Committee Feb 2024](#)

Please note: this is an updated version, revised since the ADMs in response to members' comments.

The **rationale** for making these changes to the Association was presented at the ADMs in January. The full presentation can be seen here:

<https://www.bacbr.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/BACBR-New-Association-Structure-DRAFT-V2-For-website1177.pdf>

Please note that this contains an earlier version of the Management Structure, now updated as Doc F above.

Is it possible to make amendments to these proposals?

These proposals are the culmination of a lengthy process which began with the Ringing Recovery workshops held in 2021. Members have been encouraged to participate in this process throughout. There have been regular progress reports in the Monthly Updates and at meetings, with opportunities to comment through surveys, via email and at meetings. All feedback received has been considered by the General Committee. It is hoped, therefore, that at this late stage there will be no substantive changes to the proposals. However, if members do wish to make alterations or amendments, current Rule 12 states that ***notice ... shall be given in writing to the Honorary Secretary in full, at least 14 days previous to (the AGM) ie by Saturday 4th May at the latest.*** No amendments will be possible after this date.

Who is eligible to vote at the AGM?

Current Rule 3 defines Voting Members as *Resident Members, Life Members and Honorary Life Members*. All **outstanding subscriptions must be received by District Treasurers by the end of April** to give us time to compile an up-to-date list of Voting Members. On arrival at the AGM all members will be asked to register and will be given a voting slip if eligible to vote.

How will voting take place?

Voting will be by secret ballot. We will vote on the rule changes as a whole package, not on each individual change. All or nothing! For the proposals to be passed, they must be approved by an absolute majority i.e., a majority of all Voting Members present and eligible to vote.

When will the new rules come into force if the proposals are passed?

The new rules will not be fully implemented until the 2025 AGM. In the meantime, there will be a period of transition. A timeline, detailing this transition will be available on the website asap.

What will happen to District Meetings?

These will continue until January 2025. From February 2025, a new calendar of events will be put in place, which will provide a greater range of ringing activities, improving opportunities for members of all levels. Details of the new calendar will be finalised by the end of 2024 in response to a questionnaire which will be sent to members in May/June 2024. An example of what that calendar could look like is here:

[Doc G - Suggested calendar of events Feb 2025 onwards](#)

What will happen to District Bell Restoration Funds?

It will be for the Trustees of each District BRF to make a proposal at their ADM. Each District has rules governing the administration of its BRF and disposal of assets if the Fund is dissolved.

If assets are transferred to the Association's BRF, it is intended that any grants pledged from District BRFs will be honoured.

What are the roles and responsibilities of the new Management Group, and members of the workgroups?

Brief role descriptions and outline terms of reference will be posted on the website asap.

Additional FAQs?

If members have questions which they would like to be added to this document, please email Linda (president@bacbr.org.uk) by the end of April.

There will of course be the opportunity to ask further questions or to seek clarification on any of the above at the AGM.