



Proposed changes to the STTL constitution and rules - 2018

Constitution / Rule	Present Rule	Proposed Rule	Explanation
Rule 9c	Except by unanimous decision at a league meeting, no amendments to the rules and constitution shall be made during the season unless done so at a special general meeting or AGM. All clubs must be given 7days notice of any such amendments for consideration at a league meeting	Delete “and constitution”	Rule 4e conflicts with rule 9c regarding when changes to the constitution can be made. The rules are subservient to the constitution and should not control how changes in the constitution are made. Special meetings can already be called to coincide with league meeting should a change to the constitution be required urgently between AGM’s
New Rule 4f		(i) At all executive, subcommittee and board of appeal meetings all members except the chair shall have one vote. Members with a vested interest (as decided by the chair) may not vote or take part in the discussion. Decisions will be by simple majority. In the event of equality of votes the chair may exercise a casting vote. (ii) At a league meeting, AGM or SGM the chair may vote as the designated representative of a club. Changes to the constitution and rules	



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		require a majority of at least 51% of the votes and the chair shall not have a casting vote on these matters.	
Rules 4 b & 4e		Delete 2 nd and 3 rd sentences of 4b and delete the penultimate sentence in 4e	Brings together the voting procedure under 1 section. Clarifies that the chair does not have a vote and a casting vote when voting as an individual, whilst not excluding the chair from representing their club at full meetings of the league. The term chair refers to the person in the chair, not necessarily the Chair of the STTL. Clarifies the threshold for changing the rules and constitution. The new rule would apply to all STTL committees whether listed in the constitution or not.
Rule 8b (i)		STTL fees to be raised to £8 per team	
Rule 8c (v)	£1 for the first week missing and £1 for each week thereafter for a scorecard received late or not at all. £1 plus the cost incurred for a card received unstamped. 50p for each team involved with an incorrect or incomplete scorecard	£1 for the first week missing and £1 for each week thereafter for a scorecard received late, up to a maximum of £5. £1 plus the cost incurred for a card received unstamped. £1p for each team involved with an incorrect or incomplete scorecard	Increase of the fine for incomplete or incorrect scorecards and to include every mistake as some cards are very badly completed
Rule	£3per trophy for each week or portion	Increase the fee to £5	



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8c (ix)	of a week after the February league meeting for the late return of trophies. (Rule 7h)		
New Rule 4i		The 3-a-side secretary reserves the right to apply STTL rules and fines where applicable.	There is currently no provision for fines for breaches of 3-a-side rules. This brings it in line with the Summer League (Rule 6)
Rule 9a	If any player or club is found guilty of flagrant breaches of the foregoing rules or conduct likely to bring the STTL or game into disrepute, (this includes postings on social media that are detrimental to players or officials or the STTL) the executive committee shall have the power to impose such fines or suspensions as it deems necessary.	If any player or club is found guilty of flagrant breaches of the foregoing rules, acting against the interests of the STTL or its members, or conduct likely to bring the STTL or game into disrepute (This includes postings on social media that are detrimental to players, officials or the STTL) the executive committee shall have the power to impose such fines or suspensions as it deems necessary.	This is necessary to legitimise penalties imposed by the executive in certain circumstances where no specific breach of the rules have occurred. An example would be where a player has represented their club and not payed the club fees and is therefore suspended.
Constitution New Item 4f		<u>Complaints and Disciplinary Procedure</u> Complaints against a club or individual should be addressed to the General Secretary or Chairperson. The complaint shall be investigated by them, obtaining statements from the complainant, any witnesses and the	The disciplinary process is not defined although the Board of Appeal is set out in the constitution. Currently complaints and disciplinary actions are discussed at full executive meetings. The proposal aims to improve the process by; a) ensuring all members involved in the discussion of disciplinary action have the full prior awareness of the facts; b)ensuring the subject of a complaint has



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		<p>subject of the complaint. The initial findings will be anonymised and shared with the members of the executive. If it is agreed that disciplinary action should be considered a Disciplinary Committee of 4 impartial members of the executive shall be convened. Full details of the complaint and investigation shall be passed to the Disciplinary Committee. The complaint(s) and subject of the complaint shall be given at least 7 days' notice of the hearing and have the right to present their own case in person or in writing. Having heard the evidence from all parties, the Disciplinary Committee shall consider in private any disciplinary action to be taken and the chairperson shall notify all parties of the outcome within 48 hours and advise them of the right to appeal. Decisions of the Disciplinary Committee shall be ratified at the next executive meeting. In serious cases the person may be suspended pending investigation.</p>	<p>sufficient time to consider the complaint and respond; c) avoiding respondents having to attend full executive meetings; d) avoiding extended executive meetings; e) improve confidentiality.</p>
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<p>Rule 5b</p>	<p>Entry shall be open to players registered with the STTL who have played a minimum of 3 league matches (Including Junior League) at the closing date for entries, which shall be 14 days prior to the tournament. The tournament committee has the discretion to alter these requirements.</p>	<p>Entry shall be open to players registered with the STTL (Including Junior League) who have played a minimum number of matches determined by the tournament committee and published on the entry form at the closing date for entries which shall be no less than 14 days prior to the tournament.</p>	<p>Does not lead to confusion as to the number of matches to be played prior to the closing date for entries.</p>
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