

Special General Meeting 2026 – Appendix 1

Special Resolution to add/amend Club Rules

Below are the club rules that the committee propose to add or amend by Special Resolution.

The wording in black is original. Any changes are in Green and where there is a small change the green added is the change. If there is a greater change or rewrite required, the line below the original black text in Green is the new version of the rule in full. The type of action proposed is in red:

Rules proposed to be amended by Resolution at Special General Meeting:

Rewrite

Election of Officers

8.3.1 Any member shall have the right to make nominations, with the written consent of a candidate, for election to any one or more of the offices named in or created under the provisions of Rule 12.1. Such nominations must be sent in writing so as to reach the Honorary Secretary by 30th April. The Committee shall also have the right to make nominations for the election of the Officers.

8.3.1 Any member shall have the right to make nominations, with the written consent of a candidate, for election to any one or more of the offices named in or created under the provisions of Rule 12.1. Such nominations by paid up members must be sent in writing so as to reach the Honorary Secretary by a date set by the committee as detailed in the notice for the General Meeting . The Committee shall also have the right to make nominations for the election of the Officers.

Rewrite

8.4.1 Any Member shall have the right to make not more than one nomination, with the written consent of the candidate, for election as one of the Committee members provided for in Rule 13.1.2. Such nominations must be sent in writing so as to reach the Honorary Secretary by the 30th April. The Committee shall also have the right to make nominations for the election of Committee Members without the restriction on the number of nominations.

8.4.1 Any Member shall have the right to make not more than one nomination, with the written consent of the candidate, (who must also be a Member), for election as one of the Committee members provided for in Rule 13.1.2. Such nominations must be sent in writing so as to reach the Honorary Secretary by a date set by the committee as detailed in the

notice for the General Meeting. The Committee shall also have the right to make nominations for the election of Committee Members without the restriction on the number of nominations.

Amend with additional wording

8.5.1 Any proposal shall be submitted in writing to the Honorary Secretary by 30th April duly proposed by one member and seconded by another. *The Committee shall also have the right to make proposals at a time no later than 48 hrs before the date of notice of a General Meeting.*

Amend with additional wording

Rules

10.1.2 *The Honorary Secretary or The Honorary Treasurer shall register in accordance with the Act any new Rule or amendment to these Rules and no new Rule or amendment to the Rules shall be valid until so registered and approved by the FCA.*

Amend with additional wording

Officers

12.1 *The Officers of the Club shall be a President, a Chairperson, an Honorary Secretary, an Honorary Treasurer, the Immediate Past President and such other Officers as the Club may in General Meeting from time to time determine.*

Additional suggestion by CB to amend with additional wording

13.2 *The Committee shall each year elect from its own a Chairman for the ensuing year to hold office from the date of the Annual General Meeting until the date of the following year's Meeting. He may hold any other office in the Club at the same time and shall be eligible for re-election from year to year.*

13.2 The Committee can each year elect from its own a Chairman for the ensuing year to hold office from the date of the Annual General Meeting until the date of the following year's Meeting, however this nomination is still subject to a formal voting in process at the Annual General Meeting. They may hold any other office in the Club at the same time and shall be eligible for re-election from year to year.

16. Subscriptions

Each Member shall, according to membership category, pay to the Club on 1st September (or such other date as may be determined by the Club in General Meeting) or within 4 weeks of joining the club, such annual subscription as the Committee may from time to

time determine. A paid subscription, player sponsorship, honorary membership or payment plan must be in place and approved by the Membership Secretary or Committee for a Member to be eligible to play matches, vote, nominate or be a candidate for an Officer or Committee position at a General Meeting.

Rewrite

27. Dissolution

In the event of it becoming necessary for the Members to discontinue the activities of the Club and to dissolve the Club under the provisions of the Act, it's funds and property shall be appropriated or divided amongst Members in such manner as the Committee consider to be fair and reasonable'

In the event of it becoming necessary for the Members to discontinue the activities of the Club and to dissolve the Club under the provisions of the Act, it's funds and property shall be appropriated or divided amongst other registered rugby or other sport orientated organisations or registered charities in such manner as the Committee consider to be fair and reasonable.

Rewrite

31. Notices

Any notice or other communication or document sent by first class post to a Member, Officer or Member of the Committee shall be treated as having been given twenty-four hours after the time when it was posted.

31. Any notice or other communication or document to a member, officer or member of the Committee shall be sent by email or social media communication platforms as determined by the Committee. Notices for Annual General Meetings and Special General Meetings shall also be published on the club's website, displayed on a notice board in the clubhouse and emailed to members.

Notes relating to the rules above:

The Committee have agreed the wording for the proposed changes to the Club Rules, members can propose amendments within the time between this notice and 7th June 2026 by emailing the Club President: edward.money@connells.co.uk

The rule changes are called a Special Resolution and a Special Resolution requires members to vote at the Special General Meeting on 10th June 2026.

The alteration to rule 27 came about when we received a £17,000 grant towards pitch 3 floodlights from the RFU and they understandably didn't like giving out a grant when the club could dissolve itself, sell the assets and pocket the money amongst it's members.

The committee are proposing the additional wording to rule 16 so that it is absolutely clear that paying membership is not optional, but a requirement if you would like to play, vote, nominate or be considered for a Committee Role, noting that the committee can, at any time award an Honorary Membership, so is not restrictive.