

# Rule change proposals - Standing Orders

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## Standing Order 1 - Order of Business

Rule Number	Current Wording	Proposed Wording	Reason for Change
SO1	All items on the Agenda shall take precedence over all other business. The Chairman shall have the power to exclude anything not on the Agenda unless the proposer secures a two-thirds majority for his/her subject to be included under 'Any Other Business'.	All items on the Agenda shall take precedence over all other business. The Chair shall have the power to exclude anything not on the Agenda unless the proposer secures a two-thirds majority for their subject to be included under 'Any Other Business'.	Gender neutral terminology.

## Standing Order 3 - Discussion

Rule Number	Current Wording	Proposed Wording	Reason for Change
SO3 x2	...Chairman...	...Chair...	Gender neutral terminology.

## Standing Order 4 - Amendments to Motions

Rule Number	Current Wording	Proposed Wording	Reason for Change
SO4	...Chairman...	...Chair...	Gender neutral terminology.

## Standing Order 6 - Voting

Rule Number	Current Wording	Proposed Wording	Reason for Change
SO6 x2	...Chairman...	...Chair...	Gender neutral terminology.

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**Standing Order 7 - Conflict with Rules**

<b>Rule Number</b>	<b>Current Wording</b>	<b>Proposed Wording</b>	<b>Reason for Change</b>
S07	Nothing herein contained shall exclude any provision contained in the Rules of the Association or the Branch Rules as the case may be, and in any case of conflict the provisions of the appropriate rule shall prevail.	<Deleted>	Not required as the Rules clearly take precedence.

**Standing Order 8 - APPENDIX**

<b>Rule Number</b>	<b>Current Wording</b>	<b>Proposed Wording</b>	<b>Reason for Change</b>
S07	The 1984 Annual General Meeting passed a motion in the following terms: "That in order to assist voting members to make a wise choice of Officers, all future candidates for election to Office in this Association and its Branches should be invited to make a brief pre-election statement, verbally or in writing, of the policy they intend to follow, or the contribution they intend to make, in the event of being elected to office."	<Deleted>	Not required. We have not required this for some time where there is a single candidate. Where there is more than a single candidate then it can be left to the Chair's discretion on the approach to be taken.