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***for review at AGM on June 7<sup>th</sup> 2026***

1.1.5	The Branch
1.3	<p>The Branch shall consist of such bona fide Badminton Clubs, County Associations, Badminton Organisations and individuals who affiliate to it.</p> <p><b>Change to :</b></p> <p><b>1.3</b></p> <p><b>The Branch shall consist of such bona fide Badminton Clubs, County Associations, Badminton Organisations within the area of the Branch that are affiliated to Badminton Ireland, and individuals of those clubs, associations and organisations who affiliate to Badminton Ireland</b></p>
2.	The Council
2.2	<p>The Council shall meet in General Meeting annually in April of each year.</p> <p><b>Change to:</b></p> <p><b>2.2</b></p> <p><b>The Council shall meet in General Meeting annually within 15 months of the previous meeting, or by June 30<sup>th</sup> of that year, whichever is first.</b></p>
2.4	<p>(f) Honorary Treasurers Report, including presentation of audited accounts for the previous year</p> <p><b>.Change to</b></p>



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	<p>(f) Honorary Treasurers Report, including presentation of externally audited accounts for the previous year.</p>
2.4	<p>(h)-(n)</p> <p>(h) Election of a President to serve for two consecutive years.</p> <p>(j) Election of a Chairperson of the Executive Committee to serve for two consecutive years.</p> <p>(i) Election of two Vice-Presidents to serve for two consecutive years. Vice Presidents may only serve a maximum of four consecutive years.</p> <p>k) Election of four members of the Executive Committee to serve for two consecutive years. Executive members may only serve a maximum of four consecutive years. However they become eligible for election again twelve months after retiring.</p> <p>(l) Election of Honorary Treasurer to serve for two consecutive years. May only serve a maximum of four consecutive years</p> <p>Change 2.4(h) to 2.4(n) to the following</p> <p>(h) Individuals elected to such Branch Council/Executive shall be elected for up to four terms of two years each in total by the Members at the Council's General Meeting and serve no more than eight (8) years consecutively.</p> <p>(i) Once an individual has completed eight years, they shall be able to sit on the executive in future however, they are only eligible to sit on the Executive Committee, provided a period of three years has elapsed per article j and k below</p>



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	<p>(j) If a break occurs where eight years have not been served consecutively on the Executive, an individual shall only return to complete the initial eight years and will then have to allow for three years to elapse before being appointed to the Executive again.</p> <p>(k) If an individual returns to the Executive on which they previously served, after the three-year period has elapsed (per 8 i.), they shall be entitled to complete two further terms of two years and can no longer serve on the Executive after this point.</p> <p>(l) A term is defined as twelve calendar months from the date of their first appointment, or reappointment per. 8 j &amp; 8 k.</p> <p>(m) The number of members of the Executive shall be not less than six and not more than twelve.</p> <p>(n) At each relevant Annual General Meeting, an election shall be held to choose from its members the following officers:          President – every 2 years          Two Vice Presidents- every 2 years          Chair of the Executive Committee- every 2 years          Honorary Treasurer- every 2 years          Election of four members of the Executive Committee. – every year but serve for 2 years.</p>
2.4(p)	<p>(p) Appointment of an auditor to serve for two years.          Change to 2.4(p)          Appointment of an independent auditor to serve for two years</p>



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2.4.1	<p>In order to support the Executive Committee adopting the term limits outlined in these rules, the following shall apply:</p> <p>The following table will be adopted to facilitate the implementation of these rules</p>														
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<p>Shall the Branch have a number of individuals where they were appointed in 2020 or have more than 6 years served, they will introduce a staggered rota for the following positions:</p>															
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- President</li><li>- Chairperson</li></ul>															



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Secretary</li> <li>- Treasurer</li> </ul> <p>The first of these positions must vacate on the 4th year in such circumstances.</p> <p>Any new persons appointed to the Executive will be subjected to the Term Limits outlined in 2.4h.</p>
2.10	<p>The President and Vice Presidents shall each hold office from 1<sup>st</sup> September following their election until the 31<sup>st</sup> August of the year in which they retire.</p> <p>Remove 2.10</p>
2.11	<p>The Chairperson and Honorary Treasurer shall hold office from the termination of the General Meeting at which he/she was elected until the termination of the corresponding meeting two years later.</p> <p>Change to:</p> <p>2.11</p> <p>The President, Vice-Presidents, Chairperson and Honorary Treasurer shall hold office from the termination of the General Meeting at which they were elected until the termination of the corresponding meeting two years</p>
2.15	2.15



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	<p>Ten days notice, at least, specifying the date, the hour and the place of a General Meeting or of a Special General Meeting shall be given by the General Secretary of the Branch to all those entitled to vote as specified in Rule 2.1.</p> <p><b>Change to :</b></p> <p><b>2.15</b></p> <p>Ten days notice, at least, specifying the date, the hour and the place of of a Special General Meeting shall be given by the General Secretary of the Branch to all those entitled to vote as specified in Rule 2.1. Six weeks notice , at least, specifying the date, the hour and the place of a General Meeting shall be given by the General Secretary of the Branch to all those entitled to vote as specified in Rule 2.1.</p>
3.	The Executive Committee
3.5.1	<p>3.5.1</p> <p>A retiring officer or member of the Executive Committee may be re-elected in accordance with Rule 3.5. &amp; 2.4 (j).</p> <p><b>Remove 3.5.1</b></p>
3.6	<p>3.6</p> <p>The names of retiring officers and members of the Executive Committee offering themselves for re-election together with the names of any persons who are nominated for election under Rule 3.5 shall be included in the notice of the General Meeting.</p> <p><b>Remove 3.6</b></p>



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3.15	<p>The chairperson or his nominee is the approved spokesperson for the Branch.</p> <p>Change to</p> <p>3.15</p> <p>The Chairperson or their nominee is the approved spokesperson for the Branch.</p>
3.7.1	<p>New Rule</p> <p>3.7.1</p> <p>The Co-Opted member, should they run for election, will have the term served as a co-opted member count toward their term limit on the Executive per 2.4.1.</p>
3.7.2	<p>New Rule</p> <p>3.7.2</p> <p>A member who has served a full term on the Executive per 2.4.1 is not eligible to be co-opted onto the Executive per 3.7.</p>
6.	<p>Affiliation</p>
6.3	<p>6.3</p> <p>The Executive shall review affiliation fees on an annual basis. Any proposed changes must be approved at the next AGM.</p> <p>Change to</p>



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	<p>6.3 The Executive shall review affiliation fees on an annual basis. Any suggested changes must be approved at the next AGM and a motion sent to Badminton Ireland thereafter to request the suggested changes at the next Badminton Ireland AGM.</p>
6.10	<p>6.10  On receipt of a complaint from an affiliated Club or County Association, or licensed organisation, that an affiliated member has neglected or refused to pay any monies due, either as subscription or entry fees for a tournament or otherwise due, and on receipt of satisfactory evidence that such sum is due and has been demanded, the Disciplinary Committee shall seek an explanation from the defaulting member.</p> <p>Change to  6.10  On receipt of a complaint from an affiliated Club or County Association, or licensed organisation, that an affiliated member has neglected or refused to pay any monies due, either as subscription or entry fees for a tournament or otherwise due, and on receipt of satisfactory evidence that such sum is due and has been demanded, a Disciplinary Committee. hearing shall be called.</p>
7.	Rules
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	<p>The Rules of the Branch may be altered by a Resolution or Resolutions of a General Meeting or a special General Meeting, provided that when it is proposed that an alteration be made at a General Meeting other than a Special General Meeting the requirements of Rule 7.1.2 have been complied with. No addition, alterations or amendments shall be made to the Rules of the Branch for the time being in force unless the same have been previously submitted to and approved in writing by the Revenue Commissioners</p> <p><b>Change to</b> <b>7.1</b></p> <p><b>The Rules of the Branch may be altered by a Resolution or Resolutions of a General Meeting or a special General Meeting, provided that when it is proposed that an alteration be made at a General Meeting other than a Special General Meeting the requirements of Rule 7.1.2 have been complied with. and they must not be contrary to Sport Ireland or Revenue Commissioners requirements for funding for the Branch.</b></p>
7.1.2	<p>7.1.2 Any proposed alteration of the Rules, together with the name of proposer and seconder, must reach the General Secretary of the Branch six weeks before the date of the General Meeting.</p> <p><b>Change to</b> <b>7.1.2</b></p> <p><b>Any proposed alteration of the Rules, together with the name of proposer and seconder, must reach the General Secretary of the Branch five weeks before the date of the General Meeting.</b></p>



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9.	Disciplinary	
9.1.1 to9.7	<p>9.1.1 The said suspension shall operate to suspend all the rights and privileges normally attaching to such affiliation including suspension from all competitive and representative badminton and the holding of any office or membership of any Sub-Committee.</p> <p><b>Change to</b> <b>9.1.1 – All Members of LBBUI are subject to the LBBUI Disciplinary Policy</b></p>	
	<p>9.1.2 This power of suspension may also be applied against any club, league or County Association.</p> <p><b>Remove 9.1.2</b></p>	
	<p>9.1.3 The Disciplinary Committee shall also have the power to impose such other penalties as it may think just which may include reprimand, fine, and exclusion.</p> <p><b>Remove 9.1.3</b></p>	



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<p>9.1.4 These powers shall be exercised under the existing procedures on disciplinary matters adopted by the Branch. <b>Remove 9.1.4</b></p>	
<p>9.2 A reprimand may be verbal or written. <b>Remove 9.2</b></p>	
<p>9.3 Exclusion shall mean prohibition from taking part in all or specified competitions run by the Branch. <b>Remove 9.3</b></p>	
<p>9.4 Suspension shall mean withdrawal for a definite period of the rights and privileges attaching to affiliation. <b>Remove 9.4</b></p>	



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<p>9.5 There shall be a right of appeal from the decision of the Disciplinary Committee to an Appeals Committee appointed by the Executive Committee <b>Remove 9.5</b></p>	
<p>9.5.1 An Appeals Committee shall operate in accordance with the Guidelines for Appeals Committees, a copy of which is available in the Branch office. <b>Remove 9.5.1</b></p>	
<p>9.5.2 A right of final appeal, in respect to decisions from the Appeals Committee relating to the International Laws of Badminton or National Rules and Codes of Conduct, may be made to Badminton Union of Ireland Ltd. <b>Remove 9.5.2</b></p>	



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<p>9.5.3 Any suspension or penalty shall not come into force until a ruling is made on the appeal unless there are circumstances where there would be danger of further serious offence or damage to other members or to the Branch. <b>Remove 9.5.3</b></p>	
<p>9.6 The Executive Committee shall have the power to impose a penalty on any member, player, club, league, county association that does not comply with the rules and regulations of any authorised Branch competition. <b>Remove 9.6</b></p>	
<p>9.6.1 These penalties shall include reprimand, fine, and exclusion. <b>Remove 9.6.1</b></p>	
<p>9.7 The Branch shall notify forthwith the Badminton Union of Ireland Ltd. in writing of any disciplinary action whatsoever taken against any member or club. <b>Remove 9.7</b></p>	



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