**Commentary on revised Articles of Association presented to Members for adoption by Special Resolution at the Annual General Meeting on 12 November 2026**

## 1 Introduction

Most of the membership will be aware that the Sport and Recreation Alliance undertook an extensive consultation during 2024/2025 as part of the review of its membership and Divisional structures.

This refreshed membership structure, designed to better support your organisations and strengthen our collective impact within the sport and recreation sector, resulted in amendments to our Articles of Association (Articles) at last year's Annual General Meeting (AGM) held in November at St James's Palace, London as part of our 90th anniversary celebrations.

## 2 2026 Proposed change to the Articles of Association

2.1 The new NGB Coalition Division now has their Chair and Deputy Chair appointed to the Board in an ex-officio capacity. This was following almost a year of discussions with the current NGB CEO Forum and a move by the Alliance to embrace NGBs more fully within the Board structure and not solely rely on the election recruitment process.

2.2 There was not any reduction to Membership rights through these changes. Members can still be elected or appointed to the Board through the usual processes and the facility to co-opt into any casual vacancy position on to the Board remains.

2.3 The Board initially proposed one year to move from 14 Directors to 12 Directors in line with its new Articles. However, whilst the organisation continues to 'bed-in' its new Divisional structures and promote and engage with the membership through the new NGB Coalition Division the Board believe that allowing a year extension to reduce the Board size back down to 12 would be prudent.

2.4 The Articles presented to the Membership have therefore been amended to allow a further one year at this increased Board number.

2.5 The current number of Directors on the Board is 13 following the resignation of one of the Appointed Directors at the 2026 AGM and who will not be replaced.

**If any member would like to discuss, or seek further clarification on, these proposed changes before the Annual General Meeting, they are invited to contact Kate Lawrenson on klawrenson@sportandrecreation.org.uk This will enable the queries or requests for clarification to be dealt with as fully as possible before the Meeting.**

**Members are, of course able to ask questions or seek further clarification at the Annual General Meeting itself and are similarly invited to give notification of intent to do so to Kate.**

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26 October 2026