



*At the Council Chamber, Whitehall*

THE 12th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2020

BY THE LORDS OF HER MAJESTY'S MOST HONOURABLE  
PRIVY COUNCIL

The Privy Council has approved alterations to the Bye Laws of The Scout Association as set out in the Schedule to this Order.

*Richard Tilbrook*

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*SCHEDULE*

ALTERATIONS TO THE BYE LAWS OF THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION

1. In Bye Law 3 after “at the most” **delete** “four hundred” and **substitute** “three hundred”.
2. In Bye-Law 3(a) after “the notice and agenda of meetings of the Council” **insert** “(which shall be sent in accordance with Bye Law 49)”.
3. In Bye Law 3(b)vi after “Thereafter except as provided for in Bye Law” **delete** “39” and **substitute** “42”.
4. In Bye Law 7:
  - (a) after “as defined by Bye Law” **delete** “46” and **substitute** “50”;
  - (b) after “given by notice sent” **delete** “by post or electronic transmission” and **substitute** “in accordance with Bye Law 49”;
  - (c) after “who shall have communicated” **insert** “an address”.
5. In Bye Law 9 after “anything done at such meeting” **insert** “and Bye Law 51 shall apply in relation to notices of meetings sent to members of Council”.
6. In Bye Law 10(b)(ii) **delete** “Bye Law 39(e) or 48” and **substitute** “Bye Law 42(e) or 53”.

7. In Bye Law 15 *delete* “39(e)” and *substitute* “42(e)”.
8. In Bye Law 21 *delete* “Bye Law 43” and *substitute* “Bye Law 46”.
9. In Bye law 22(d) after “but not both,” *insert* “the UK Youth Commissioner”.
10. *Renumber* Bye Laws 29 to 31 as 30 to 32.
11. *Insert* new Bye Law 29:

“29. Members of the Board participate in a meeting of the Board when they can communicate to the others any information or opinions they have on any particular item of the business of the meeting (for example via telephone or video conferencing). In determining whether members of the Board are participating in a meeting of the Board it is irrelevant where any member of the Board is or how they communicate with each other.”.
12. In renumbered Bye Law 31(i) after “he” *insert* “, she”.
13. *Renumber* Bye Laws 32 to 45 as 35 to 48.
14. After renumbered Bye Law 32 *insert* new Bye Laws 33 and 34:

“33. The members of the Board may make a decision without holding a meeting of the Board in accordance with this Bye Law 33 if:

  - (a) the Chair of the Board, Vice-Chair or Secretary has become aware of a matter on which the Board needs to take a decision;
  - (b) the Chair of the Board, Vice-Chair or Secretary has taken all reasonable steps to make the other members of the Board aware of the matter and the decision;
  - (c) the members of the Board have had a reasonable opportunity to communicate their views on the matter and the decision to each other; and
  - (d) at least 75% of the members of the Board (excluding the Secretary who shall not have a vote) vote in favour of a particular decision on that matter.

34. The Chair of the Board, Vice-Chair or Secretary or such other person as shall be appointed by the Chair of the Board, Vice-Chair or Secretary shall be the chair of the process of decision making in accordance with Bye Law 33. The process shall include:

  - (a) circulation of the proposed decision with an indication of the time period for discussion and the date by which the members of the Board are asked to cast their votes;

- (b) the nomination of a person to whom all the members of the Board's votes must be communicated; and
  - (d) if at least 75% of the members of the Board (excluding the Secretary who shall not have a vote) vote in favour of the decision, the nominated person shall communicate the decision to all the Board and the date of the decision shall be the date of the communication from the nominated person confirming formal approval.”.
- 15. In renumbered Bye Law 41(c), *delete* “in accordance with Bye Law 37” and *substitute* “in accordance with Bye Law 40”.
- 16. *Renumber* Bye Laws 47 to 48 as 52 to 53.
- 17. *Delete* Bye Law 46 and the heading ‘Notice’.
- 18. After renumbered Bye Law 48 *insert* new Bye Laws 49 to 51:  
“Communications by the Association
- 49. Any document or information (including any notice, report or accounts) sent or supplied by the Association in accordance with these Bye Laws may be sent or supplied by post, by electronic means (including by email or fax), or by making it available on a website.
- 50. Documents or information sent or supplied by the Association shall be deemed to be received by the recipient at the following times:
  - (a) where it is sent by post, it is deemed to have been received 48 hours (including Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays) after it was posted;
  - (b) where it is sent or supplied by electronic means, it is deemed to have been received on the same day that it was sent; and
  - (c) where it is sent or supplied by making it available on a website, it is deemed to have been received:
    - (i) when the material was first made available on the website; or
    - (ii) if later, when the recipient received (or is deemed to have received) notice of the fact that the material was available on the website.
- 51. Where any document or information has been sent or supplied by the Association by electronic means and the Association receives notice that the message is undeliverable, the Association may in its discretion choose to send a hard copy of the document or information to the recipient's postal address, but it is under no obligation to do so.”.