



At the Council Chamber, Whitehall

THE 5th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025

BY THE LORDS OF HIS MAJESTY’S MOST HONOURABLE
PRIVY COUNCIL

The Privy Council has allowed amendments to the Rules of The Royal Air Forces Association as set out in the Schedule to this Order.

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SCHEDULE

AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES OF THE ROYAL AIR FORCES ASSOCIATION

1. **Delete** “Chairman” wherever it occurs and **substitute** “Chair”.
2. **Delete** “Vice-Chairman” wherever it appears and **substitute** “Vice-Chair”.
3. In Rule 1(2):
 - (i) **delete** 1(2)(c) and its definition;
 - (ii) **delete** 1(2)(m) and its definition;
 - (iii) **delete** 1(2)(s) and its definition;
 - (iv) **re-letter** remaining definitions (d) to (dd) as (c) to (aa);
 - (v) in definition (o) as re-lettered **delete** “Rule 21” and **substitute** “Rule 11”;
 - (vi) in definition (r) as re-lettered **delete** “Rule 42” and **substitute** “Rule 41”;
 - (vii) in definition (aa) as re-lettered **delete** “Rule 29” and **substitute** “Rule 28”.
4. In Rule 1(4) **delete** “the other” and **substitute** “all”.

5. In Rule 7 ***delete*** “Her Majesty’s” wherever it appears and ***substitute*** “His Majesty’s”.

6. ***Delete*** Rule 8 and ***substitute***:

“RULE 8. MEMBERSHIP – RIGHTS, PRIVILEGES AND CONDITIONS

(1) Provided that they have paid the required subscription to the Association, a Member has:

- a. Full voting and deliberative rights, at the Branch(es) where they are a registered Member;
- b. The right to attend Annual and / or Special Conferences, to vote on Conference Business (whether in person, by post or electronically); and
- c. The right to attend meetings of other Branches, and Area Conferences.

(2) A Junior Member is welcome to participate in Branch meetings, Area and Annual Conferences but has no voting rights.”.

7. In Rule 14(1)(b):

- (i) ***delete*** “delegates at”;
- (ii) ***delete*** “Council”.

8. In Rule 14(1)(c) ***delete*** “and one member appointed by the RAF Benevolent Fund”.

9. In Rule 15(3):

- (i) after “power to appoint” ***insert*** “and dismiss”;
- (ii) after “time to time” ***delete*** “, the Council shall have the power to dismiss a Secretary General”.

10. ***Delete*** Rule 19 and ***substitute***:

“RULE 19. CONFERENCE – REPRESENTATION

(1) Subject to meeting such conditions as may be prescribed by the Byelaws, a Branch shall have the right to be represented at any Conference of the Association, but this shall be without prejudice to the right of an individual member to attend and vote at Conference as shall be prescribed by the Byelaws.

(2) A member may represent a Branch as its representative to Annual Conference and speak at Annual Conference on behalf of the Branch but has no vote on behalf of the Branch.

- (3) The membership qualification for attendance and voting at Conferences, shall be as prescribed by the Byelaws.
 - (4) An Area Council shall have the right to be represented at any Conference of the Association by one Member of the Area Council, who shall be entitled to take part in all discussions, but shall have no voting powers.”.
11. **Delete** Rule 20.
 12. **Re-number** Rules 21 to 43 as Rules 20 to 42.
 13. In Rule 20(1)(b) as re-numbered **delete** “conference” and **substitute** “Conference”.
 14. In Rule 20(2) as re-numbered **delete** “an” and **substitute** “the”.
 15. In Rule 20(3) as re-numbered **delete** “Branches” and **substitute** “Members”.
 16. In Rule 21 as re-numbered:
 - (i) **delete** “Ordinary, Life or Associate”;
 - (ii) **delete** “by postal ballot by Branches”.
 17. In Rule 27 as re-numbered after “Virtual Branch” **delete** “or at Annual Conference a ‘pop-up’ Branch,”.
 18. In Rule 28(3) as re-numbered after “an Area” **delete** “a Group”.
 19. **Delete** Rule 41 as re-numbered and **substitute**:

“RULE 41. REGISTERED MEMBERS GROUPS

 - (1) Members of a Branch which is closing may form a Registered Members Group (RMG).
 - (2) Members of an RMG will be recorded in the Register of Members as prescribed in the Byelaws.
 - (3) The Members of an RMG will nominate a Member to act as the point of contact with headquarters.
 - (4) RMGs will hold no funds belonging to the Association, nor shall they receive a membership or a fundraising rebate, nor shall they hold or operate a bank account in the name of an RMG.
 - (5) Subject to the prior approval of Council, RMGs may reform into a Branch.”.