

National Rifle Association
2022 Annual General Meeting
Proposed Amendments to Second Schedule

1. Background

1.1 General Council resolved to conduct a consultation exercise in relation to changes to the Second Schedule at its meeting on 20 February 2021. It set up a working group consisting of three members of General Council: Alice Gran, Charles Brooks and John Bloomfield. After taking soundings from members of Council and General Council and after initial consideration by General Council, that working group reported to General Council on 19 February 2022 and recommended in principle that:

- (a) the Chairman of the Disciplinary Body not be a member of Council by virtue of holding that office, reflecting the separation of power between the Council (as the body that makes the rules for the Association) and the Disciplinary Body (as the body that enforces those rules);
- (b) there be an additional member of General Council elected to Council to replace the Chairman of the Disciplinary Body so that Council continues to have 12 members; and
- (c) General Council have an express power to remove a member of Council because General Council ultimately appoints or approves the appointment of all members of Council, subject to a fair process and reasonable timetable.

1.2 General Council endorsed that recommendation and it has been adopted by Council. The Second Schedule may only be changed by a resolution of the members of the Association at a General Meeting.

2. Resolutions

2.1 Chairman of Disciplinary Body not to be a member of Council by virtue of holding that office and the number of members of Council elected by General Council be increased from 3 to 4 as a result

RESOLUTION: That the Chairman of the Disciplinary Body not be a member of Council by virtue of holding that office, by making the following changes to the Second Schedule:

- a. in paragraph 5(a), delete the words “• The Chairman of the Disciplinary Body, ex officio”;
- b. in paragraph 5(f), delete the words “and the Chairman of the Disciplinary Body”;
- c. in paragraph 8(d)(iii), delete the words “shall be ex officio a Member of the Council, but he”,

and the number of members of Council elected by General Council be increased from 3 to 4, by making the following changes to the Second Schedule:

- d. in paragraph 5(a), replace the words “3 Members each elected by the General Council” with “4 Members each elected by the General Council”;

- e. in paragraph 5(b), replace the words “3 Members elected by the General Council” with “4 Members elected by the General Council”; and
- f. in paragraph 8(g), replace the words “3 Members of the Council elected by the General Council” with “4 Members of the Council elected by the General Council”.

2.2 Power to Remove Members of Council

RESOLUTION: That General Council have the express power to remove any member of Council, by adding a new paragraph 5(g) to the Second Schedule as follows:

“5(g) Removal of Members of Council

- (i) General Council may by a three-quarters majority of votes cast in a poll of its members conducted under paragraph 16(e) remove a member of Council (the "Relevant Member") before the expiry of the term of office of that Relevant Member. Such a poll may only be held if General Council resolves to hold it under this paragraph.
- (ii) Notice of the intention to propose at a meeting of General Council that General Council resolves whether or not to hold such a poll must be given to the Secretary General by not less than two members of General Council. That notice must be given not less than 42 clear days before the date of the meeting and be accompanied by a statement of the reasons why the Relevant Member should be removed and a copy of any document to be provided to General Council in support of the resolution.
- (iii) The Secretary General must send to the Relevant Member and to each other member of Council a copy of that notice, the statement of reasons and any supporting documents within seven clear days of receiving them.
- (iv) The Secretary General must send to each member of General Council a copy of that notice, but not the statement of reasons or supporting documents, at least 28 clear days before the meeting.
- (v) The Relevant Member must send to the Secretary General not less than 14 clear days before the meeting any statement or documents the Relevant Member wishes to provide to General Council opposing the resolution.
- (vi) The Secretary General must send to each member of Council and each member of General Council the statement and documents supporting the resolution together with any statement or documents opposing the resolution not less than 7 clear days before the meeting.
- (vii) Only the Secretary-General may circulate statements or documents relating to the resolution.
- (viii) The Relevant Member is entitled to be heard at the meeting.
- (ix) If General Council resolves by a simple majority at the meeting to hold a poll, nothing may be circulated with that poll except as directed by General Council at the meeting at which that resolution was passed.
- (x) A vacancy resulting from the removal of a Relevant Member under this paragraph shall be filled in the same way that the Relevant Member was appointed. A person appointed as a member of Council in place of a Relevant Member is treated, for the purposes of determining the term of office, as if that person had been appointed as a member of Council on the same day as the Relevant Member was last appointed a member of Council.
- (xi) A Relevant Member who is a member of Council by virtue of holding an office shall cease to hold that office if removed under this paragraph.

- (xii) This paragraph is in addition to any power to remove a member of Council that may exist apart from this paragraph.