

Proposed amendment to the Constitution of Holme Pierrepont Running Club May 2023

In January this year, the Committee agreed to amend the club's Disciplinary Procedure. The Procedure now enables the Chair to suspend a member immediately if a complaint is made about them so that a fair investigation can be undertaken.

A copy of the Process is on the club website and was shared with members at the time of updating in January.

At present, Section 17 of the Constitution conflicts with the Disciplinary Procedure in that it states that the Committee may suspend a member but only if they have already invited them to resign their membership. The decision-making process following the suspension also conflicts with the Disciplinary Procedure in that it involves the whole club membership at a Special General Meeting rather than an independent Disciplinary Panel of 3 HPRC members.

The Committee wishes to therefore amend the club's Constitution by removing the wording in section 17 and replacing this with a reference to the club's Disciplinary Procedure which will read "see club discipline and appeals process" However, it can only do so with a quorum of 20% of the club's paid-up membership attending the Annual General Meeting.