



WELSH PETANQUE ASSOCIATION

2025 Annual General Meeting

Submission of Motion

Sheet 1 of 2

Please complete this form to submit a motion for debate at the AGM.

Background to the motion:

The motion is to split the Constitution & Rules, Version 4.0, published January 2024, into two parts:
Part 1: The Constitution and Part 2: Internal Rules.

The argument for splitting this document into two parts could focus on several practical and logical considerations:

1. Length and Complexity

- The document is lengthy, with dense content covering the **Constitution** in Part One and the **Rules** in Part Two. Splitting it would make each part more manageable for readers, ensuring they can focus on specific areas without feeling overwhelmed.

2. Distinct Purposes

- The **Constitution** and **Rules** serve different purposes:
 - The Constitution outlines the **core principles, structure, and objectives** of the Welsh Pétanque Association (WPA).
 - The Rules detail **operational processes, procedures, and membership requirements**.
- Keeping these sections separate aligns with their different focuses and makes navigating the document easier.

3. Audience Accessibility

- Different stakeholders may have different interests:
 - Members might primarily refer to the Rules for day-to-day guidance.
 - Leadership or legal advisors may focus more on the Constitution for governance and compliance purposes.
- Splitting allows readers to access the relevant part more efficiently.

4. Updates and Revisions

- Regular updates to the Rules (e.g., membership fees, procedural changes) might occur more frequently than changes to the Constitution. Keeping them separate simplifies revision processes and minimises confusion.

5. Legal and Administrative Clarity

- The Constitution often has legal implications and requires stricter adherence (e.g., needing a two-thirds majority for amendments), whereas the Rules are more



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operational and may change through simpler processes. Splitting them reduces ambiguity about which parts require special procedures for amendments.

6. Precedent in Organisational Governance

- Many organisations adopt a dual-document approach to separate foundational governance (Constitution) from operational guidelines (Rules or By-laws). This approach supports best practices and simplifies compliance checks.


Clearly state the details of the motion - (in the case of an amendment to the constitution the proposed amendment must be accurately stated i.e. words to be added and omitted – use additional sheet if necessary).

The motion is to split the Constitution & Rules, Version 4.0, published January 2024, into two new documents:

- Constitution, Version 5, February 2025
- Internal Rules, Version 1, February 2025

No changes in the content are required in either document.

All cross-referencing will be updated to reflect splitting the original document into two separate documents.

Proposed by:	The WPA Executive		
Club:			
Club Secretary's Name:			
Club Secretary's Signature:			
Date:	16/01/2025	Date Received:	18/01/2025

- 1 Only WPA Registered Clubs may propose motions according to the constitution to the AGM.
- 2 The proposed motions should be submitted to the WPA in writing and signed by the Club Secretary.

The closing date to submit motions to be presented at the AGM shall be at midnight on Saturday, 18th January 2025.