

NSBC Rules 2025 – Summary of Proposed Changes

Note: Rule numbers refer to the current Rules document.

Rule 3 Objects:

Proposed changes to wording of Subrules (1), (2), (3) and (5) regarding objects of the association to place greater emphasis on the promotion and development of bridge within the club, as follows:

- (1) To promote and encourage the participation, enjoyment and advancement of bridge and other community activities in a safe and positive environment, in accordance with the Laws of Duplicate Bridge.
- (2) To provide opportunities for learning bridge.
- (3) To organise, conduct and encourage participation in bridge tournaments.
- (5) To ensure the premises are fit for purpose and comply with the legal and statutory regulations.

Rule 9 When membership Ends:

Proposed removal of the wording of Subrule (3)(d): “and in a way the management committee considers action under Rule 12 to be inappropriate”.

Rule 12 Disciplinary Powers:

Proposed replacement with Grievance Procedures from the Model Rules due to updated legislation.

- 12A Grievance Procedure
- 12B Grievance Procedure Not Continued in Particular Circumstances
- 12C Appointment of Mediator
- 12D Conduct of Mediation
- 12E Representation For Grievance Procedure
- 12F Electronic Communication For Grievance Procedure

Rule 18 Membership of the Management Committee:

Proposed minor rewording of Subrule (2) to clarify intent of rule, as follows:

“The immediate past president may continue as an unelected **non-voting** member of the management committee, **in an advisory capacity**, for a period of one year”.

Rule 19 Electing the Management Committee:

Proposed removal in Subrule (2) of unnecessary extract of Section 61A of the Associations Incorporation Act.

Rule 20 Resignation, Removal or Vacation of Office of Management Committee Member:

Proposed removal in Subrule (6) of unnecessary extract of Section 64(2) of the Associations Incorporation Act.

Rule 37 Proxies:

Proposed change to rationalise to one proxy form to be used specifically for voting for or against resolutions.

Proposed change so that a proxy must be a member of the association.

Rule 41 Effect of Amended Rules:

Proposed removal as it is obsolete.

Rule 42 Common Seal:

Proposed removal as it is obsolete.

Rule 43 Funds and Accounts (now Rule 41 in Proposed Rules):

Proposed minor changes to adjust payment amounts by the Association from \$100 to \$500, remove reference to cheques and add payments via My ABF Bridge Credits. See changes to Subrules (4) – (6).

Proposed removal of Subrule (7) as it refers to cheque payment only. Cheques no longer used.

Rule 47 Distribution of Surplus Assets to Another Party (now Rule 45 in Proposed Rules):

Proposed removal in Subrule (4) of unnecessary extract of Section 92(3) of the Associations Incorporation Act.