

AGM 2016 – Proposals to Change the Articles of Association

Item	Explanation of change	Paragraphs changed
1	Remove “Full Daytime” Membership category	2.1
2	Correct inconsistency between the Constitution and the Articles of Association in the labelling of the Officer responsible for Education. Correct terminology is “ <i>Education Secretary</i> ”. Description now reads “ <i>Chairs the Education Committee. Responsible to the Trustees for the provision of Bridge education.</i> ”	8.2 and 8.6
3	<p>In support of the Trustees’ policy for “Zero Tolerance” on behaviour issues, add the power to permit the Trustees to act in the case of repeated offences.</p> <p>13.1 Each member of OBC and all beneficiaries shall be required in connection with the game of Contract Bridge, to conform to the standards of fair play, courtesy and personal deportment prescribed by the bylaws and regulations for the time being of the EBU, and to observe the Rules, <i>and to comply with any decisions of the Trustees.</i></p> <p><i>13.3 In the event that a player has received a caution from the Conduct Committee or a judgement from the Disciplinary Committee, the Trustees may at their sole discretion place limitations to dictate a specific session or sessions that the player may not attend for a period of up to one year.</i></p> <p><i>13.4 If a player has received a penalty score on more than one session of similar nature, the Trustees may at their sole discretion place limitations to dictate a specific session or sessions that the player may not attend for a period of up to one year.</i></p> <p><i>A6.3 Complaint justified</i></p> <p>If the Conduct Committee decides that the complaint is justified, it may, in its absolute discretion, offer a verbal caution to the offending member, which if accepted, ends the matter. Although the caution is verbal, the Conduct Committee shall be required to send a summary of the caution to the offender, for the sake of avoiding ambiguity, and also to the OBC Trustees. <i>The Trustees may then act under section 13.3.</i> In the event that the offender does not comply with the caution, the matter shall be returned to the Conduct committee for further consideration.</p>	Change to 13.1, add 13.3 and 13.4, change to A6.3