



THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH

BELL RINGERS

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Central Council of Church Bell Ringers

**Registered Small Societies Motion
(for consideration at the Council's Meeting on 5th September 2020)**

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Registered Small Societies Motion

Purpose

- a) To enable the Council to admit smaller ringing societies and ringing groups, so that they can benefit from the Council's work and contribute to its thinking, without changing the current structure of affiliation or diluting the Council's accountability to its existing Affiliated Societies through their representatives.
- b) This is achieved by introducing a **Register of Small Societies** to which smaller ringing societies can belong. Registered Small Societies will need to be properly constituted and show that they support the Council's objectives. Each Registered Small Society may send someone to speak and contribute at Council Meetings but they will not exercise a vote. Voting will remain restricted to the representatives of Affiliated Societies and existing Fellows as at present.
- c) Registered Small Societies will be able to contribute to the Council's work in all other respects. Societies with over 100 members will no longer qualify for inclusion on the Register of Small Societies and any Society with over 75 members may apply to affiliate with the Council in the normal way. The Council may apply an annual subscription to Registered Small Societies, which is initially set at £20 per society.

Rule Amendments

That with effect from the close of the 123rd Council Meeting on 5th September 2020, the Council ADOPTS the following amendments to its Rules:

1. *To cater for Registered Small Societies, the following changes are made to Rule 1.1 (Definitions):*

- 1.1. The following definition is **INSERTED**:

<i>Registered Small Society</i>	A bell ringing society which appears on the Council's Register of Small Societies in accordance with Rule 4.
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- 1.2. The following definition is **REPLACED** as shown below:

<i>Annual Subscription</i>	A subscription defined by Rules 4.9 or 4.10.
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2. To set out the terms governing the admission of Registered Small Societies, the following new rules are **INSERTED** after Rule 4.4 (and subsequent rules re-numbered accordingly). The entry and exit criteria for Registered Small Societies are identical to those for Affiliated Societies and are copied across from existing Rules 4.1 to 4.4:

Registered Small Societies

- 4.5 Subject to Rule 4.8 any bell ringing society whose application has been approved under Rules 4.6 and 4.7 shall be entered on the Council's Register of Small Societies
- 4.6 Applications from smaller bell ringing societies to become Registered Small Societies shall be made to the Secretary accompanied by a certificate signed by at least two of the society's officers confirming that:
- a) its Society Membership is less than 75 (25 in the case of societies operating wholly outside the British Isles);
 - b) its purpose is to promote the ringing of bells by a group or association of bell ringers; and
 - c) it undertakes to abide by the Council's Rules and Decisions.
- 4.7 A bell ringing society making an application under Rule 4.6 shall be entered on the Council's Register of Small Societies when its application has been approved by the Executive in accordance with the Standing Orders.
- 4.8 A society shall be removed from the Register of Small Societies if:
- a) its Society Membership rises above 100; or
 - b) any Annual Subscription due under Rule 4.10 is more than 12 months in arrears; or
 - c) a Motion to remove the society's registration is agreed by no less than two-thirds of Representative Members present and voting at a Council Meeting; or
 - d) a request to remove the society's registration is given to the Secretary by at least two of the society's officers.

3. To empower the Council to set an Annual Subscription for Registered Small Societies, the following new rule is **INSERTED** after Rule 4.9:

- 4.10 Where determined by the Standing Orders, each Registered Small Society shall pay an annual subscription, which shall become due on 1st January and shall be of such sum as may be stated by the Standing Orders in relation to that society's registration.

4. To permit one representative from each Registered Small Society to attend Council Meetings (in a non-voting capacity), the line “A representative of each Registered Small Society” is **INSERTED** in the list set out in Rule 5.1, so that this rule following amendment, reads as follows :

Membership Types

- 5.1 The Council shall consist of the following members:
- a) Representative Members;
 - b) A representative of each Registered Small Society;
 - c) Individual Members enrolled or appointed as may be determined by the Standing Orders; and
 - d) the Council’s Trustees, Stewards and Workgroup Leaders, who shall be ex-officio members.

Note – “Representative Members” are defined in the Council’s Rules as the representatives of Affiliated Societies. Under the Council’s Rules only Representative Members and the Council’s existing Fellows exercise a vote.

5. To set out the arrangements by which representatives of Registered Small Societies are appointed and retire, the following rules are **INSERTED** after Rule 5.6. The terms of appointment for representatives of Registered Small Societies are almost identical to those for Affiliated Societies and are copied across from existing Rules 5.4 and 5.6

Representatives of Registered Small Societies

- 5.7 Each Registered Small Society shall be entitled to send a representative to attend each Council Meeting provided that no later than six weeks before that meeting’s date:
- a) any Annual Subscription for the year in which the Council Meeting takes place as may be determined by the Standing Orders has been received by the Treasurer; and
 - b) its Society Membership has been notified to the Secretary.
- 5.8 Subject to Rule 5.7:
- a) a Registered Small Society may register or amend the names and contact details of its representative at any time by giving notice to the Secretary; and
 - b) each such representative shall be deemed appointed from the point at which their name is confirmed in accordance with these Rules, and shall remain appointed until the Registered Society notifies the Secretary of a change.

Annual Subscription for Registered Small Societies

That in accordance with Rule 7.13 and with effect from the close of the 123rd Council Meeting on 5th September 2020, the Council approves an Annual Subscription of £20 for Registered Small Societies.

Standing Order Amendments

That the Council APPROVES the following changes to the Council's Standing Orders, made by the Council's Executive, which are due to take effect on 6th September 2020:

1. *To ensure that approval by the Executive of a Registered Small Society is recorded in the same way as other significant Executive decisions, the word "approving" is inserted into the list set out in Standing Order E1.1 i) so that Standing Order E1.1 reads as follows:*

E1 Executive Meetings

- E1.1 The Executive may conduct its proceedings as it thinks fit, subject to the Council's Rules, Standing Orders and Policies; but decisions on the following matters may be made only at an Executive Meeting which has been called and conducted in accordance with Standing Order E1.2:
- a) appointing or removing a Trustee, Workgroup Leader or Steward;
 - b) delegating any powers or functions of the Executive;
 - c) creating, replacing or withdrawing any Policy or Standing Order;
 - d) appointing or changing the Executive Sponsor of a Workgroup or Steward;
 - e) entering into any contract relating to landed property or paid employment, or any contract whose value exceeds such Maximum Contract Value as may be stated in the Standing Orders;
 - f) agreeing the date, venue or agenda of any Council Meeting;
 - g) agreeing or adopting any annual report, statement of accounts or forward plan;
 - h) any matter relating to a Conflict of Interest;
 - i) approving, rescinding or suspending any Council membership; or
 - j) any matter likely to delay or frustrate the implementation of a Council Resolution.

2. *To implement the new Annual Subscription for Registered Small Societies, the following new Standing Order F1.2 is inserted:*

F1.2 The Annual Subscription of each Registered Small Society shall be £20.