General Meeting 2026

The General Meeting of the League will be held on Thursday 26th November 2026

By zoom video conference, commencing at 7.30pm

Agenda

- Minutes of the 2025 AGM
- Chairman's Report
- Treasurer's Report including proposal for subscription levels
- Confirmation of Officers and Management Committee. There being the exact number of candidates that there are available positions, an election is not required, and the committee is appointed as written in Appendix 1
- Election of clubs to the League (see Appendix 2)
- Proposed changes to the playing rules and or constitution (see Appendix 3)
- AOB if received and at the Chairman's discretion

Appendix 1

Committee Nominations for 2027

Candidate	Position	Nominating club	Seconding club
David Warner	Chairman	Freeland	Shipton u Wychwood
Lesley Pykett	Treasurer	Horspath	Watlington
Ian Murdoch	Secretary	Bledlow Ridge	Bradenham
Neilson Hinks	Vice Chair	Bledlow Village	Ox & Bl Nondescripts
Ross Buchanan	Member	Oxford	Kingston Bagpuize
David Grashoff	Member	Brackley	Westbury
David Hall	Member	Didcot	Bicester & North Oxford
Jim Howe	Member	Sandford St Martin	Oxford Downs
Adrian Johnson	Member	Buckingham Town	Brackley
Owen Lewis	Member	Watlington	Tiddington
Simon Morse	Member	Chesterton & Wendlebury	Dorchester
Gary Murton	Member	Stokenchurch	Tiddington
Alex Ross	Member	Chearsley	Kingston Bagpuize
Ian Royle	Member	Steventon	Harwell International
Paul Salway	Member	Freeland	Marston St Lawrence

Appendix 2

Under the provisions of the General Rules (Rule 3.4, Failure to Fulfil Fixtures) the following clubs are required to be re-elected to the League in order to continue in season 2027. The committee has discussed the individual situations with the clubs concerned and is happy to stand as nominator and seconder for them.

Ivinghoe & Pitstone, Marcham

In each instance the club has presented a plan that the committee is satisfied will address the issue for 2027. Your votes should be logged on the website. Each club will require a majority of over 66% for their re-election to be confirmed.

Appendix 3

There is one proposed change to the Constitution. Your vote on this change should be logged on the website via your club page. The proposal needs a 66% majority to pass.

The committee is proposing that new clubs admitted to the League should be subject to a probationary year before full membership is confirmed. During their probationary season, they would play on the same basis as full members, would be eligible for promotion, but

would not have member status as regards AGMs, or EGMs. If there were any concerns about the club's ability to maintain the necessary standards, the League Management Committee reserves the right to extend the probationary period or in extreme cases, bring a resolution to the General Meeting that the club be excluded. In practice, this would require re-writing paragraph 3e of the constitution as follows (changes in red).

Note. This change would be applicable for applications for entry for the 2028 season and beyond and would not be applied retrospectively, or to clubs seeking re-election for 2027.

Under 3. Membership - Paragraph (e)

(e) All applications for membership of the League shall be considered by the Management Committee, taking account of the League's capacity to bring in new clubs. All Clubs which meet the criteria for membership, as laid out in the document 'Joining Criteria for prospect new clubs' (JC) may have their applications put forward to a vote at a General Meeting (GM). The application must be proposed and seconded by two separate existing League clubs and requires to be passed by a majority of over 66% of the available votes at a GM. Those successful clubs (accepted at the GM) will be eligible to participate in The League competitions on a probationary basis as laid out in the JC document with effect from the season following their acceptance. The same rules apply to clubs seeking re-election to the League as a result of a breach of playing rule 3.4 (Failure to Fulfil Fixtures).

The details that would be written into the Joining Criteria document are as follows

Details of Probationary Membership

All new clubs joining the league under this process will join on a probationary basis, initially for one year, but the probationary period may be extended beyond one year by decision of the Management Committee.

During the probationary period the club will be monitored for its compliance with league regulations and performance around but not necessarily limited to:

- *ground standards both on and off the field of play as appropriate to tier*
- *administrative performance (including but not limited to result reporting, responses to league questions/requests, attendance at meetings)*
- *umpire and scorer nomination and provision as appropriate to tier*
- *disciplinary record*
- *fulfilment of scheduled fixtures*
- *league and ECB/County Board Safeguarding requirements*
- *other County Board and ECB regulations/guidelines*

Written advice of failure to comply in any area will be given to the club with a time frame for improvement which may or may not include an extension of the probationary period.

Continued failure to comply would result in a recommendation from the Management Committee to the GM that the club be excluded from the league for the following season following the process laid down in the League Constitution at Section 3 (f) (ii)