

AMENDMENTS TO BBLOC RULES - EXPLANATORY NOTE

BBLOC Rules act as guidelines for our operation, and occasionally need a major or minor tweak to allow us to operate efficiently and realistically. Some AGM's see a single rule change, some none at all, and some a major re-vamp. This year falls into the last category and we have updated the language to make it more modern and easier to read, as well as cutting out old rules which no longer apply, and tweaking others.

The document indicates where the suggested changes have been made and is colour-coded for ease of understanding as follows:

Black text - original rules

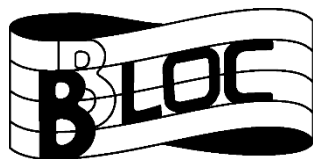
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Red text - proposed changes

When finalised, the new set of Rules will replace those currently in the Members' Area of the BBLOC website.

Please read the attached document carefully before the AGM, and particularly the original Rule 19.

Time constraints will not permit a detailed discussion on each separate rule during the meeting.



BOURNEMOUTH & BOSCOMBE LIGHT OPERA COMPANY

UPDATE OF RULES

For approval at the AGM on 8 December 2025

RULE	
1	The Company shall will be called the 'Bournemouth and Boscombe Light Opera Company' [abbreviated to BBLOC].
2	<p>The objects of the Company shall will be:</p> <p>a) the study and performance of musical works, theatrical productions and dramatic works;</p> <p>b) the raising and/or collecting of funds for charitable purposes; such charities and donations to be recommended by the Committee for approval at the Annual General Meeting or decided unanimously by the Committee in the case of exceptional one-off donations which might occur throughout the year.</p>
3	The Company shall will consist of Active and Associate members, aged 18+ and may also include as Life Members persons who have served the Company for 20 consecutive years or more and as Honorary Life Members such other persons as shall have rendered special exceptional services to the Company.
4	The Company shall will be managed by a Committee consisting of 9 members elected in accordance with Rule 19 who shall will elect a Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. The President shall will be an ex-officio member of the Committee. No paid officer of the Company may be a Committee member (or official).
5	The election and expulsion of members other than Life Members shall will rest solely with the Committee.
6	Application for Active and Associate membership shall will be made in writing or by email online to the Secretary who shall will submit the same to the Committee for its decision.
7	Prior to election, all candidates for Active membership shall will satisfy the Committee as to their musical and/or dancing/acting ability. If at any time thereafter an Active Member's musical and/or dancing/acting ability shall will , in the opinion of the Committee, be in doubt, that member may be required to re-audition before re-joining the Company. Similarly, any Active Member not taking part in the performance or supporting the Company in any season without, in the opinion of the Committee, a good and sufficient reason shall will be required to seek re-election as above.
8	The voting on applications for membership shall be taken either by ballot or otherwise as the meeting considering such application may decide but no candidate shall be elected an Active Member of the Company unless he or she shall receive in his or her favour the votes of at least two thirds of the members of the Committee personally present at the meeting called to consider such applications.
9 8	Membership Subscriptions to the Company for Active and Associate Members shall will be determined annually at the AGM. Active and Associate Members' Subscriptions shall be deemed as a part donation towards yearly running costs and part as a membership fee to the company.

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<p>10 9</p>	<p>50% of the Annual Subscriptions for new members shall will become due and paid in full to the Treasurer on receipt of notice of election from the Secretary and all subsequent amounts will be payable by standing order. Annual Subscriptions shall become due on 1 September in each year and shall be paid to the Treasurer no later than 31 October in that year. Subscriptions for active existing members are payable annually or by monthly instalments at the current agreed rate. with the agreement of the Chairman.</p>
<p>11 10</p>	<p>The financial year of the Company shall will commence on 1 September December and an annual profit and loss account and balance sheet for the previous year shall will be presented at the AGM.</p>
<p>12</p>	<p>The Committee shall will have the power to remit such portion of the subscription as they think right in the case of members elected after 1 January or members leaving the neighbourhood or for any other good reason.</p>
<p>13 11</p>	<p>Members wishing to resign shall should give notice to the Secretary.</p>
<p>14 12</p>	<p>The Committee shall will have power by ordinary resolution to suspend any member whose subscription remains unpaid for more than 2 consecutive months. after 31 October in each year, except those paying by instalments (see Rule 10) from exercising all or any of the privileges of membership until his or her subscription is paid or at their discretion terminate the membership of such person and erase his or her name from the register of members.</p>
<p>15 13</p>	<p>The Annual General Meeting of the Society shall will be held in the month of September December, when the reports of the Committee and the accounts for the past year shall will be presented and all general business transacted.</p>
<p>16 14</p>	<p>An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Society may be called at any time and shall will be called within 21 days after the receipt by the Secretary of a requisition in writing to that effect signed by at least 12 active members. Every requisition shall will specify the business for which the meeting to be is convened and no other business shall will be transacted at such meeting.</p>
<p>17 15</p>	<p>No business other than the formal adjournment of the meeting shall will be transacted at any Extraordinary General Meeting unless a quorum is present and such quorum shall will consist of not less than 15 persons present and entitled to vote.</p>
<p>18 16</p>	<p>Unless otherwise provided by the Rules, all resolutions brought forward at an Extraordinary General Meeting shall will be decided by a bare majority of the votes properly recorded at such meeting and, in the case of an equality of votes, the Chairman shall will have a second or casting vote.</p>
<p>19 17</p>	<p>The Committee (including the officers, with the exception of the President) shall will retire annually but shall will be eligible for re-election and need no nomination, except that no non-office holding member may serve on the Committee for more than three five consecutive years. However, he or she may be eligible for nomination after a</p>

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	further one year. Nevertheless, this ruling shall will not prevent such person being co-opted by the Committee should a casual vacancy occur after the Annual General Meeting. Nominations of new candidates shall should be sent to the Secretary in writing, together with the names of the proposer and seconder and an assurance that the nominee will accept office if elected, not later than 24 14 days before the Annual General Meeting. If more names are proposed than the number required to fill the vacancies and sufficient names are not withdrawn at or before such meeting, the election shall will be by ballot. If all the aforementioned positions shall are not be filled at such meeting or any casual vacancy occur thereafter, the same shall will be filled by the remaining members of the Committee. The President shall will retire at the end of 5 years.
20 18	A printed or electronic notice of every Annual General Meeting, accompanied by the statement of accounts for the past year and particulars of nominations for the Committee (including the Officers) and of any proposal to elect a Life Member, shall will be sent to each member at least 14 days prior to the date fixed for such meeting.
21 19	The Committee shall will have power to appoint sub-committees and to delegate to such sub-committees all or any of its powers and shall will continue to hold office until the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting at which its successors are elected.
22 20	The Cast of any production shall will be selected by the Chairman (or their representative Committee member) and one other representative of the Committee (who is not auditioning for parts) assisted by the Director, the Musical Director, and the Assistant Director or Choreographer. The Secretary shall will attend such auditions in an administrative capacity only if required. No member may audition enter audition for more than two parts, for audition but subsequent to auditions, the Committee representatives have the power to ask any member to audition for any part not then filled. Applications in writing for principal auditions, on the prescribed form, shall will be made to the Secretary. Competent 'readers' shall will be chosen to read in with members auditioning for a part. Following the auditions, the auditioning panel have the power to ask any member to audition for, or fill, any uncast parts.
23 21	The Committee shall will have the power to revise the cast from time to time if any Active Member to whom a character has been assigned shall , in its opinion, proves unsuitable for the part, as soon as practical.
24 22	Active Members shall will to the best of their ability, play the parts assigned to them, whether principal or chorus, and obey the directions of the production team at all rehearsals and performances, and no member shall raise any objection at a rehearsal to any of the music or business in rehearsal. Any such objections shall should be made to the Chairman.
25 23	All rehearsals for music only shall will be conducted and controlled by the Musical Director and continued rehearsals of music and production shall will be controlled by the Director or Choreographer /Assistant Director, who will work with the Musical Director for the good of the Company and the work in the production. Once at the

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	theatre, all productions shall will be under the control of the Production/Stage Manager. /Deputy Stage Manager.
26 24	A record of the attendances of Active Members at rehearsals and performances shall will be kept by the Secretary Committee who and the Committee shall will have the power to prohibit any members whose attendance at rehearsals shall have been irregular, from taking part in the performance of the work in presentation preparation. Active Members absenting themselves from three rehearsals in any four-week period without good cause may, at the discretion of the Committee, be deemed to have resigned their parts in the work then in rehearsal.
27	If at any time the number of members rehearsing a production exceeds the number of voices required for the presentation of the same, preference shall will be given to members (in the part in which there are too many voices) who have rendered themselves most efficient in the opinion of the Committee, by the regularity of their attendance, by their musical ability or by such other matters as the Committee in their absolute discretion shall think fit.
28 25	The Committee may, by a unanimous vote, remove from the list of members the name of any Active Member who has persistently neglected the work undertaken by the Company and the name of any member whose conduct they consider likely to endanger the welfare of the Company.
29 26	The Committee shall will select the works to be produced by the Company.
30 27	All monies due from members in connection with the production and performances of any work shall must be accounted for and paid to the Treasurer prior to the start of the show on the stated date. The Committee reserves the right to ask for any member's payment in advance where a previous late payment is evident, without good reason. All monies due and owing to the Company, including the subscriptions of members, will be recoverable at law in the name of the Secretary.
34 28	Within two calendar months after the final performance of any work produced by the Company, the Treasurer shall will prepare, or cause to be prepared, a full statement of receipts and expenses of each production and the same shall will be open for inspection by the members at such time and place as the Committee shall will , from time to time decide, and the net proceeds (or an agreed and recommended portion of them) shall will go to charity.
32	All monies due and owing to the Company, including the subscriptions of members, shall will be recoverable at law in the name of the Secretary.
33 29	The first meeting of the Committee shall will be called by the Secretary and shall be held within 21 days after the Annual General Meeting. All subsequent meetings of the Committee shall will be arranged at the end of each meeting or scheduled annually. called by the Secretary in accordance with any resolution to that effect passed by the Committee, and failing any such resolution at the discretion of the Chairman and the Secretary. Six will form a quorum.

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<p>34 30</p>	<p>The Committee will have the power to decide any questions arising out of these Rules and all other matters connected with the Company (other than those which can only be dealt with by the Company in an Annual General Meeting). And make, maintain and publish all necessary orders, regulations and bye-laws in connection therewith.</p>
<p>35 31</p>	<p>The Company shall will only be dissolved by the resolution passed by a majority of at least five-sixths of the members present and voting at a Special General Meeting called for the purpose of considering such dissolution. In the event of dissolution, any balance of cash remaining in hand after the realisation of assets and payments of debts shall will be paid to charity.</p>
<p>36 32</p>	<p>No alterations of these Rules shall will be made except at an Annual General Meeting nor unless 14 days prior to such meeting a written notice of the proposed alterations or of one substantially to the like effect shall have been given to the Secretary, who shall will give 14 days' notice thereof to the members, and the resolution embodying such proposed alteration shall will be carried by a majority of at least two-thirds of the votes recorded thereon at the meeting.</p>
<p>37 33</p>	<p>In the interests of the Company and other Societies, all Active Members are required to make the Committee aware if they are taking part in another stage production during the 8-week period prior to the Company's current production or 4 weeks after that date.</p>
<p>38 34</p>	<p>In order to regulate and maintain the numerical strength and musical/dancing/ acting balance of the Company and at the same time offer opportunity for the entry of new Active Members, the Committee shall will review the Company Membership annually. If, in the opinion of not less than two-thirds of the full Committee, it is considered that action is desirable, a member may be invited to re-audition for fully Active Membership or become an Associate Member – such membership to include participation in concerts or other musical works and social activities (and by invitation – where appropriate – to participate in a selected role or capacity in any stage production).</p>