

## CYCA Constitution: summary of changes between 1993 version and proposed 2008 revision

### **Major Changes:**

1. *Membership criteria altered to allow clubs or associations “outwith the area” to choose to apply for Full membership if they wish, rather than being offered only the Associate membership option.*

Narrative: given expanding use of the Handicap and Sail Number services, the Executive believes that Associate members (who pay no subscription) should have the choice of “opting in” to Full membership. In view of the more limited general influence of the Association “outwith the area”, this should be left to applicant clubs to decide. Preferential pricing should be put in place in parallel for services such as the Handicap Manual (which includes regular in-season updates), such that the choice reflects an appropriate overall financial balance for all clubs.

2. *Removal of the restriction requiring candidates for the positions of Chairman and Vice Chairman to be or to have been elected members of the Executive. Instead, candidates can be drawn from the resources of the Constituent Clubs.*

Narrative: the existing rules are too restrictive and the pool of legitimate candidates is small and shrinking. There is no good reason not to widen the net.

3. *Removal of the list of prescribed Sub-Committees.*

Narrative: the list has become outdated, given the dynamic nature of the Association’s relationships with other bodies. Scope is left for Sub-Committees to be created as required.

### **Minor Changes:**

4. *Increased mention of the “core business” areas of Handicap and Sail Number administration.*

Narrative: these activities have a formality within RYA Prescriptions to RRS and a commensurate recognition should appear in the CYCA constitution given their importance to the revenue stream.

5. *Closing dates for submission of candidate names and motions for inclusion in Delegates Meeting notices.*

Narrative: the existing dates frequently fall in prime vacation periods. Given the rapid expansion in the use of word processing and email, there is no good reason not to delay closing dates without prejudicing the time available to Constituent Clubs to review Association material.

6. *Various spelling and punctuation errors, and linguistic complexity, eliminated as far as possible.*

Narrative: self-explanatory. Document reduced from 7 pages to 5.

7. *“Limitation of Authority” altered to set a ceiling of 50% of the average of the last two years’ income, as opposed to the last year’s subscription income.*

Narrative: the Executive Committee proposes to reduce the subscription burden on Constituent Clubs and switch more to charging for services. This rewording should result in a comparable cash value being defined.

8. *Limit on co-opted members on Executive Committee removed.*

Narrative: no good reason not to co-opt willing hands if they are required and available.