



Notice of SGM to be held on Friday 27 October at 6.30pm at Bolton Arena

The Board of pbE has received a formal request duly signed by 25 members of pbE in accordance with Article 28(1) of our Articles of Association to make a small change to our Articles.

The proposal splits the South East region into two regions each of which would have its own Director. This change is needed because the South East has by far the largest number of clubs and players and can no longer be dealt with adequately by a single Director, since the retirement of the previous Director.

The specific changes are to Article 20 (Directors) as follows:

Replace 'ten (10)' with 'eleven (11)' and 'eight (8)' with 'nine (9)' in Article 20 (1)

Replace 'eight (8)' with 'nine (9)' and 'six (6)' with 'seven (7)' twice in Article 20 (2)

Remove 'existing' from Article 20(2).

The effect of these changes is shown below:

20 (1) The number of Directors shall not be fewer than two (2) nor more than ~~ten (10)~~ eleven (11) of whom ~~eight (8)~~ nine (9) shall be elected by Members of the Association and of whom two shall be appointed by the Board. The Board shall endeavour to ensure that two Directors are independent. In appointing such independent Directors the Board shall have regard to the needs of the Association and specific skills and experience of the proposed independent Directors. An Appointments sub-committee of the Board shall be established to make a recommendation to the Board on suitable candidates. The appointment of such two independent Directors shall be for fixed two year terms.

20 (2) The ~~eight (8)~~ nine (9) Directors elected by the Members will be divided into the following two (2) categories: i) two (2) National Directors who will be elected by postal and/or Electronic ballot of the entire Membership of the Association and ii) ~~six (6)~~ seven (7) Regional Directors, one resident in each of the ~~existing six (6)~~ seven (7) regions of the Association, who will be elected by postal and/or Electronic ballot of the Members residing within their own region only.

The pbE Board is in favour in these changes which are needed to help the continued growth of Pickleball in England. The precise detail of the new regions (South East (North) and South East (South) will be agreed between the pbE Board and the candidates for the two new Director positions.