

Select Committee on the Constitution Report to National Council
27th September 2025

The Select Committee on the Constitution is made up of:

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AGM

The Select Committee were concerned for the second year in a row that the arrangements for the AGM were less than satisfactory in that the hosts were together in a room in Milton Keynes while the majority of members were on Zoom. The poor audio quality from the system being used in Milton Keynes meant that much of what was being said by the CEO, Chair and others in the room was inaudible to those on Zoom. This has been a recurring problem for a number of years when there is a 'hybrid' set up.

There is also a feeling that trying to arrange the AGM at 6:00pm on a Wednesday night is less satisfactory than a Saturday date, and this should be reviewed.

There is also concern that the AGM loses the opportunity for the table tennis family to come together, which is very different from being on a Zoom connection. This whole matter should be open for review and especially so it can be debated, then a vote taken to decide the best way forward. National Council can be of assistance with this.

Memorandum of Understanding and Loss of Good Standing

The Select Committee reported this at the last National Council meeting. Although there has been some discussion with Sally Lockyer, and the problems are recognised, there does not seem to have been any progress. We see this as an important matter for keeping the association as one body.

TTE's relationship with the membership

The Select Committee on the Constitution has been made aware of some concerns by some members about some of the processes, and the administration of those processes, within some aspects of TTE.

Under these circumstances we feel it is within our remit to make recommendations to Council which would promote confidence within the membership with regard to the governance and administration in Table Tennis England.

Such areas could include transparency, communication, compliance, consultations with membership, draft and approved policies, safeguarding, welfare, inclusivity, and accountability.

The Select Committee recommends to National Council that we carry out further research and reports back to National Council with recommendations to improve the relationship between TTE and its membership base.

Information for National Council

We have been working towards bringing the level of reports and information coming to National Council back to the level that was standard until the last few years. If the association is going to take full advantage of the benefits of National Council, improvements do need to be made.

Positive discussions have taken place with Sally Lockyer and we are hopeful of returning to receiving reports from the Board and senior management team that was the standard a decade ago.

We have also suggested that one of the elected director board members act as liaison between the Board and National Council so matters raised by National Council for consideration at the Board meetings can be considered and vice-versa.

The Select Committee on the Constitution is subject to election at this National Council meeting and all members are willing to stand for a further term.

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On behalf of the
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