

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2026

AGM 27th November 2026

CAMANACHD ASSOCIATION
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Proposed Changes to Articles of Association



These proposals relate to the articles of association and are therefore treated as special resolutions and need to be passed by not less than three quarters of the members present (in person or by proxy) and entitled to vote.

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Proposal from The Camanachd Association

Existing Article	Proposed New Byelaw	Key Changes & Rationale
5.1 I The Annual General Meeting shall elect, from nominations in terms of Article 5.3, a Chieftain and Vice-Chieftain who will hold office for a total term of three years. They shall have the option to stand for re-election at the expiry of that three-year period. They shall not be directors of the Company (and shall not be entitled to vote on any decisions made by the Board) but who shall have an honorary role and undertake duties on behalf of the Company or Board as a honorary role and shall undertake duties on behalf of the Company or Board as they may from time to time decide. Such Chief and Vice-Chief shall unless it is otherwise determined by the Board be entitled to attend all Board meetings as observers and shall be entitled to speak but not to vote at such meetings.	5.1 I The Annual General Meeting shall elect, from nominations in terms of Article 5.3, a Chieftain and Vice-Chieftain. They shall not be directors of the Company (and shall not be entitled to vote on any decisions made by the Board) but who shall have an honorary role and shall undertake duties on behalf of the Company or Board as they may from time to time decide. Such Chief and Vice-Chief shall unless it is otherwise determined by the Board be entitled to attend all Board meetings as observers and shall be entitled to speak but not to vote at such meetings.	Removes terms for the Chieftain & Vice Chieftain. These are honorary roles, and are nonvoting observers to the Board. No legal necessity for these roles to be time bound. They are appointed for their experience and knowledge and to provide counsel to the President and members of the Board of Directors.

Proposed Changes to Byelaw 1 (Rules of Play)



These proposals relate to byelaw 1 and are therefore treated as special resolutions and need to be passed by not less than three quarters of the members present (in person or by proxy) and entitled to vote.

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Proposal from Camanachd Referees Association

Existing Article	Proposed New Byelaw	Key Changes & Rationale
1.5.6 If the Referee has decided to apply the advantage clause and to let the game proceed he/she cannot revoke his/her decision if the presumed advantage is not realised, even though he/she has not, by any gesture, indicated his/her decision. This does not exempt the offending player from being dealt with by the Referee.	1.5.6 If the Referee has decided to apply the advantage clause and to let the game proceed he/she can revoke his/her decision up to a maximum of 3 seconds if the presumed advantage is not realised, even though he/she has not, by any gesture, indicated his/her decision. This does not exempt the offending player from being dealt with by the Referee.	Introduces the opportunity for referees to bring the play back for a foul if an advantage doesn't transpire. The referee can assess if proper advantage accrues and, if not, bring the game back to the offence. Handling of the offence and the offending player would be more accurate as the game has not moved on with players moving too far from the scene of the incident.

Proposal from Camanachd Referees Association

Existing Article	Proposed New Byelaw	Key Changes & Rationale
1.12.1 Result from a player who intentionally commits any of the following offences: p) Heads the ball; shall be penalised by the award of a free-hit to be taken by the opposing side at the place where the offence occurred.	1.12.1 Result from a player who intentionally commits any of the following offences: p) Heads the ball; shall be penalised by the award of a free-hit to be taken by the opposing side at the place where the offence occurred. Where the ball plays the player it is not a foul.	This brings the wording in line with the kicking byelaw (see 1.12.5)

Proposal from Camanachd Referees Association

Existing Article	Proposed New Byelaw	Key Changes & Rationale
1.12.7 If, in the opinion of the Referee, a player deliberately hits the ball out of play to waste time the Referee shall caution the player for ungentlemanly conduct and award a free hit.	1.12.7 If, in the opinion of the Referee, a player deliberately hits the ball out of play to waste time the Referee shall caution the player for unsporting conduct and award a free hit.	Wording update. A simple modernisation of the wording. This also reflects that the rules cover both the unisex and the women's game.

Proposal from Camanachd Referees Association

Existing Article	Proposed New Byelaw	Key Changes & Rationale
1.16 Bye-hit 1.16.2 The striker shall not play the ball a second time until it has touched or been played by another player. No player shall be within 5 yards (5 metres) of the striker when the hit is being taken.	1.16.2 The striker shall not play the ball a second time until it has touched or been played by another player. No player shall be within 10 yards (9 metres) of the striker when the hit is being taken.	Doubles the distance players are required to be from a goal hit. This proposed increase from 5 to 10 yards would ensure a reasonable distance is maintained between attacking players and the bye hit being taken. Unlike other free hits, the referee is normally further from bye hits and he/she relies on goal judges for assessing bye hit distance.To assist goal judges a simple point of reference is that the proposed 10 yards is the penalty spot. N.B. under this proposal no additional pitch markings are required. No change in distance is proposed for other free hits.



ANNUAL FEES

Annual Subscriptions, Registration Fees and Levies for 2027



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Membership Fees 2027

Article 3 states that membership fees shall be fixed annually at the AGM and shall continue at the rates previously fixed unless amended at the AGM.

The table on the right details the membership fees associated to provide the core services of the association for season 2027.

For approval at AGM 2026	2027	2026	2025	Change
Adult Membership	**£35**	£30	£30	+£5
Student Membership (Full time education)	**£21**	£21	£21	No change
Youth Membership	**£10**	£10	£10	No change
Club	**£50**	£50	£50	No change
Affiliate	**£40**	£40	£40	No change

Competition Entry Fees

Article 3 states that competition entry fees shall be fixed annually at the AGM and shall continue at the rates previously fixed unless amended at the AGM. There is no change proposed to the competition entry fee for 2027.

The table on the right details the 2025, 2026 & 2027 competition entry fees.

	2027	2026	2025	Change
Premiership	**£80**	£80	£80	No change
National Division	**£80**	£80	£80	No change
North & South Division 1 & 2	**£65**	£65	£65	No change
Camanachd Cup	**£65**	£65	£65	No change
Other Senior Cups	**£50**	£50	£50	No change
Youth Leagues	**£25**	£25	£25	No change
Youth Cups	**£20**	£20	£20	No change

Club Insurance Fees

No change is proposed for the Insurance Premiums for Personal Accident or for Professional Indemnity and Public Liability. The table on the right details the, 2025, 2026 & 2027 Insurance fees.

	2027	2026	2025	Change
Public Liability for Category A clubs (£10,000,000)	**£170**	£170	£170	No change
Public Liability for Category B clubs & Associations (£10,000,000)	**£66**	£66	£66	No change
Adult Personal Accident Insurance	**£21**	£21	£21	No change
Enhanced Adult Personal Accident Insurance*	**£29**	£29	£29	No change
Youth Personal Accident Insurance	**£6**	£6	£6	No change
Enhanced Youth Personal Accident Insurance*	**£10**	£10	£10	No change

*Members can choose the Enhanced Personal Accident Cover which offers some Enhanced and Additional Benefits for a slightly increased Premium.

Player Transfer Fee

A transfer fee will apply when applications are made from players wishing to transfer to another club after having played for their present club in the current season.

No change is proposed for the Player Transfer Fee which will remain the same as the Individual Membership Fee.

Referee Match Fee

Article 3.3 states that it shall be competent for a General Meeting to impose a levy for items not normally covered by the annual subscription and registration fee of such sum as may be agreed at the General Meeting.

The referee match fee was increased to £40 at the 2022 AGM and there are no changes proposed to this. Mileage expenses were increased by the Board of Directors in 2026.



PRESIDENT AND DIRECTOR NOMINATIONS

Nominations need to be passed by not less than half of the members present (in person or by proxy) and entitled to vote.

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President: Willie MacDonald

Endorsed by:
Fort William - James Tangney
Lovat - Linda Bell
Caberfeidh - David MacMaster
Director - John MacRitchie

Having been involved in shinty as a player, coach, referee and volunteer, I have experienced the game from a number of different perspectives. This has given me a strong appreciation of the role shinty plays in our communities, the challenges faced by clubs and the commitment required from the volunteers who sustain the sport at every level.

Over the past eight years as a Director of the Camanachd Association, I have developed a deeper understanding of the governance and administration of our sport. During this time, I have seen the importance of sound decision-making, effective leadership and strong working relationships in supporting the continued development of shinty. I have also gained an appreciation of the work undertaken by our staff and the many organisations and individuals who contribute to the running of the game.

Maintaining and developing these relationships will remain a key priority. The Camanachd Association relies on constructive partnerships with the Women's Camanachd Association, the Macaulay Association, the Glasgow Celtic Society & the GAA among others. Equally important are our relationships with sponsors, local authorities, national government and wider sporting partners. I recognise the value of these relationships in helping to secure opportunities, resources and long-term support for the game. In particular, our partnerships with organisations such as Mowi, Tulloch Homes & HIS demonstrate the importance of working collaboratively with sponsors who share a commitment to shinty.

Looking ahead, the development of the Camanachd Association's strategic plan for 2026–2030 will be a significant priority. Working closely with the new Chief Executive Officer, the Board and staff, I would seek to ensure that the strategy provides clear direction for the sport, reflects the needs of our clubs and communities, and supports sustainable progress over the coming years.

For me, clubs remain the lifeblood of shinty. Across the country, they provide opportunities for people of all ages to play, participate and contribute to their communities. This is made possible by the dedication of volunteers who give their time and energy to keep clubs operating. I believe the Camanachd Association has an important responsibility to support these clubs, understand the pressures they face and ensure that the needs of players, coaches, team managers and volunteers remain central to its work.

I would also place particular importance on supporting our referees and match officials. Having officiated myself, I understand the demands of the role and the commitment required to ensure that matches are played fairly and safely. Recruiting, developing and retaining officials is essential to the future of the game, and I would encourage continued work to ensure that referees feel supported, respected and valued throughout shinty.

I would be honoured to serve as President of the Camanachd Association and to work collaboratively with everyone involved in shinty to support its continued development, strengthen its foundations and ensure that the game remains an important part of our communities for future generations.

Nominee Name	Club Endorsing Application	Nominee Profile
Andy Watt	**Inveraray**	Having been involved in shinty for many years through my role as Chair of Inveraray Shinty Club, and through wider involvement in the governance and development of the sport, I am passionate about ensuring that shinty continues to thrive as a modern, sustainable and ambitious national sport while remaining true to its traditions and communities. If elected as a Director, my primary aim would be to help strengthen the long-term sustainability of the game. This includes supporting clubs to remain viable, improving participation and retention at all levels, enhancing pathways for players, volunteers and officials, and ensuring that the sport is governed in a way that is transparent, accountable and responsive to the needs of clubs. I believe that shinty must continue to evolve to meet changing social, financial and demographic challenges while maintaining the unique culture and identity that make the sport special. I would seek to bring a strategic and collaborative approach to the Board. Throughout my career with the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, including at Executive and Strategic Leadership Team level, I have been responsible for leading large-scale organisational change, developing strategy, managing risk, overseeing significant budgets and investment programmes, and building effective partnerships with a wide range of stakeholders. These experiences have given me a strong understanding of governance, performance, financial stewardship and leadership, all of which are directly transferable to a national sporting organisation.
Roddy MacCuish	**Oban Camanachd**	I served as an Argyll & Bute Councillor for 15 years, holding several senior posts including Deputy Provost and Leader of the Council. I was also Chairman of Argyll Community Housing Association, one of the top 10 largest housing associations in Scotland. At present I am President of the Macaulay Association and advisor to the Mossfield Development Group. This shows my ability to work in partnership with numerous organisations.
Kevin Thain	**Kingussie Camanachd**	As a player for over 40 years in senior shinty with Kingussie and GMA and also 25 years as Managing Director of the Thain Group I would like to give back to our sport of shinty and help guide it through its next phase of development in our ever-changing world. I have been the Competitions Director for the past three years and sat on the competitions committee for a number of years before that.

Nominee Name	Club Endorsing Application	Nominee Profile
Graeme MacDiarmid	**Glasgow Mid Argyll**	**I have been a Director with the Camanachd Association for 3 years.** **My Portfolio is Youth and Schools, and additionally I cover Safeguarding.** I have been involved in shinty for over 50 years, winning and competing at every level of shinty, playing in both the North and South Leagues. I have managed both Senior and Junior Clubs - Strathclyde Police shinty team and Glasgow Gaels. For the last 17 years I have been involved in Junior coaching, especially in school shinty where I helped set up the Glasgow Gaels School Shinty club, and created pathways into shinty in Glasgow. I was recently heavily involved in Sgoil Ghàidhlig Glaschu becoming a school of shinty. Currently I am the Coach of GMA Ladies Shinty Club, and I also still assist with the development of junior shinty in Glasgow. **Professional Background** I recently retired as a Chief Inspector from Police Scotland. During my service I worked predominantly in Safer Communities where I led in delivering Initiatives to vulnerable and diverse communities and also developed Partnership working and funding streams with 3rd sector groups . This included being a Board member forCommunity Safety Glasgow - A charitable organisation on behalf of Glasgow City Council. **What I wish to Achieve** I have a wealth of both professional and shinty experience which I think would help contribute to the future development of grass roots shinty on behalf the Camanachd Association. I would like to support the CA in its exciting expansion of shinty development across Scotland, in particular vulnerable and hard to reach groups, to ensure equality and integrity of the Sport. I would like to assist in developing funding streams to support all aspects of the Association. **Areas of Interest** My core interests are the continued development of the following areas: Ladies Shinty. Youth Shinty Sport Integrity & Safeguarding Funding



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