

The background of the poster features a dynamic action shot of camanachd players. On the left, three players in blue and white kits are clustered together, competing for the ball. On the right, two players in red and white kits are also in action. The entire scene is set against a blue background with a white dot pattern. A vertical white line divides the image into two halves.

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AGM 28th November 2025



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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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OVERVIEW OF HELMET RULE CHANGE FOR 2025 AGM

The proposal is that all players must wear a compliant helmet in training and games from 2027.

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This relates to the helmet in its raw form (i.e. nothing to do with a faceguard, just the part around the head known as the ‘shell’).

Proposal from The Camanachd Association	Existing Byelaw	Proposed New Byelaw	Key Changes
Byelaw 1.4 Players Equipment 1.4.4	1.4.4 b) An approved Helmet and Faceguard will become mandatory for all players in shinty on 1st January 2030.	PROPOSAL 1 – 1.4.4 b) An approved Helmet will become mandatory for all players in shinty on 1st January 2027. An approved faceguard will become mandatory for all players in shinty on 1st January 2030.	1. Heighten the safety standards in shinty 2. Develop a culture and approach that demonstrates no accident behaviour in training or games. 3. This change represents a realistic chance to make progress towards our ultimate aim of fully compliant helmets for all. 4. As stated, our objective is to progress our sport to the mandatory wearing of helmets as soon as possible however we can only achieve that with the vote of our members.

Proposal from Caberfeidh	Existing Byelaw	Proposed New Byelaw	Key Changes
Current byelaw 1.2.2 Should this pass there will be a consequential effect on byelaw 1.2.5.	A maximum of 5 Substitutes can be named per team, any 3 being permitted to play during a match, except in representative matches where the maximum permitted to play shall be four per team. A player who has been replaced by a substitute can himself/herself be used as a substitute to replace a player at a later stage during a match. The Referee must be informed when a substitution is to take place and this is done by the Referee receiving a completed substitution card from the player coming on (on the 1st occasion only) informing the referee of the player's name and number, also the name and number of the player coming off. Subsequent substitutions will be noted by the referee.	A maximum of 5 Substitutes can be named per team, any 5 being permitted to play during a match, except in representative matches where the maximum permitted to play shall be five per team. A player who has been replaced by a substitute can himself/herself be used as a substitute to replace a player at a later stage during a match. The Referee must be informed when a substitution is to take place and this is done by the Referee receiving a completed substitution card from the player coming on (on the 1st occasion only) informing the referee of the player's name and number, also the name and number of the player coming off. Subsequent substitutions will be noted by the referee.	1. Increase the number of people eligible to play on any matchday by allowing 5 subs instead of 3, across all divisions. The aim of shinty should be to encourage and involve as many players as possible in the playing of a match, being able to name 17 players but only play 3 means that clubs are restricting players from participating and potentially putting them off from playing the game at all. There will be the counter argument that this is not fair for clubs struggling to put a team on the park however several things to be considered here are: 1. The players replacing those on the pitch will in all likelihood be of a poorer standard so therefore weakening the team. 2. If Teams are struggling to put a team on the park the difference between 3 and 5 is minimal).

Proposal from Oban Camanachd	Existing Byelaw	Proposed New Byelaw	Key Changes
Current byelaw 1.2.2 Should this pass there will be a consequential effect on byelaw 1.2.5.	A maximum of 5 Substitutes can be named per team, any 3 being permitted to play during a match, except in representative matches where the maximum permitted to play shall be four per team. A player who has been replaced by a substitute can himself/herself be used as a substitute to replace a player at a later stage during a match. The Referee must be informed when a substitution is to take place and this is done by the Referee receiving a completed substitution card from the player coming on (on the 1st occasion only) informing the referee of the player's name and number, also the name and number of the player coming off. Subsequent substitutions will be noted by the referee.	A maximum of 5 Substitutes can be named per team, any 3 being permitted to play during a match, except in South Division 1, North Division 1, South Division 2 and North Division 2, or in representative matches where the maximum permitted to play shall be four per team. A player who has been replaced by a substitute can himself/herself be used as a substitute to replace a player at a later stage during a match. The Referee must be informed when a substitution is to take place and this is done by the Referee receiving a completed substitution card from the player coming on (on the 1st occasion only) informing the referee of the player's name and number, also the name and number of the player coming off. Subsequent substitutions will be noted by the referee.	1. Increase the number of people eligible to play on any matchday by allowing 5 subs instead of 3, across the area leagues. Rationale from proposer: To enable coaches/managers to rotate the squad more and enable player progression.

Proposal from Lochaber	Existing Byelaw	Proposed New Byelaw	Key Changes
Current byelaw 1.2.2 Should this pass there will be a consequential effect on byelaw 1.2.5.	A maximum of 5 Substitutes can be named per team, any 3 being permitted to play during a match, except in representative matches where the maximum permitted to play shall be four per team. A player who has been replaced by a substitute can himself/herself be used as a substitute to replace a player at a later stage during a match. The Referee must be informed when a substitution is to take place and this is done by the Referee receiving a completed substitution card from the player coming on (on the 1st occasion only) informing the referee of the player's name and number, also the name and number of the player coming off. Subsequent substitutions will be noted by the referee.	A maximum of 5 Substitutes can be named per team, any 3 being permitted to play during a match, except in representative matches where the maximum permitted to play shall be four per team or in North Division 2 and South Division 2 where all 5 can play, at least two of the five must be eligible to play Under 17 Shinty. A player who has been replaced by a substitute can himself/herself be used as a substitute to replace a player at a later stage during a match. The Referee must be informed when a substitution is to take place and this is done by the Referee receiving a completed substitution card from the player coming on (on the 1st occasion only) informing the referee of the player's name and number, also the name and number of the player coming off. Subsequent substitutions will be noted by the referee.	1. Increase the number of people eligible to play on any matchday by allowing 5 subs instead of 3, in North & South 2. Two of whom must be U17. Rationale from proposer: The reason that we think that this will benefit the game is these divisions are a key pathway for youth players into senior shinty. On many occasions teams often like to include a number of youth players in their squad, and it can be very discouraging for these players if they do not get to make even a short substitute appearance. Opportunities to play shinty for male youths above under 14 level is limited, and because of this, players are falling out of the game at a key transition time. We believe that this simple bye-law change will give male youth players at the key stage of circa 15 to 17 years old more playing experience and involvement, making it more likely that they will remain in the game.



DIRECTOR NOMINATIONS



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Nominee Name	Club Endorsing Application	Nominee Profile
Barry Martin	Bute Shinty Club	My shinty playing days started at 16 years of age. Having played for Bute until an injury finished my playing career at 28 years of age. I then moved on to refereeing after that, to have a successful career. I have always been involved in the management committee of Bute Shinty Club, having served the club as chairman for 25 years. In my time the club has carried out various projects to further improve our club by building our clubhouse, draining our pitch and most recently taking ownership of our pitch from Bute estates. I am keen to have a good relationship with all shinty clubs and schools, especially in South Argyll, which is a very fragile area, especially in this current climate. To have good relationships with all the Camanachd Association employees and work alongside them to get our great sport to the highest level in all areas. Giving all players from primary school to club teams and referees full support.
John MacRitchie	Kingussie	Having served for the past 3 years as a director in the association with my portfolio being Match Officials I would look to continue in this role and encourage new officials into the game at all levels. I also want to continue grow and improve the game. More importantly encourage the youths participating to stick with the game and encourage as many as possible to take up the sport and progress through the pathway to senior shinty. Professionally I worked with the public for 38 years as a Business Relationship manager for the Royal Bank of Scotland which involved dealing with a range of customers from all aspects of life and learning how to interact with people professionally.
		From a shinty perspective I have played shinty since I was able to walk. I played at Tomnacross and then Lovat for about 30 years. I was treasurer when Lovat had our centenary year, and I have been secretary and more recently President since 2014. I have also had an active role with the Camanachd Association Competitions Committee which has provided some insight into the governance of competitions. Played a key role in securing new community pavilion for Lovat Shinty Club which involved fundraising in the region of £100K and £330K grant funding from sportscotland, Robertson Trust, Leader and wide range of other sponsors.



ANNUAL FEES

Annual Subscriptions, Registration Fees and Levies for 2026



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Membership Fees 2026

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.

No change is proposed for the Individual Membership Fee for Adult, Student or Youth Members or the fee for Club and Affiliate Members.

The table on the right details the membership fees associated to provide the core services of the association for season 2026.

For approval at AGM 2025	2026	2025	2024	Change
Adult Membership	£30	£30	£30	No change
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 2026.

The table on the right details the 2024, 2025 & 2026 competition entry fees.

	2026	2025	2024	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, 2024, 2025 & 2026 Insurance fees.

	2026	2025	2024	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.



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