

## **Notice of Annual General Meeting Essex Squash Rackets association This year, our Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held at 7:30pm on Thursday 23rd July 2020.**

However, as a result of coronavirus, we don't expect to be able to allow members to attend a physical meeting place

We are proposing to change the Rules that are the Association's main constitutional document and set out the principles and basis on which the Association is governed including the requirements for and how members' meetings are held. We are proposing to update the Rules: • to allow members' meetings to be held electronically and/or in more than one physical location;

Why are we proposing to change the Rules on how members' meetings are held? The coronavirus pandemic has highlighted the benefit to members of the Rules of the Association being updated to allow member meetings to be held electronically or at more than one venue (or by a combination of both physical attendance and using an electronic platform), so that all members who wish to do so can fully participate in the meeting whilst helping to make sure that we keep our members and employees safe. We're proposing to update the Rules to allow the Committee to arrange for members to attend a meeting at one or more venues and/or using an electronic platform if the Committee decides it would be safe and appropriate. Therefore the committee has decided to hold the AGM **[Via a Zoom Meeting.](#) Meeting Notice will be sent out via email in accordance with rule 6.2.**

**PROPOSED RULE CHANGES 1.0.** To allow meetings to be held electronically and/or at more than one physical location to insert a new Rule 6.1a as follows: "6.1a. Means of Participation in General Meetings:-

(a) The Committee may make arrangements for members to attend and participate in an Annual General Meeting by:

- (i) attendance at a physical meeting place;
- (ii) simultaneous attendance and participation at a secondary meeting place; and/or
- (iii) using an electronic platform.

(b) A general meeting may be held solely as a physical meeting, solely as an electronic meeting accessible by using an electronic platform or by offering members the option to attend and participate at a physical meeting place (which may include a secondary meeting place) or by using an electronic platform.

(c) Where the committee decides that members may attend and participate in a general meeting by using an electronic platform, the notice of general meeting given under Rule 6.2 shall set out details of the electronic platform for the general meeting (including any access arrangements for such electronic platform and any other information that the Committee may specify).

(d) Details of any physical meeting place, secondary meeting place and/or electronic platform that shall be stated in a notice of general meeting given under Rule 6.2 shall constitute the place of such meeting.

(e) The Association shall require any persons wishing to attend a general meeting (whether at any principal physical meeting place, or any secondary meeting place, or by using an electronic platform) to comply with any identification procedures and security arrangements as the committee shall reasonably specify from time to time. The following changes are required because of the above. To add new definitions in alphabetical order in the Interpretation section as follows:-

(i) "electronic platform – one or more electronic facilities as may be approved by the committee from time to time that enable members to attend and participate simultaneously in a general meeting of the Association without attending a physical meeting place".

(ii) "secondary meeting place – a secondary physical meeting place (or more than one such place) for a general meeting at which members may attend and participate in the general meeting simultaneously as an alternative to attending the principal physical meeting place".

*The event if the Government's public health measures are still in force on the date of the 2020 AGM, you won't be able to come and we strongly encourage you attend the meeting electronically and to vote accordingly as set out in proposed change 2.0. This is because we want to keep you safe. It's also in line with the current Government restriction on public gatherings of two or more people and in anticipation of social distancing measures of some form remaining in place at the date of AGM. To find out more and for any updates, visit England Squash or contact the committee.*

**PROPOSED RULE CHANGE 2.0. Allow revision to Voting Procedure – AGM/EGM 8.0** "Voting may be by a show of hands or pre-distributed voting cards. How to vote this year, we're encouraging all members to attend the meeting online and vote accordingly by showing hand on the Electronic system.