

Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014

Acknowledgement of registration of a rule amendment

This document acknowledges the registration of the amendment of the attached rules under Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 for:

Society: Coulsdon Branch Comrades of the Great War Club Limited

Registration number: 8728 R

Date: **09 December 2025**



Partial amendment

Partial amendment of rules of COULSDON BRANCH COMRADES OF THE GREAT WAR CLUB LIMITED

8. Temporary, Life, Associate, Overseas & Business Members

(1) Temporary Members

Rule 8(1), line 1

Add: Non-Members may be granted temporary membership on such conditions

Delete: Friends of members whose permanent residence is not less than

Rule 8(1), line 2

Delete: 10 miles from the Clubhouse, and who are temporarily in the district.

Rule 8(1), line 3

Delete: may at the discretion of

Add: as the Committee may from time to time determine.

Delete: the committee and subject to the approval of

Rule 8(1), line 4

Delete: the members, be admitted to the Club for a period not exceeding one

Rule 8(1), line 5

Delete: month on payment of such a fee as agreed by the Committee from time.

Rule 8(1), line 6

Delete: to time. Temporary members shall not be supplied with intoxicants for

Rule 8(1), line 7

Delete consumption off the premises

Retain: *Temporary Members shall have the same*

Rule 8(1), line 8

Retain: *rights and privileges and be subject to the same rules and by-laws as*

Rule 8(1), line 9

Retain: *other members, except that they must not attend any general or business*

Rule 8(1), line 10

Retain: *meetings of the Club*

Delete: ~~nor~~

Add: neither

Retain: *introduce visitors*

Delete: ~~The Committee have the~~

Rule 8(1), line 11

power to refuse the admission of temporary members in such cases and

Rule 8(1), line 12

Delete: to limit their admission at such times and to such part of the premises

Rule 8(1), line 13

Delete: as they deem necessary to the interests of the Club, and notice of such

Rule 8(1), line 14

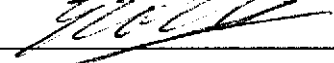
Delete: limitations shall be posted inside the Club.

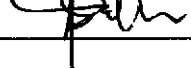
Add: nor have any rights of membership on a dissolution of the club.

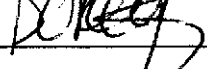
Rule 8(1) As amended

Non-Members may be granted Temporary Membership on such conditions as the Committee may from time to time determine. Temporary members shall have the same rights and privileges and be subject to the same rules and by-laws as other members, except that they must not attend any general or business meetings of the Club neither introduce visitors nor have any rights of membership on a dissolution of the club.

Signatures of three members

Name: GREG COLLINS 1 

Name JAMES COLLINS 2 

Name Brendan O'Leary 3 

Name. KENTH SMALE 

Secretary

Partial amendment of rules

Section 1 – About this form

Use this form to register a partial rule change for a society registered under the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 (2014 Act) (except credit unions); or the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act (Northern Ireland) 1969 (1969 Act). Partial amendments change, add to, or delete some rules from the existing registered rules. If your rule amendment involves the renumbering of rules, please apply for a complete amendment instead.

To register a partial amendment of rules we need:

- this completed form
- one signed copy of the proposed rule amendment (or two copies where not submitting electronically). The amendment should be worded as a direction to members, telling them exactly what they should do to make the necessary changes to their own copy of the rule book. Please see page 10 for an example.
- a marked up version of the rules tracking changes made to your existing rules
- a completed Statutory Declaration form.

This form, including any details provided on the form, will be made available to the public through the Mutuels Public Register <https://mutuals.fca.org.uk>. Our privacy notice explains how and why we use personal data: <https://www.fca.org.uk/privacy>.

Societies may find it helpful to read Chapter 3 of our guidance on our registration function under the 2014 Act before completing this form: <https://www.handbook.fca.org.uk/handbook/RFCCBS>.

Section 2 – About this application

Society name	Coulsdon Branch, Comrades of the Great War Club Limited.
Register number	IP08728R

2.1 Who should we contact about this application?

Name	T J Gallagher
Role	Assistant to the Committee
Email address	John.gallagher@ring4me.com
Phone number	07802641877

Section 3– Conditions for registration.

All societies are registered meeting one of two conditions for registration. These are that the society is either:

- a bona fide co-operative society ('co-operative society'); **or**
- conducting business for the benefit of the community ('community benefit society').

We must maintain arrangements that are designed to enable us to determine whether a society is complying with the 2014 Act. One way we do this is by requiring societies to complete the questions at either sections 3A or 3B of this form when submitting a rule amendment.

Please only answer one set of questions:

- section 3A for bona fide co-operatives; **or**
- section 3B for societies conducting their business for the benefit of the community.

If you are not sure which of these two conditions for registration applies to you, please read chapters 4 and 5 of our guidance:

<https://www.handbook.fca.org.uk/handbook/RFC CBS>.

Section 3A – Co-operative societies

Complete this section if your society is a bona fide co-operative society.

3A.1 What is the business of the society? For example, do you provide housing, manufacture goods, develop IT systems, etc.

The Society, known as the *Coulsdon Branch, Comrades of the Great War Club Limited* (hereinafter "the Club"), carries on the business of Club Proprietors. Its objects are to provide for members the means of social intercourse, mutual support, mental and moral improvement, rational recreation, and the other advantages of a members' club; and further, to advance the comradeship which arose from service to the nation (Rule 1).

3A.2 Please describe the members' common economic, social and cultural needs and aspirations. In answering this question, please make sure it is clear what needs and aspirations members have in common.

Members share common needs and aspirations, which are best met collectively through a co-operative society, in line with the Rules of the Club:

- Economic needs: Affordable access to licensed premises, games, and facilities maintained for members' use, funded through pooled subscriptions and trading income. This reflects the objects of the Club under Rule 1 and the application of funds under Rule 17(1).
- Social needs: Opportunities for comradeship, friendship, and mutual support, fostered through regular gatherings, events, and recreational activities, also in line with Rule 1.
- Cultural needs and aspirations: Preservation of the Club's heritage and values, the commemoration of service and sacrifice, and the enjoyment of rational recreation, entertainment, and fellowship across generations, consistent with the purposes stated in Rule 1.

Local connection: Sustaining a membership community centred on the Club premises in Coulsdon, which acts as the focal point for members' participation and collective benefit, regardless of where individual members may reside. Membership applications are subject to Committee approval under **Rule 7**, which gives discretion to ensure applicants are suitable and consistent with the Club's community character.

All these needs are shared by members collectively, and are met through the facilities, traditions, and activities of the Club, rather than through any form of individual financial gain. Membership is evidenced by a single share of 5p under **Rule 6**, which is non-transferable, non-withdrawable, and carries no dividend or interest. The recorded share capital is purely nominal and has no material or financial value, serving only to evidence membership.

3A.3 How does the society's business meet those needs and aspirations?

You have described the society's business answer to question 3A.1, and in question 3A.2 you have described the common needs and aspirations of members. Please now describe how that business meets those common needs and aspirations.

The Club meets members' needs and aspirations by ensuring that all benefits are collective in nature and applied solely for the purposes of the Club, as required by its Rules:

- **Economic needs:** Met by pooling members' subscriptions and trading income to provide premises, licensed facilities, and recreation at affordable cost. In accordance with Rule 17(1), all surpluses are reinvested for Club purposes, and never distributed to individuals.
- **Social needs:** Met by maintaining premises that serve as a focal point for comradeship, mutual support, and community among members, in line with the objects of the Club under Rule 1.
- **Cultural needs and aspirations:** Met by safeguarding traditions of the Comrades of the Great War, commemorating service, and sustaining opportunities for recreation and fellowship, also under Rule 1.
- **Local connection:** Maintained by providing a physical centre in Coulsdon where members can gather in person, ensuring that the benefits of membership are realised through participation in the facilities and activities of the Club, even where members may have moved away. In addition, all new membership applications are subject to approval by the Committee under Rule 7, which exercises discretion over residence location and overall suitability, thereby ensuring the Club retains its local and community-based character.

3A.4 How do members democratically control the society? For example, do the members elect a board at an annual general meeting; do all members collectively run the society.

The Society is democratically controlled by its members in accordance with its Rules:

- **Annual General Meeting (AGM):** Under Rule 15(1), members exercise ultimate control through the AGM, held each March, where they receive accounts, hear reports, and vote on motions and governance matters.
- **Elected Committee:** Under Rule 17(1), the Committee (President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and seven elected members) is chosen from the membership and manages the Club day-to-day, subject to member oversight.
- **One member, one vote:** Under Rule 15(9), every member has one vote at General Meetings, regardless of shareholding, ensuring equality and fairness.
- **Proposing motions & calling meetings:** Under Rule 15(1)-(2), members may propose motions in writing and requisition Special General Meetings; under Rule 16(2), members may amend Rules by a two-thirds majority.
- **Appeals:** Under Rule 14, members have a right of appeal to a General Meeting against disciplinary action.

Through this framework, members retain direct and democratic control over the Club's direction, finances, and rules, ensuring it remains a co-operative society run for their collective benefit

3A.5 What does the society do with any surplus or profit? For instance, do you pay a dividend to members (and if so, on what basis); does money get reinvested in the business; put into reserves; used for some other purpose?

In accordance with **Rule 17(1)**, the Club has never paid dividends or made monetary grants to individual members. Nor are dividends payable on shares under Rule 6.

All surpluses are applied solely for the purposes of the Club itself, including: maintenance and improvement of the Club's premises, property, and facilities;

- provision of recreational, social, and cultural activities for the membership community;
- meeting operating costs and building reserves for future needs.

Profits and advantages are therefore reinvested collectively for the benefit of all members, and never distributed individually. This practice has been consistent throughout the Club's history and is embedded in the Rules, which expressly prevent any distribution of profits or assets to individual members.

3A.6 Please state any close links which any of the directors has with any society, company or authority. 'Close links' includes any directorships or senior positions held by directors of the society in other organisations.

None

Please go to Section 4.

Section 3B – Community benefit societies

Complete this section if your society conducts its business for the benefit of the community.

3B.1 What is the business of the society? For example, do you provide social housing, run an amateur sports club etc.

3B.2 Please describe the benefits to the community? Here we are looking to see *what* the benefits to the community are. Community can be said to be the community at large. For example, do you relieve poverty or homelessness through providing social housing.

3B.3 Please describe how the society's business delivers these benefits? The business of the society must be conducted for the benefit of the community. Please describe *how* the society's business (as described in answer to question 3B.1) provides benefit to the community.

3B.4 Does the society work with a specific community, and if so, please describe it here? For instance, are the society's activities confined to a specific location; or to a specific group of people? Please note that in serving the needs of any defined community, the society should not inhibit the benefit to the community at large.

3B.5 What does the society do with any surplus or profit? For instance, do you donate the money; does money get reinvested in the business; put into reserves; used for some other purpose?

3B.6 Please state any significant commercial arrangements that the society has, or had, with any other organisation that could create, or be perceived as creating, a conflict of interest. Please tell us how you ensure that any such conflict of interest does not prevent the society from acting for the benefit of the community.

3B.7 Please state any close links which any of the directors has with any society, company or authority. 'Close links' includes any directorships or senior positions held by directors of the society in other organisations.

Please go to Section 4.

Section 4 – Completing this application

4.1 Please confirm the proposed rule amendment has been signed by 3 members and the secretary (4 signatures in total)

The rules contain the required signatures

4.2 Please confirm which of the following you are submitting:

One electronic, scanned signed copy of the rules

Or two signed paper copies of the rules

4.3 Please confirm you have included a marked-up copy of the rules showing what changes the society is making to its existing rules.

A marked-up copy of the rules is enclosed

Section 5 – Statutory Declaration

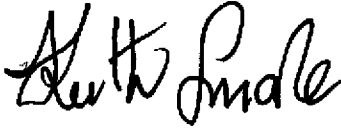
5.1 Please complete this statutory declaration

An officer of the society or credit union must complete this section:

Name	Keith Smale
Role	Secretary


I do solemnly and sincerely declare that the amendment of the rules of the said society or credit union, a copy of which is attached marked 'X', complies with 1969 Act/2014 Act (as applicable) and has been duly made by the society in the manner provided in its rules for the making, altering or rescinding of rules.

I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true, and by the provisions of the Statutory Declarations Act 1835.

Signature	
Date	14/11/2025

This was declared before me, a:

- Solicitor
- Commissioner for oaths
- Notary Public
- Justice of the Peace

Name	ELGANOR RICHARDSON
Declared at:	Fine Toad No. of 35 Chipstead Valley Road Coudon CR5 2RB
Signature	
Date	14/11/2025

Keystone Law, 48 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1JF

Section 6 – Submitting this form

Please submit a signed, scanned version of your application by email to:
mutual.societies@fca.org.uk

Or please submit by post to:

Mutual Societies
Financial Conduct Authority
12 Endeavour Square
London
E20 1JN

This form is available on the **Mutuals Society Portal**:

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