

Partial Alteration of Rules 2015

Rule Alteration: Rule 9 - Irish Committee

To delete existing Rule and substitute:

- (a) TSSA shall have an Irish Committee and an Irish Biennial Conference whose powers shall be limited to making decisions on matters of an industrial or political nature which
 - (1) arise out of and are in connection with the economic or political conditions of the Republic of Ireland or Northern Ireland and
 - (2) are of direct concern to TSSA members resident in the Republic of Ireland or Northern Ireland and
 - (3) do not affect members not so resident.
- (b) The Irish Committee and the Irish Biennial Conference shall not expend any TSSA funds except to the extent that they are authorised to do so by the Executive Committee.
- (c) The Irish Committee shall be chaired by the Executive Committee member for Ireland and shall, from amongst its delegates, elect a Secretary each year. It shall be the responsibility of the Secretary to call at least three meetings of the Committee each year. The President and General Secretary shall have the right to attend meetings of the Irish Committee and to speak on any business at meetings of the Irish Committee but shall have no vote at the Irish Committee. Branches within Ireland may be represented at these meetings according to Branch membership on the following basis:

Up to 400 members	4 delegates
401 - 700 members	5 delegates
701 - 1,000 members	6 delegates
One additional delegate for each 500 members beyond 1,000.	

Elected workplace representatives shall be entitled by reason of their office and without further election to attend these meetings, and to speak and vote on all matters at such meetings as if they were delegates.

Delegates (and replacements in the event of casual vacancies) shall be subject to elections by Branches every 12 months, and may attend, speak, and vote at all Irish Committee meetings called during the following year. The objects of these meetings shall be to:

- (a) organise members in Ireland and see that Branches are kept in an efficient condition;
- (b) campaign in support of TSSA policy on such issues as transport and employment both among members and the wider public within Ireland;
- (c) assist in facilitating the organising work, the Irish Committee may appoint local or area sub-committees;
- (d) consider and agree motions/amendments to be submitted to Annual Conference; and
- (e) elect delegates to attend Annual Conference.

The quorum for such meetings shall be seven.

Annual Conference Motions/Amendments in Ireland

Each Branch is entitled to submit up to two Resolutions and up to two amendments to the Irish Committee Secretary for the Irish Committee to consider for submission to Annual Conference on behalf of Ireland.

Ireland may submit two Resolutions and two Amendments for each 400 members or fraction of 400 members in Ireland, except in Rule Alteration years, when two additional Resolutions for changing the Rules and two additional Amendments related to Resolutions for changing the Rules may be submitted for each 400 members or fraction of 400 members.

Resolutions must reach Head Office not later than 7 January. Amendments must reach Head Office not later than 7 March or they cannot be discussed unless the Conference allows.

For the purposes of this rule, membership shall be reckoned as at 30 November of the year prior to the Conference.

Annual Conference Delegation Candidates for Ireland

Each Branch is entitled to nominate up to two candidates to be elected as delegates from Ireland for Annual Conference. Elected delegates to the Irish Committee meeting shall also be entitled to stand as candidates for election as delegates from Ireland for Annual Conference.

Ireland will be represented at Conference on the basis of one Delegate for each 400 members or fraction of 400 members in Ireland. At least one member of the delegation must be a woman except that if no woman delegate indicates a willingness to be nominated, all the delegation may be men. Furthermore, they will be allowed one additional Delegate under the age of 26.

Funding the Irish Committee

For the purpose of meeting expenses incurred by, or on behalf of, the Irish Committee, there shall be paid from the Central Fund the equivalent of 45p per annum for each member in Ireland.

The Irish Committee may accumulate a balance of up to the equivalent of £200 at the year-end. If that balance exceeds the equivalent of £200, the payments from Central Fund during the next year shall be reduced by the amount of the excess.

The Irish Committee shall issue a Balance Sheet by 31 January for the preceding year, and this Balance Sheet shall be embodied in TSSA's Annual Accounts.

Effect on other Rules

Save in Rule 10, references in these Rules to a Divisional Council or Divisional Officer shall be construed in relation to Ireland as references to the Irish Committee or the Irish Committee Secretary respectively.

Rules 42(k) and 42(m) shall not apply to Ireland.

Consequential Rule Amendments

Rule 10(a) to add at the end of the first sentence "save that there shall be no Irish Division" otherwise rule 10 will serve to create that Division.

Rule 10(b) to insert between "area" and ". Branches" in line 1 " , save Ireland".

Rule 42(a) sub clause *Branch Representation at Conference*
To insert between "Branches" and "may" in line 1 "outside of Ireland".

Rule 42(e)

To insert between "Meeting." and "Previous" in line 2 "or at a meeting of the Irish Committee. Except in Ireland".

Rule Alteration: Rule 10 - Divisional Councils

Clause (f)

To add at end "Elected lay staff representatives shall be entitled by reason of their office and without further election to attend these meetings, and to speak and vote on all matters at such meetings as if they were delegates. Representatives whose represented area includes members in a Division but are themselves members of another Division shall be invited to meetings of the relevant Divisional Council and be able to speak but not vote.

Clause (j)

To add at end of first paragraph "Each elected lay staff representative shall have one vote only."

Rule Alteration: Rule 30 - Rates of Subscription

To delete existing clause (c) and substitute:

“(c) From 1 July 2015 members shall pay a subscription set by reference to their basic salary and sub clauses (b) and (e) of this Rule 30 shall cease to apply.

The amount payable by a member shall be determined in accordance with the following table:

Basic Salary	Weekly subscription rate
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£1 - £20,000	£2.30
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£ 20,001 - £50,000	£4.60
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£ 50,001+	£5.50
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Superannuated/Retired Members	£2.25
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Basic Salary	Republic of Ireland Weekly subscription rate
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€1 - €25,000	€2.80
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€25,001 - €60,000	€5.50
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€60,001+	€6.60
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<i>Superannuated/Retired Members</i>	<i>€2.70</i>
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The Executive Committee shall enable members to pay the weekly subscription rate by direct debit, cash, paybill deduction (where appropriate) and by such other means as the Executive Committee thinks fit.

Any dispute on the calculation of basic salary for the purpose of calculating the appropriate weekly subscription rate will be resolved by reference to the Executive Committee.

Basic salary shall be the amount paid to a member by their employer before any adjustments.”

Rule Alteration: Appendix 1 - Types of Members

Clause (c) Superannuated members

To delete all between “to” in line 7 and “receive” in line 10.

Clause (d) Retired Members

To delete all between “member.” in line 4 and “They” in line 7.

To re-letter remaining clauses accordingly.