

CCST AGM RESOLUTIONS, June 2026.

At the upcoming AGM on 12 June 2026, we are putting forward two special resolutions which would change our current formal Trust rules. The resolutions are set out below, followed by explanatory notes on both.

Resolution 1 (recommended by the Trust board) To adopt the new Trust Rules, as discussed with and agreed as compliant by the Football Supporters Association.

Resolution 2 (requested by an individual member) That the Rules of Cardiff City Supporters Trust be amended such that the rules read “the society shall be governed by a Board consisting of a minimum of six and a maximum of ten people who are to be selected on an annual basis in line with the adopted election policy”, in place of suggested maximum figure of 9, with effect from the close of the Annual General Meeting.

Supporting statement of Trust Board to Resolution 1

The board has had a number of exchanges of correspondence with the Football Supporters Association (FSA) to ensure that the proposed changes are compliant with their requirements, and this has been confirmed by them. The changes are largely minor in nature and are being made to effectively modernise some of the wording used in the previous version of the rules.

Supporting statement of individual member to Resolution 2

The FSA Model Rules set a standard board composition of not less than 6 and not more than 10 persons. The proposed amendment seeks to align Cardiff City Supporters Trust more closely with that standard by setting a maximum of 10 Directors – a figure consistent with the governance arrangements of the majority of Trusts operating under FSA model rules.

It is important to be clear about what this resolution does and does not mean. A maximum of 10 is a ceiling not a floor. Nothing in this amendment obliges the Board to operate at full capacity. The Board has run effectively in the past with 8 or 9 members and would remain entirely free to do so under these amended rules. The changes simply ensures that the Trust does not unnecessarily constrain its own governance capacity should membership interest and the appetite to serve on the Board continue to grow.

There is no operational benefit to setting a maximum below the FSA model standard. Reducing the ceiling to 9, for example, offers no practical advantage but does move the Trust away from the widely adopted governance norms of peer organisations. It could restrict the Board’s ability to bring in skilled members at a time when the Trust is being called upon to take a more prominent and active role in representing supporters’ interests. Expanding costs nothing, unnecessarily restricting it risks leaving talent on the table at precisely the time the Trust needs it most.

Through conversations with the Trust board over the last 9 months I've noted a number of times numbers have constrained the Trust in driving the change it has suggested it wants. By increasing to 10 this further allows more folk to get involved and ease some of the capacity issues that currently exist

This is a straightforward alignment with established best practice. The Trust should not place arbitrary limits on its own potential.

Trust board comments on Resolution 2 statement

For the purposes of clarification we can comment on a number of the points raised in the supporting statement:

1. There is no standard number of Trust board numbers set by the FSA, who just set out an overall template and allow each board to set their own numbers.
2. There is certainly no requirement to have a maximum of 10 and that is certainly not a "widely adopted governance norm" of our peers. For example, of the 23 teams we will face in the Championship next season 14 have active Trusts and only two have 10 board members compared to five who have 9 like us. Of the others, four have 8, one has 7, one has 12 and one has 20.
3. As the proposer states the Trust has run effectively with 8 or 9 members in the past and we see no reason to change the cap of 9 we have operated with for some years. Resolution 1 doesn't reduce this, it retains it.
4. Numbers on the board have not caused any restrictions on the Trust activities or initiatives. There is a power in the rules to co-opt up to 3 other board members if there is a specialist skill needed with the skills needed not already available on the board or from volunteers.
5. One third of current Board members stand for re-election each year. Invitations to join the board have always been offered each year. If applicant numbers exceed available spaces, then elections are held and results are overseen and verified by an independent scrutineer.

PLEASE USE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE

We would urge all members to exercise their right to vote, particularly as special resolutions like the two set out above require 75% of those voting to approve them. Trust members who cannot make the AGM in person may instruct the AGM Chair to vote on their behalf by returning your instructions by voting 'for' or 'against' both Resolutions via a new email address we have set up for this purpose: resolutions@ccfctrust.org

All votes will be counted subject to review by an independent scrutineer.