

	EXPLANATION
13 Termination of Membership	<p>At WI level members no longer have the power to remove a committee member.</p> <p>The new rules for ending membership include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Death • Failure to pay the subscription within the period set by the NFWI. • Termination by Committee / Federation trustees where the continued membership of the person is contrary to the best interests of the WI. <p>The procedure for this is set out in the revised Constitution on page 6 and in the WI Handbook on pages 73 -74 . Also, this power does not allow a Committee/ Federation trustees to terminate the member's membership of other WIs and it does not prohibit members from joining other WIs.</p>
15 – 17 Membership of multiple Women's Institutes	<p>The term 'dual members' is no longer used as it does not reflect the fact that a woman can be a member of more than two Women's Institutes. So, the new term is 'multi-member'.</p> <p>A multi-member can sit on the committee of any/ all of her WIs and may hold any role on those committees. No need for a byelaw.</p> <p>A multi-member can vote on all matters within all her WIs including national matters such as Public Affairs resolutions.</p> <p>The only restriction for multi-members is that they can only be appointed as a WI link delegate for their primary WI, i.e. they cannot represent their additional WIs.</p>
18 – 20 Subscriptions	<p>WIs can set the WI portion of the subscription up to the upper limit set by NFWI.</p> <p>Members of multiple WIs pay:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The WI portion of the subscription for <u>each</u> WI that they are a member of. • The Federation and National Federation portion of the subscription for her Primary WI only.
21 - 24 Role and number of Committee Members	<p>The minimum number of committee members remains at 3, with no upper limit.</p>

	The total number of co-opted committee members must form less than 1/3 of the number of elected committee members.
25 – 26 Eligibility for Committee Members	To be eligible to be a Committee Member, the candidate must be a WI Member; not be under the voting age ; must have paid their subscriptions and must not be employed by this WI.
27 - 34 Election, appointment and retirement of Committee Members and 35 – 41 Officers	Procedures are set out and are self – explanatory.
43 Disqualification and Removal of Committee Members	<p>Rule 43(e) contains a general power for the Committee to remove a Committee Member at a meeting. The Committee Member being removed must receive 14 days’ notice of such a resolution and has a right to be heard.</p> <p>This provision can be useful when a person’s continued trusteeship is not in the best interests of the charity.</p> <p>Members no longer have the power to remove a Committee Member at a Special Meeting.</p>
51 Delegates for Federation and National Federation Meetings	Committees can decide how to organise elections for Delegates. There does not have to be a secret ballot.
63 and 64 Irregularities	Provisions which preserve the validity of a decision - even if it is later discovered that accidentally proper procedure was not followed.
73 Pooling of Fares	This rule now clarifies that Federations and WIs may also agree to share other costs (such as accommodation) of attending any in-person meetings of the National Federation.
76 and 77 Enlargement	<p>One option for a WI considering suspension, is to join with another WI – this process is called enlargement.</p> <p>A new rule has been included regarding who determines the name and committee composition of an enlarged WI.</p>