

The RKC provided their feedback to the SGM voted proposed rules on 4<sup>th</sup> December. All the rules and codes are approved, other than three rules where they have requested some of the wording to be removed. As the changes are mandated by the RKC, we have amended the rules from the SGM accordingly, for immediate adoption. For your information, the changes required by the RKC to rules 52, 53 and 67 are set out below together with the final version. The text shaded grey is to be removed and the effect is self-explanatory.

*PROPOSED RULES – text in grey required to be removed by RKC instruction.*

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