

Standing Orders – CAMRA Conference 2026

1. Motions

1.1 The proposer of a motion may speak for up to five minutes.

1.2 The motion shall be formally seconded and the seconder may reserve the right to speak at any point in the debate.

1.3 All subsequent speakers on a motion, or amendment(s) to it, may speak for up to three minutes.

1.4 Should a speech in opposition have been made, the proposer, or the seconder, has the right to sum up at the end of debate for up to three minutes.

1.5 No speaker, other than the person with responsibility for the motion, may address Conference more than once on a motion or amendment.

1.6 The Chairman has discretion over the number of speakers called on any motion or amendment.

1.7 Any speaker who has a business or financial interest in any motion, either directly, or indirectly through any member of his/her immediate family, shall declare such interest prior to speaking on that motion.

1.8 Where the motion before Conference arises from a Policy Discussion Group and consists of separate clauses, each clause shall be voted upon separately.

2. Amendment(s) to motions

2.1 Amendment(s) to any motion shall be submitted in writing to Conference Procedures Committee, preferably prior to the meeting of Conference Procedures Committee held immediately before Conference. Amendment(s) must name the proposer and seconder of the amendment, and shall be debated subject to the decision of Conference Procedures Committee at the meeting.

2.2 In exceptional circumstances, amendments may be submitted in writing to the Chairman of Conference Procedures Committee during the debate.

2.3 The proposer of an amendment has no right to sum up the debate on that amendment.

2.4 If an amendment is carried, debate will resume on the motion as amended.

2.5 If an amendment is accepted by the proposers of a motion, then that motion (as amended) remains the responsibility of the original proposers.

2.6 If an amendment is not accepted by the proposers, but is adopted on a vote by Conference, then the responsibility for the amended motion shall pass to the Conference. Debate will then resume on the motion as amended. The right to sum up then lies with the proposer of the amendment.

3. Overriding motions

3.1 At any point after a motion has been proposed and seconded, the following Motion may be moved and put to the meeting, by any member other than the Chairman, at the Chairman's discretion:

3.1(a) "That the Conference proceed to next business".

3.1(b) "That the question be now put".

3.1(c) “That the motion be remitted to the National Executive for further consideration”.

3.2 If the Chairman accepts a motion under 3.1, then that motion shall be put to the vote immediately without discussion save that if the Chairman accepts a motion under 3.1(c), the proposer of the original motion has the right of comment for up to a minute as to why the motion should not be remitted, before the vote is taken.

4. Points of information, explanation or order

At the Chairman’s discretion, the following may be raised succinctly at any time:

4.1 Point of information

A member may ask for factual information to be provided that is critical to a point under debate, including a request to the speaker to declare any interest in the motion, as set out under Standing Order 1.7 above.

4.2 Point of personal explanation

A member who believes that (s)he has been misrepresented in debate may ask to be allowed to clarify points raised.

4.3 Point of order

A member may seek guidance as to whether Standing Orders and/or the Campaign’s Articles of Association are being transgressed during a debate, and can request the Chairman to make a ruling.

5. Outstanding motion(s)

Motion(s) outstanding at the close of Conference business shall be remitted to the National Executive for consideration, and the proposers of any motion so remitted may submit written evidence in support of the motion for consideration by the National Executive.

6. Chairman's decision

The decision of the Chairman on all matters of policy and, with the concurrence of Conference Procedures Committee, on the interpretation of these Standing Orders, shall be final.

7. Acceptance of Order Paper

As a condition precedent to the commencement of debate on the motions, Conference shall accept the order of debate as set out in the Order Paper.

8. Behaviour

8.1 Anyone found to be behaving in an abusive, offensive or disruptive manner while Conference is in session may be removed from the meeting for the duration of that session; this is to be at the discretion of the Chairman.

8.2 The proceedings of Conference shall not:

1. be recorded using audio or video equipment or
2. be rebroadcast by any means whatsoever,

except that the Campaign's staff may:

- i. make a recording
- ii. transmit electronically decisions on motions together with brief explanations for those decisions, and other Conference business

- iii. transmit live keynote speeches
- iv. broadcast by any other measures that the Campaign deems necessary

Any breach of this standing order may be dealt with under 8.1 or if necessary the Campaign's disciplinary processes.

9. Emergency motions

The definition of an emergency motion adopted by Conference Procedures Committee is:

"A motion relating to a major campaigning issue raised by an event occurring between the closing date for receipt of motions and noon on the day of the meeting of Conference Procedures Committee prior to Conference (in 2026, Friday 17 April)".

10. Voting at Conference

10.1 All votes at Conference shall be by a show of hands, and an online platform, in terms of Articles 43 and 44 of the Articles of Association.

10.2 Tellers may be called at the Chairman's discretion.