

Penya Blaugrana London Statutes



Chapter I. Denomination, goals and official premises

Article 1 – Penya Blaugrana London

Penya number 0385 (“**Penya Blaugrana London of Great Britain**” or “**PBL**”) is an unincorporated association domiciled in London, England which follows and abides by the laws of England and Wales. A select group of Members (defined in Article 4) have been elected to ensure the competent running and maintenance of PBL. The collective group of the select Members is called the PBL Board (“the **Board**”) and each individual member of the Board is a “**Board Member**”. Article 13(1) shall provide the composition of the Board.

Article 2 – PBL objectives

1. The purpose of PBL is to fundamentally promote, maintain and improve the friendship amongst FC Barcelona socis and other sympathisers of FC Barcelona.
2. PBL will support FC Barcelona by collaborating with its initiatives related to encouraging the practice, diffusion and exhibition of football and other sports.
3. PBL aims to promote and participate in the social, cultural, artistic, scientific and/or entertainment activities necessary to maintain the representation and the public projection of FC Barcelona.
4. PBL may organise collective trips for its Members in order to facilitate the objectives in Article 2. PBL will perform other entertainment, social, institutional, cultural or sport-related acts that are deemed convenient and necessary to improve the relationship amongst its Members, third parties, the social significance of PBL, and the projection of FC Barcelona.
5. Any involvement with PBL for lucrative purposes (directly or indirectly) are expressly prohibited.

Article 3 – PBL addresses

1. The postal address of PBL is the address registered with FC Barcelona to receive correspondence from the club. The postal address must always be in the Greater London area.
2. The social address of PBL is the place where the principal activity of PBL takes place. PBL can have more than one social address. All social addresses must always be in Zone 1 of Central London. The social addresses of PBL will be listed on www.pblondon.org (“the **PBL Website**”) and may change from time to time.
3. A decision to change the postal address can be changed by a resolution passed by the Board. Such a decision will need to be retrospectively ratified at the next General Assembly by Ordinary Resolutions, as defined below in Article 3(4).
4. The social address can be proposed by the Board but cannot be approved solely by a Board resolution. The proposed social address change can only be implemented when passed by an Ordinary Resolution¹, as defined in section 282(1) of the United Kingdom’s Companies Act 2006 (more than 50% of the voting Members voting in favour of the proposal), at the General Assembly. For avoidance of doubt, the social address change cannot be implemented prior to being approved by the General Assembly.

¹ All references to an Ordinary Resolution shall have the same meaning as specified in section 282(1) of the United Kingdom’s Companies Act 2006.

Chapter II. Members of PBL, their rights and obligations

Article 4 – Becoming a Member and retaining membership status

1. If a Prospective Member successfully meets the criteria specified in Article 4(2), that individual will become a member of PBL (“a **Member**”).
2. Any person can request to be part of PBL (“**Prospective Member**”) by providing a written request to the Board and/ or the following conditions are met:
 - a) an application form is completed by the Prospective Member and sent to PBL via the relevant PBL Website link or any web application communicated to Members by the Board. The information contained in the form must be accurate and truthful;
 - b) The Prospective Member must pay the relevant fee listed on the application form (“**Membership Fee**”) at the time of submitting their application form to a Board Member in person or via bank transfer to the account details listed on the application form;
 - c) If the Prospective Member is a minor (younger than 16 years old) then parental or guardian consent must be provided in the application form;
 - d) The Prospective Member must never have been expelled from any Official FC Barcelona Penya or an FC Barcelona Penya which is in the process of being registered as an Official FC Barcelona Penya; and
 - e) The Prospective Member must never have been involved in any form of sports violence, anti-social behaviour and/or hooliganism.
3. The Board, at its discretion, can accept Prospective Members that do not meet the criteria listed in Article 4(2).
4. The Board reserves the right to name honorary members of PBL. These honorary members are not required to pay the Membership Fee however they will not have any voting rights, as given to Members, in the General Assembly to ratify any decisions made by the Board. Should the honorary member pay the Membership Fee, the honorary member shall then convert into a Member and will obtain all the rights granted to a Member.
5. A Member shall remain a Member from the date the criteria in Article 4(2) was successfully met until the end of the PBL Season (as defined in Article 25(3)).
6. Should the Member pay the fee for the next PBL Season to renew their status as a Member (“the **Renewal Fee**”), as specified on the application form, the Member will continue to remain a Member until the end date of that PBL Season.
7. Failure to pay the Membership Fee or, as applicable, the Renewal Fee, by the due date reasonably communicated by the Board, implies that the Member no longer wishes to be a Member.
8. Should a Member no longer wish to be a Member, the period of time for which the Member was involved with PBL shall be lost.

Article 5 – Rights of Members

Members shall have the following rights:

1. Right to vote on Board decisions put forward at the General Assembly and in Board elections. This right does not extend to Members below the age of 16 years and/or Members who have not been Members for a minimum of 3 calendar months;
2. Right to run in an election to serve as a PBL representative or Board Member. This right does not extend to Members below the age of 16 years and/or Members who have not been Members for a minimum of 6 calendar months or longer for certain Board Member positions;
3. Right to participate in the governing, management, services and activities of PBL faithfully and in compliance with applicable legal requirements.
4. Right to recommend to the Board, and other Members at a General Assembly, suggestions that might help enhance PBL and facilitate the achieving of its objectives;
5. Right to request and obtain answers, within a reasonable timeframe, regarding the running of PBL from the Board;
6. Right to be heard in front of both the Board or General Assembly, as applicable, before the implementation of any kind of disciplinary measures against the Member;
7. Right to receive information about PBL activities;
8. Right to participate in common services belonging to or available to PBL;

9. Right to participate in any working groups taking place in order to further enhance PBL objectives and aims;
10. Right to obtain a copy of the statutes; and
11. Right to openly, and respectfully, express their opinion on PBL matters.

Article 5B - Ticketing Rules

1. The Penya Blaugrana London Ticket Rules , and as amended from time to time, is a document that sets out the distribution rules surrounding PBL Tickets amongst Members.
2. A PBL Ticket is a ticket allocated to PBL by FC Barcelona for an event (including but not limited to FC Barcelona matches).
3. The Penya Blaugrana London Ticket Rules 2019 also provides the terms and conditions that all Members receiving a PBL Ticket must accept and abide by.
4. A decision to change the Penya Blaugrana London Ticket Rules 2019 can be proposed by the Board. The proposed change and/or amendments can only be officially implemented when ratified by an Ordinary Resolution of the Members at the General Assembly in the year following the Board proposal.

Article 6 – Member duties

Members have the duty to:

1. Actively participate and support PBL in obtaining its objectives;
2. Contribute to the maintenance of PBL with payment of the Renewal Fee, and other economic support dictated by the statutes;
3. Comply with all other relevant, reasonable, PBL obligations that may arise from time to time;
4. Accept and comply with all decisions taken by the Board, the World Penyes Federation and/or FC Barcelona;
5. Communicate any changes to their personal details (address, name, email address, etc) so that PBL has up to date information in order to comply with the relevant data protection laws;
6. Be respectful with ideas, suggestions and/or recommendations expressed by other Members and/or the Board. Members are permitted to disagree with ideas, suggestions and/or recommendations expressed by other Members, but such disagreement must be made with respect in order to maintain harmony within PBL; and
7. communicate any issues the Member may have with PBL prior to escalating such issue to regulatory bodies and/or governing bodies. Members nevertheless shall reserve their right to raise an issue to regulatory bodies and/or governing bodies if relevant.

Article 7 – How membership status can be lost/terminated/cancelled

1. PBL reserves the right to revoke the membership status of a Member for the following reasons specified in Article 7(3).
2. A Member reserves the right to cancel their membership at anytime. Should a Member wish to cancel their membership, they must send their notice to cancel their membership in writing to the PBL Email Address. The Board, at its sole discretion, reserves the right to issue a refund of the relevant fee to the Member who has cancelled their membership.
3. PBL can revoke the membership status of a Member for the following reasons:
 - a. If a Member has not paid their Renewal Fees by relevant due date;
 - b. If a Member violates and/or breaches of these applicable PBL Statutes;
 - c. If a Member demonstrates racist, sexist, xenophobic and/or other discriminatory or prejudicial behaviour or behaviour that can reasonably be construed as racist, sexist, xenophobic, discriminatory and/or prejudicial in nature, in any form, as determined by the Board;
 - d. If a Member engages in any threatening and/or actual physical violence at any PBL event and/or organised event (for avoidance of doubt, this also includes FC Barcelona matches);
 - e. If a Member verbally assaults another Member and/or Board Member.

Chapter III. General Assembly

Article 8 – The General Assembly

1. The General Assembly is the highest governmental platform of PBL. All Members have the inherent right to participate in the General Assembly.
2. All Members, who are entitled to vote in the General Assembly, can make a proposal for the other Members to vote on at the General Assembly. Proposals made by Members, that are not on the Board, must be made by the relevant deadline, reasonably communicated, by the Board.
3. Any proposals to amend the PBL Statutes must be approved by Special Resolution, defined in Article 12(4).
4. All Members are subject to any resolutions approved by the General Assembly, including Members that are absent, disagree or abstain.

Article 9 – Proposals that can be made at the General Assembly

1. The following is a non-exhaustive list of proposals that can be made at the General Assembly:
 - a) Modifications to the PBL Statutes;
 - b) Elections of Board Members;
 - c) Approval of the annual financial statement and the financial activity of the Board;
 - d) Modifications to any future Membership Fees and/or Renewal Fees;
 - e) Approval of the dissolution of PBL;
 - f) Approval of the merger with other associations;
 - g) Ask to change the unincorporated association status of PBL to another type of organisation;
 - h) Approval of the expulsion of any Members with a previous disciplinary hearing;

Article 10 – Timings and scheduling of the General Assembly

1. The General Assembly will take place at least once a year within the months of September to November. In limited circumstances, the General Assembly can take place in the month of December or any other month during the FC Barcelona season however an explanation as to why the General Assembly has taken place during a month outside of September to November will be required by the Board at the beginning of the General Assembly.
2. The Board can call for an extraordinary General Assembly when deemed necessary. Notice of the extraordinary General Assembly must be given in accordance with Article 11(3).
3. An extraordinary General Assembly can also be requested by the Members if at least 10% of the Members request a General Assembly by sending an email to the PBL Email Address with all of the Members agreeing to call the extraordinary General Assembly in copy along with their PBL member numbers.
4. Should the Members comply with Article 10(3), the Board must call a General Assembly within 30 days of receiving the appropriate request by the Members.
5. The General Assembly and/or an extraordinary General Assembly must take place within 30 days of the notice to call the General Assembly.

Article 11 – General Assembly notification and structure

1. The notification for the General Assembly shall be sent via email by the Board to all Members. The notification shall inform the Members of the provisional agenda for the General Assembly, the location for which the General Assembly will take place, the date of the General Assembly and the time of the General Assembly.
2. If the intention of the Board is to make the General Assembly coincide with an FC Barcelona match, the exact date and time of the General Assembly do not need to be announced to all Members until five (5) days after the FC Barcelona match kick-off date and time are published. For the avoidance of doubt, the Board is not obliged to arrange for the General Assembly to be held on an FC Barcelona match day.
3. The Board must give at minimum 30 days notice of the General Assembly being called via email to all Members prior to the General Assembly. The emails will be sent to the Members at the latest contact details provided by them to PBL.
4. Should all of the Members be able to attend the General Assembly in a shorter period of time than 30 days, the General Assembly may take place within this shorter timeframe.
5. The General Assembly shall be chaired by PBL President.

6. In the absence of the PBL President, the PBL Vice-President or, as applicable, the eldest Board Member, in this order, shall chair the General Assembly. The General Assembly Secretary shall always be the PBL Secretary.
7. The PBL Secretary will draft the minutes of each General Assembly. The drafted minutes shall then be signed by the PBL President and the PBL Secretary, with a summarised version of the discussions, the final actions and next steps to be taken, results from each resolution being approved and rejected, and the list of all attending Members.
8. At the start of each General Assembly the agenda will be read. Five (5) days before the General Assembly, however, the agenda, and/or any other documentation and/or proposals that will be discussed and/or voted on by resolution at the General Assembly, must be made available to all Members.

Article 12 – Quorum at the General Assembly and passing proposals at the General Assembly

1. The General Assembly will be quorate regardless of number of attending and represented Members.
2. A Member can transfer their representation and right to vote at the General Assembly to another Member. This request must be formalised in writing to the PBL Secretary at the PBL Email Address. The request must specify which Member has been delegated to vote on the non-attending Member's behalf (the "**Delegate**"), the PBL membership number of Delegate along with the Delegate in copy of that email. A Delegate attending the General Assembly will only be able to represent a maximum of one non-attending Member.
3. Subject to proposals to amend the PBL Statutes, Board dissolutions and Member expulsions, all proposals can be passed by an Ordinary Resolution.
4. Proposals for Board dissolutions and Member expulsion can only be passed by a Special Resolution², as defined under s.283(1) of the UK's Companies Act 2006 (approval must come from not less than 75% of voting Members).
5. A group of five (5) Members, who are entitled to vote, can request the Board to include one or more proposals to the agenda of the General Assembly after the deadline, reasonably communicated by the Board, for proposals for the General Assembly or at the General Assembly. Such proposals will require a Special Resolution at the General Assembly to be approved. If the General Assembly has already been announced, the period to request proposals to the agenda of the General Assembly must take place within the first 1/3 period from the official announcement of the General Assembly and the date of the General Assembly.
6. If the General Assembly needs to elect the Board, and multiple candidates are presented, the candidate with the most votes shall be elected for the Board Member position they campaigned for.

Chapter IV. The Board

Article 13 – the Board composition

1. The Board is responsible for governing, managing and representing PBL. The Board must have, at minimum, the following positions:
 - a. a PBL President;
 - b. a PBL Secretary;
 - c. a PBL Treasurer; and
 - d. two additional PBL Board Members.The Board can exercise the option to have a PBL Vice-President. If no Vice-President is named, the eldest Board Member will be the acting Vice-President as and when required.
2. Subject to where there is no PBL Vice-President like in the example in Article 13(1), all of the positions listed in Article 13(1) must be held by different individual Members. For the avoidance of doubt, unless there is a situation like there is in the example in Article 13(1), the same Member cannot act as more than one of the positions listed in Article 13(1).

Article 14 – Electing the Board

² All references to a Special Resolution shall have the same meaning as specified in section 283(1) of the United Kingdom's Companies Act 2006

1. The Board is elected for a period of two years, and can be elected for subsequent years.
2. The Board, or its individual Board Members, can be dissolved, or removed from their elected role as a Board Member, before the end of the two-year term due to the following reasons:
 - a) Voluntary resignation of all Board Members or one individual Board Member with a written statement explaining the reasons;
 - b) Illness to an individual Board Member that makes it practically impossible to carry out their Board Member duties;
 - c) If a Board Member is no longer being a Member; and/or
 - d) A failure by the Board or a Board Member to comply with its/their responsibilities in accordance with the Ordinary Resolution and/or Special Resolution made at a General Assembly.
3. Any Board vacancies for positions listed in Article 13(1) must be up for election at the next General Assembly. In the interim period, any Member and/or Board Member not in a position listed in 13(1), can temporarily perform the duties of the vacant position listed in Article 13(1).
4. If the PBL President and half of the acting Board resign, the Board will be dissolved and an interim group of Members (the "**Interim Committee**") will take charge.
5. The Interim Committee will be comprised of the five (5) eldest Members, excluding departing Board Members.
6. This Interim Committee will immediately call a General Assembly and/or elections to choose another Board in accordance with Article 11(3), and will perform any Board duties as reasonably deemed necessary during the interim period.
7. All Board Members must be elected by a secret vote at the PBL social address as listed on the PBL Website. The vote must be in person and Members cannot transfer their votes. Only Members aged 16 and over, who have been Members for more than three (3) months can vote.
8. Elections may take place on a FC Barcelona match day, during a PBL organised event or any other time deemed appropriate by the Board.
9. Elections, for any reason, cannot take place 30 days after the General Assembly.
10. At minimum 30 days prior notice to all Members via the same method specified in Article 11(3) must be given before any elections can take place.
11. All candidates must officially announce their running for candidacy to the PBL Secretary, at minimum, 15 days prior to the elections.
12. The positions of new, and departing, Boards must be signed and executed by the departing PBL Secretary and PBL President and must also be communicated to FC Barcelona.

Article 15 – Duties of the Board

1. The Board shall have the following duties:
 - a) To govern, manage and represent PBL within the boundaries of the law, with reasonable skill and competence, and to carry out the approved resolutions by the General Assembly;
 - b) Make appropriate agreements with third parties on behalf of PBL and to take legal action to defend the interests of PBL as necessary;
 - c) Appropriately propose any increases or decreases in Membership Fees and/or Renewal Fees to the General Assembly;
 - d) Call the General Assembly on behalf of the Members and to ensure approved resolutions are implemented;
 - e) Present the financial statement from the previous financial year to the General Assembly for the General Assembly to vote to approve it;
 - f) Prepare the PBL budget for subsequent financial year;
 - g) Hire any necessary employees for PBL;
 - h) Review the financial management of PBL and ensure PBL services function normally;
 - i) Create working groups to achieve the goals of PBL in the most efficient manner and to competently and reasonably authorise any activities these working groups might propose;
 - j) Appoint appropriate Board Members that will take responsibility of the management of the working groups, in agreement with the working group;
 - k) Arrange, as necessary, for:
 - grants, loans or other financial assistance for PBL; and
 - a premise that can be used to as a place of socialisation for PBL Members;
 - l) Open bank and saving accounts at any reasonably reputable financial institutions, and manage PBL funds in accordance with Article 27; and

- m) Provisionally resolve any other issues not highlighted in the PBL Statutes and report on such issues at the next General Assembly.
2. The Board shall have the authority to establish relationships with other penyas (“**Kinship Relationships**”).
3. Kinship Relationships are special mutual relationships with another penya(s) on the basis of common understanding and attitude towards FCB and the penyistic movement. Kinship Relationships are made public and usually well known by other penyas.
4. In order to establish a relationship with another penya(s) as stated in Article 15(2), such decision must be approved by an Ordinary Resolution from the Members at a General Assembly, prior to entering into such a relationship.
5. Board Members must not disclose any confidential information in relation to PBL, even after departing from the Board.
6. Board Members act voluntarily on behalf of PBL. Board Members can be reimbursed for any reasonable expenses approved by the Board.

Article 16 – Calling Board meetings

1. The Board will meet when deemed necessary throughout the year, but must meet at least once before each General Assembly.
2. Board meetings must be called by the PBL President, or the Board Member/Member officially substituting in for the PBL President, when deemed necessary by its Members.
3. A Board meeting can only be called on reasonable prior advance notice.

Article 17 – Board meeting scheduling and structure

1. A Board meeting will be quorate if the majority of the Board Members are present and able to attend.
2. Board Members are required to attend all Board meetings. Notwithstanding the aforementioned statement, in the event a Board Member is unable to attend a Board meeting, the Board Member can delegate their vote, should one be held, to another Board member.
3. The PBL Secretary must attend all Board meetings. In the event the PBL Secretary cannot attend a Board meeting, another Board Member will be required to fulfil the role of the PBL Secretary for that Board meeting.
4. All resolutions taken in a Board meeting can be passed by a simple majority.
5. Board Members must exercise their duties with diligence, loyalty and reasonable competence.

Article 18 – Delegation of duties by the Board

1. The Board can delegate their authority into one or several commissions or working groups if agreed by at least 75% of the Board Members.
2. The Board can appoint one or more Members to manage the commission or working group if agreed by at least 75% of the Board Members.

Article 19 – Board administrative tasks and documenting of meeting minutes

1. All resolutions passed in a Board meeting must be documented in the Board meeting minutes.
2. All Board meeting minutes must be signed by the PBL Secretary and the PBL President.
3. Before the commencement of each Board meeting, the Board meeting minutes from the previous Board meeting must be read in order to be approved or rectified if needed.

Chapter V. The President and Vice President

Article 20 – Presidential duties

1. The PBL President has the following duties:
 - a) Lead and represent PBL and the Board in a legally compliant manner;
 - b) Lead any debates and/or discussions in the General Assembly and in Board meetings;
 - c) Make a casting vote in any deadlocked resolutions at either the General Assembly and/or in Board Meetings;

- d) Determine, in conjunction with the Board, when to call the General Assembly and Board meetings;
 - e) Approve the meeting minutes (of both the General Assembly and Board meetings) and any other relevant documentation, in the best interests of PBL, requested by the PBL Secretary;
 - f) All the other necessary requirements of the position as determined from time to time and those that the General Assembly or the Board decide to confer.
2. Should the PBL President be unable to act for any of their duties as and when required, the Vice-President or, as relevant, the eldest PBL Member shall replace him (in that order).
 3. With the approval of a Special Resolution in the General Assembly, and an Ordinary Resolution by the Board, the PBL President shall have the authority to apply to acquire intellectual property rights on behalf of PBL (hereafter "**PBL Intellectual Property**").
 4. Subject to Article 20(3), as PBL is an unincorporated association and cannot legally hold property and/or intellectual property, the PBL President covenants to do the following:
 - a. register any PBL Intellectual Property in their own name on behalf of PBL and all of its Members;
 - b. hold any PBL Intellectual Property on trust for PBL and all of its Members;
 - c. within a period of 30 days of the next incoming PBL President being elected, arrange for the transfer/assignment of all PBL Intellectual Property (registered and unregistered) held on trust for PBL and all of its Members to the next incoming PBL President after the next incoming PBL President has been elected.
 5. Should the outgoing PBL President not transfer and/or assign the PBL Intellectual Property (registered and unregistered) to the next incoming PBL President, within the timeframe specified in Article 20(4)(c), the incoming PBL President, acting reasonably and with competence, on behalf of the Members and PBL, reserves the right to bring a legal claim (and, if necessary, request an injunction) against the outgoing PBL President in order to require him to transfer/assign any PBL Intellectual Property to the incoming PBL President.
 6. Should the circumstances in Article 20(5) take place, and the incoming PBL President does not acquire the PBL Intellectual Property from the outgoing PBL President, at the following General Assembly after the transfer of any PBL Intellectual Property should have taken place, the incoming Board must offer the Members a chance to pass a resolution, which can be passed by Ordinary Resolution, requiring the incoming PBL President to bring a claim against the outgoing PBL President to transfer all PBL Intellectual Property to the incoming PBL President.
 7. Should the circumstances in Article 20(5) and/or Article 20(6) take place, the outgoing PBL President shall indemnify the incoming PBL President, acting on behalf of the Members and PBL, against any and all losses, damages, administrative fees and costs (including but not limited to legal costs) incurred by the incoming PBL President, acting on behalf of the Members and PBL, on an indemnity basis.
 8. The PBL President, and PBL Vice-President, must have been Members for a period of not less than one (1) year.

Chapter VI. The Treasurer and Secretary

Article 21 – Duties of the Treasurer

1. The PBL Treasurer looks after and controls PBL financial resources. Additionally, the PBL Treasurer is responsible for drafting the yearly budget, financial reports, book keeping, and approving the payment of any Member Fees or other treasury-related documents.
2. The PBL Treasurer shall pay the relevant invoices and expenses approved by the Board and the PBL President and also manage the PBL bank and saving accounts.
3. The PBL Treasurer must have been a Member for a period of not less than one (1) year.

Article 22 – Duties of the Secretary

1. The PBL Secretary is responsible for the documentation of PBL.
2. The PBL Secretary must draft and sign the minutes of the General Assembly and any Board meetings.
3. As an when required, the PBL Secretary shall draft and authorise any certificates that might be needed.
4. The PBL Secretary shall be responsible for the safe keeping of the register of Members.

5. The PBL Secretary must have been a Member for a period of not less than one (1) year.

Chapter VII. The Commissions and Working Groups.

Article 23

1. The creation and constitution of any commissions and/or working group needs to be proposed by the Members that wish to participate in it. The Members who wish to participate in such groups need to inform the Board and explain the activities and goals of such groups in writing.
2. The Board have the discretion to approve of such commissions and/or working groups by simple majority at a Board meeting.
3. If approved by the Board, the Members participating in such commissions and/or working groups, and their representatives, must present a monthly written report on the work they have carried out to the Board.

Chapter VIII. Financial Regime

Article 24 – PBL financial composition

1. PBL has no foundational capital.
2. The economic resources of PBL are:
 - a. The Member Fees and Renewal Fees, as determined by the General Assembly
 - b. Any public or private grants;
 - c. Any donations or inheritances;
 - d. Any interest generated by PBL resources and/or derived benefits

Article 25 – Financial support for PBL

1. All Members have the duty to support PBL financially, via Member Fees, Renewal Fees and/or other payments as reasonably decided at the General Assembly (collectively “**PBL Support Fees**”).
2. The General Assembly can decide the periodicity of the PBL Support Fees on a monthly basis, quarterly basis, bi-yearly basis, annual basis or any other basis as determined at the General Assembly.
3. A PBL Season commences on 1 June and ends on 31 May in the following year.
4. Members have until 31 August, or any other later date as determined by the Board Members, to pay the Renewal Fee for the following PBL Season.
5. Members will still be able to pay Renewal Fees between 1 September and 15 September of the following PBL Season, but will lose their PBL membership number and period of continuous involvement with PBL.

Article 26

1. The PBL financial accounting period shall commence on 1 July and finish on 30 June in the following year.

Article 27

1. The PBL bank and saving accounts must have the PBL President, PBL Treasurer and PBL Secretary as signatories.
2. To withdraw funds from either the PBL bank and/or savings accounts, a minimum of two signatures, from the relevant Board Members in Article 27(1) are required. At least one of the two signatures must be from either the PBL Treasurer or the PBL President.
3. All bank / savings and HMRC accounts belonging to PBL shall be registered with the PBL President as the named director and primary account holder. The PBL Treasurer shall be appointed as an authorised third-party account holder. All accounts must be registered using the PBL President's credentials and the PBL President is responsible for the overall maintenance of these accounts. The PBL Treasurer shall be responsible for managing day-to-day operations, cash flow and overseeing all daily transactions across the accounts mentioned in this Article 27(3).

Chapter IX. Disciplinary regime.

Article 28 – Disciplinary process

1. The Board can take disciplinary action against Members that do not fulfil their obligations and/or breach their obligations as listed in Article 6 and Article 7.
2. Sanctions against Members can be categorised as ‘minor’, ‘serious’ or ‘very serious’. These sanctions can range from a warning to expulsion from PBL.
3. The disciplinary process can commence either by the Board and/or due to a complaint from another Member.
4. The Board shall, at its sole discretion, appoint a Member that will lead the disciplinary hearing and shall recommend a resolution, having heard the accused Member beforehand. The final resolution will be adopted or enforced by the Board.
5. The disciplinary hearing, the location, time and date of which will be reasonably determined by the Board with advance notice to all of the below parties, shall have the following parties:
 - a. the accused Member;
 - b. the Member acting as the independent adjudicator;
 - c. the Board.
6. The sanctioned Member has the right to appeal such decision to the General Assembly for approval on whether the sanctions can be dropped. Sanctions can only be overturned at the General Assembly if passed by a Special Resolution of the Members at the General Assembly.

Chapter X. Dissolution.

Article 29 – Dissolution requirements

1. PBL can be dissolved if agreed by a Special Resolution at the General Assembly.

Article 30 – Dissolution and liquidation process

1. Once the dissolution has been agreed, the General Assembly must appoint a commission to commence the dissolution process and take appropriate actions to liquidate the goods, any relevant rights of PBL and complete any reasonably necessary actions.
2. The General Assembly can choose to appoint a liquidator, if necessary. Fees for which shall come out of the PBL bank account.
3. Members are exempt of any personal liability. Their liability is strictly limited to the duties that they have voluntarily accepted.
4. The remaining PBL goods must be delivered directly to the FC Barcelona Foundation, or to any other non-profit organisation with goals similar to those determined by the General Assembly by an Ordinary Resolution.
5. If the General Assembly does not appoint a liquidator, the liquidation and execution of the agreements taken in this Article are a responsibility of the Board.

Chapter XI. The Penya Blaugrana London Flag

Article 31 – Rights in the PBL Flag and Member consents with PBL flag

1. Members acknowledge and accept that all intellectual property rights (registered and unregistered) that subsist and/or are later created in the PBL flag (and/or any other PBL logos and word marks) are the sole property of PBL and/or the relevant acting PBL President who is holding any applicable intellectual property rights on trust for PBL.
2. At the sole discretion of the Board, the PBL flag may be lent to Members to take with them to various FC Barcelona events and/or meetings with other penyas. If the PBL flag is lent to a Member, the relevant Member shall take full responsibility (including paying any applicable costs to repair the state of the PBL flag as reasonably determined by the Board) for the PBL flag and

shall return the PBL flag back to a member of the Board as soon as possible after the relevant FC Barcelona event and/or meeting with other penyas is finished.

3. When taking a photograph and/or video with the PBL flag, Members taking a photograph and/or video with the PBL flag, grant PBL, and other third parties authorised by PBL, a free of charge, irrevocable, non-exclusive, licence to use, reproduce, alter and make copies of that photograph and/or video for purposes including, but not limited to, marketing, and social media communications.
4. Save for situations whereby the PBL flag is used in photographs and/or videos in a defamatory, promotion of illegal activity, discriminatory, and/or any other unacceptable way, as reasonably determined by the Board, PBL shall grant Members a revocable licence to use the intellectual property rights subsisting in the PBL flag in any photos and/or videos.