

Undeb Gorawl Gogledd Cymru North Wales Choral Union Rules & Regulations



1. Purpose

This document describes how the North Wales Choral Union will operate. It sits alongside the constitution formally adopted on 17th October 2024 and in no way replaces or changes any of the detail it contains.

2. Membership of NWCU

Section 3 of the constitution details membership of NWCU. NWCU members are those individuals who have voting rights and should gather for the AGM. Other may join the members to sing as part of a choir for rehearsals and performances.

The constitution details how membership is to be recorded and controlled by the trustees with members being 'approved by the trustees' (section 3). Section 12 also details how the trustees can agree to bye-laws and rules regarding membership.

We therefore determine that members of the NWCU are all those individuals who have an active membership of one of the individual affiliated choirs.

However, it is to be noted that the constitution details how the NWCU trustees can remove individual members from NWCU, and the above agreement does not replace this right and opportunity should the NWCU trustees determine that a member of an affiliate choir is no longer able to be a member of NWCU.

3. Affiliate Choirs

At the time that these Rules and Regulations were adopted, the North Wales Choral Union comprises of three affiliated choirs:

Mold & District Choral Society
St Asaph Choral Society
Cor Cymysg Dyffryn Conwy

The North Wales Choral Union would like to see choristers from all over North Wales join with us in performing and singing together. Should another choir wish to become affiliated to the union, then this shall be considered by the committee, having received written confirmation by officers of that choir. In the case that there is a shared desire for that affiliation to come to be, then this Rules and Regulations document should be re-drafted and agreed by representatives of the new affiliation.

It is expected that all affiliate choirs encourage their choristers to attend NWCU rehearsals and performances, and communicate all necessary NWCU news to their members. It is expected that NWCU committee members share news with the committees of the affiliated choirs and foster that encouragement amongst the choirs to participate in NWCU opportunities.

4. Annual General Meeting

The AGM of the NWCU will usually be held in February each year, generally preceding the arranged NWCU Come and Sing event. Notice will be given of this meeting, through the affiliated choirs.

5. Committee Members and Trustees

The constitution details how all committee members are to serve as trustees. They are to be elected at the AGM, as laid out in the constitution. For the good order and fair representation of the choir it shall be suggested to the AGM and the individuals involved, that the chair and treasurer of each of the affiliated choirs be NWCU committee members. A third representative of each choir would also maintain a useful balance, and provide opportunity for the NWCU officers to not be officer holders in affiliated choirs. This should also enable at least one member from each of the affiliated choirs to attend each committee meeting, which would be essential for making good decisions.

For the avoidance of doubt, the constitution details that NWCU Committee Members cannot be employed by NWCU. Therefore, the musical director, conductor and/or accompanists, or any other individual in receipt of payments cannot serve as a committee member. The conductor is to be invited to each meeting in an advisory capacity as a guest.

6. Fees

When the NWCU arranges rehearsals, concerts and events, individual choristers will be invited to pay a fee to cover costs incurred and to support the work and charitable aims of NWCU. It is hoped that on each occasion the gathered choir will comprise members of the affiliated choirs, guests from other choirs, and individuals who wish to join us.

The committee will determine appropriate fees to set on each occasion. It is for the committee to decide if two fees apply - one for affiliate choir members, and a different fee for guests.

These Rules and Regulation were agreed at a meeting held on 17th October 2024

Signed by the NWCU chair-person:

Signed by a representative of Mold & District Choral Society:

Signed by a representative of St Asaph Choral Society:

Signed by a representative of Cor Dyffryn Conwy: