

Rule changes process

Momentum is holding a process to decide rule changes (known as constitutional amendments in the rulebook) which allows members to contribute their ideas into the process. A working group representing the NCG will develop rule changes in consultation with other left organisations, and will recommend a set of rule changes to the NCG for support. Once agreed, the rule changes will be circulated to the Momentum membership.

Stages

Stage 1

Before beginning, members are strongly encouraged to read the [guidance on the 3 year rule here](#). Momentum members are able to submit rule changes into the process as individuals or on behalf of local groups. Members can submit ideas for rule changes, they do not necessarily have to be fully drafted. They can do this by [logging into My Momentum here](#).

Stage 2

Momentum shall hold a discussion meeting to brainstorm ideas early on in the process. This will not be a decision-making meeting.

Stage 3

A working group representing Momentum's National Coordinating Group shall collate all submissions, and decide what to support, and where appropriate draft rule changes accordingly. This shall be done following discussions with key stakeholders, and where appropriate, following legal advice. The working group shall consider the following criteria:

- a) Potential for the rule changes to empower party members.
- b) Procedural issues, particularly the 3 year rule ([see guidance here](#))
- c) Positions of allies and possibilities for winning vote on rule changes.
- d) Any legal issues that may arise.
- e) Rule change ideas which are extremely popular (i.e. which receive a large number of submissions)

The working group shall then submit these rule changes to the NCG for agreement. Once agreed the rule changes shall be circulated to Momentum members.

Timetable

Month	Labour Party	Momentum process
Jan	CLPs allowed to submit rule changes	Launch (Timeline and guidance sent to Momentum members) on Tuesday 19th Jan Members can submit ideas as individuals or on behalf of groups.
Feb	CLPs allowed to submit Conference rule changes	Meeting to brainstorm ideas on Monday Feb 8th at 6pm. Deadline for submissions is midday on Tuesday Feb 23rd NCG Working Group assesses contributions, drafts rule changes.
March	CLPs allowed to submit Conference rule changes	NCG Working Group assesses contributions, drafts rule changes, submits recommendations to NCG. Momentum circulates rule changes late March/early April.
April	CLPs allowed to submit Conference motions	
May	CLPs debating and passing motions	
June	CLPs debating and passing motions	
August	CLPs debating and passing motions	
Early-Mid September	Deadline for CLPs to submit	NCG decides what to prioritise with preference for motions backed by members.

	CAC categorisation	
Conference	Priorities Ballot Conference debate and vote	Momentum mobilises delegates in favour of the motions.