



2020 AGM Voting System Resolution Brief

The current GI general meeting voting system was developed at a time when Irish Gymnastics (as it was then) was a very small organization consisting of purely voluntary clubs with small memberships and is individually based. Currently an individual adult, student or joint member over 18 can attend & vote at a company general meeting. As GI has grown considerably in recent years this is problematic for a number of reasons...

- Potentially 1000+ members are eligible to attend and vote at general meetings which would be unworkable in terms of both in-person and virtual meetings should all or a large percentage of voting members choose to attend
- It does not reflect the current landscape of GI as a club based organisation whereby 78% of GI membership is owned by 22% of clubs and is open to potential disproportionate influence

Following instruction by the Board in June 2020 the following proposal was developed by the GI governance committee consisting of Ger Rellis (Chair), Ruth Larragy (Board Member), Ciaran Gallagher (CEO) and assisted by GI governance consultant & lawyer Sarah O'Shea (also OFI Secretary General) between July – September 2020. The proposal was presented to the Board on 17th September and was unanimously ratified for presentation to the membership at the upcoming AGM on 1st November 2020. The key summary points of the proposal are as follows...

- Changing from the current individual based voting system to a club-based voting system whereby...
 - Each club will be allowed max 2 x delegates which must be named via online registration process a min of 2 x weeks prior to a meeting with one being nominated as primary delegate (person who votes) and other secondary delegate (votes if first can't attend last min etc.)
 - Voting is on behalf of the club as a member entity to represent the collective interests of the club as a whole. The club must complete the relevant process for approval of club voting position prior to the general meeting (e.g. all voting positions discussed and approved by club Board/Management Committee). Clubs must also confirm with GI via online registration process that they have completed this process when registering club delegates.
 - Each club will vote once for each motion/resolution/Board position via primary delegate (secondary if primary not present) with the voting being weighted with 1 vote for every 100 members in the club (i.e. a club with 100 members is weighted as 1 vote and a club with 1000 members is weighted as 10 votes).
 - A quorum shall be such number of delegates that make up 50% of votes

We believe the proposal as summarized above represents a fair, transparent and consistent system fit for the modern GI. This proposal is aligned to similar club-based systems operated by majority of other sports in Ireland and is also aligned to the systems operated by European Gymnastics, FIG and the International Olympic Committee.