

## SCOTTISH RUGBY UNION

### ELECTION RULES FOR PREMIER AND NATIONAL DIVISIONS FOR ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES TO SCOTTISH RUGBY COUNCIL

1. Elections will only be required every third year in the terms of the SRU Bye-Laws whereby each Council member is elected for a period of three years, except in the event of vacancies arising in the three-year period (see below 4 and 8). Where an election takes place once the League competitions have been completed but prior to the start of the following season, the relevant clubs will be those at the level they will play the following season.
2. Nominations shall be made to the relevant Forum Secretary by 30 April (or such other date as may be agreed by the Forum) in the year in which an election is required. Nominations shall be signed by the Secretaries of the clubs proposing or seconding (clubs may propose/second only one nomination) and are to be accompanied by a copy of the nominee's curriculum vitae (one sheet and not more than 350 words). All nominees must consent to circulation of their CV to all clubs in the constituency. The Forum Secretary shall advise the clubs in the constituency immediately after 30 April (or the appropriate cut-off date) of the nominations received.
3. To be eligible for nomination, an individual must be a member of a club entitled to vote in the election and must have so been for the whole of the season in which the election takes place and the immediately preceding season. If a nomination is made by a club which prior to the completion of the election process ceases to be a member of the constituency, then that nomination is void.

4. If a representative's club ceases to be entitled to vote in its constituency's election, the representative shall, unless the re-affirmation of the representative's original election is proposed and seconded by members of the constituency (as determined by Rule 1) and approved at a duly convened and quorate Election Meeting by a simple majority of those members of the constituency present at the Election Meeting and entitled to vote (as determined by Rule 1), require to resign with effect from the SRU AGM following such event where the event is promotion or relegation of the club, but where the event is anything other, such resignation will require to be with immediate effect. If the event is promotion or relegation of the club taking place after the election process but before the immediately following SRU AGM, the representative shall require to resign immediately.
5. The election or a vote to reaffirm an original election shall be undertaken by an Election Meeting for the Premier Division and for the National Divisions by either an Election Meeting or by postal or electronic voting (should three-quarters of the clubs or members within the National Division concerned agree to postal or electronic voting instead of an Election Meeting). If an Election Meeting is called and is not quorate then the election will be held by postal ballot, including electronic voting.
6. Where these Election Rules refer to postal voting, votes shall be equally valid if submitted to the relevant Forum Secretary electronically, provided that the voting form has been signed by a duly authorised officer of the club submitting the form.

7. If an Election Meeting is called (other than in the event of a vacancy) it shall be held not later than 28 May in that year. If postal or electronic voting is used, the process shall be completed by 21 June.
8. Each club in the constituency shall be entitled to send two members to an Election Meeting, only one of whom may vote in the election (with the exception of an election in the National Forum, where each club delegate shall be entitled to vote or, in respect of a postal ballot or electronic voting, each club shall be entitled to two votes).
9. The person elected shall hold office for a period of three years from the date of the immediately following SRU AGM, unless required to resign earlier (see 1 and 4 above).
10. In the event of a vacancy occurring during the elected person's term of office, the relevant Forum Secretary shall call an Election Meeting (or undertake a postal or electronic voting process) on the same basis as above to fill the vacancy.
11. Voting at an Election Meeting shall be conducted in accordance with these Election Rules and the Bye-laws and decided by a majority of those voting.
12. One-half of the total number of persons entitled and eligible to vote shall form a quorum at an Election Meeting, except for the Premier Division Forum where the quorum shall be two-thirds.
13. No proxies shall be allowed for Election Meetings.

14. No person may represent more than one club at an Election Meeting or have more than one vote.
15. If there is a tie at an Election Meeting in any round of voting, other than the final round, in relation to the candidate receiving the least number of votes, all club representatives voting shall vote between these candidates with the bottom candidate dropping out. In the event of a tie still occurring at this stage the candidates to draw cards with the lowest value dropping out.
16. In the event of a tie in the final round, reference shall be made to the votes obtained by these two candidates in the first round with the winner being the candidate receiving the more votes in the first round. In the event of these being equal, the candidates will draw cards with the winner being the candidate drawing the higher value.
17. Fora may choose as to whether candidates shall be asked to make presentations to the Election Meeting.
18. If the number of nominations received does not exceed the number of vacancies, the person/s nominated shall be declared elected without the necessity of an Election Meeting or postal voting.
19. A person is eligible for immediate re-election following an initial term of appointment, but may not be re-appointed after serving six years on the Scottish Rugby Council

(irrespective of constituency) in any capacity (other than as President or Vice– President or as an *ex officio* member), whether continuously or as the aggregate of a series of shorter periods, without the expiry of a period of three years. Prior years' service will continue to count towards the maximum period of six years until a three-year period out of office has elapsed since the most recent of those prior years.

20. The electorate for each of the Premier Division and National Divisions shall be the clubs in these divisions. In respect of the National Division representatives, one of those elected will normally assume primary responsibility to represent the clubs playing within National Division "1", one will normally assume primary responsibility to represent the clubs within National Division "2", and the remaining representative will normally assume primary responsibility to represent the clubs playing within National Division "3", with an obligation to work together to represent all of the National Division clubs.
21. A vote to deselect an incumbent representative may be called at any time by petition on behalf of the majority of the clubs in the relevant constituency. The quorum for the meeting at which such a vote is to be held shall be the same as for an Election Meeting. A two-thirds majority will be required to remove a representative from office.