

SCOTTISH RUGBY UNION

ELECTION RULES FOR SCOTTISH RUGBY REFEREES ASSOCIATION AND SCOTTISH RUGBY UNION SCHOOLS DIVISION 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 in the three-year period (see below 4 and 6).
2. Nominations shall be made to the relevant Associated Body's Secretary by 30 April in the year in which an election is required. Nominations shall be signed by the Referees/Schools proposing or seconding (Referees/Schools may propose/second only one nomination) and shall 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 Referees/Schools in the constituency. The Forum Secretary shall advise the Referees/Schools immediately after 30 April of the nominations received.
3. To be eligible for nomination, an individual must be a member of a Scottish Referees Society/current permanent member of staff of a Scottish Affiliated School 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 member of a Referees Society/Affiliated School, which society/school prior to the completion of the election process ceases (or in the case of a school ceases to be affiliated), then that nomination is void.
4. If a representative ceases to be a member of the Scottish Rugby Referees Association/a permanent member of staff of an Affiliated School, the representative shall be required to resign immediately.

5. The person elected shall hold office for a period of three years from the date of the immediately following SRU AGM, unless requiring to resign earlier (see 1 and 4 above).
6. In the event of a vacancy occurring during the elected person's term of office, the Associate Bodies Secretary shall call an Election on the same basis as above to fill the vacancy.
7. Voting shall be conducted postally or by electronic voting, in accordance with these SRU Election Rules and the Bye-laws. 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 the relevant member or, in the case of a school, a duly authorised officer of the school submitting the form.
8. The Associate Body Secretary shall send out a nomination form after 1 April to each member of a Referees Society/Affiliated School (in the case of referees to the Referees Societies Secretaries for transmission to individual members), which to be returned by 30 April. If the number of nominations received does not exceed the number of vacancies, the person nominated shall be declared elected without the necessity of a postal or electronic ballot. The winner shall be advised to the Referees Societies/Affiliated Schools. If there is more than one nominee and an election shall be required the Associate Body Secretary shall send out a ballot paper and the curriculum vitae to each member of a Referees Society/Affiliated School (in the case of referees to the Referees Societies Secretaries for transmission to individual members), which shall require to be returned by 28 May. The votes shall be counted by the Associate Body Secretary and another official of the Body, with the winner to be declared elected and advised to the Referees Societies/Affiliated Schools.

9. 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.

10. A vote to deselect an incumbent representative may be called at any time by petition on behalf of the majority of members of Referees Societies/Affiliated Schools. A two-thirds majority shall be required to remove a representative from office.