

BY-LAW

NO. 8

ISSUE: Procedures for meetings

COMMENCED: 10/12/2009

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PROVISIONS:

1. Unless stated otherwise, this By-law applies to all general and special meetings of club members
2. All meetings shall be under the control of the Chairperson (which includes his or her delegate if appointed) and any member wishing to speak shall address the Chairperson.
3. The Chairperson may call upon any member to withdraw and apologise in the case of any comment that is deemed offensive or otherwise inappropriate. If the member refuses to withdraw or apologise or otherwise persists in being disorderly, the Chairperson may call on him or her to withdraw from the meeting.
4. Members must not interrupt other members who are speaking except to raise a point of order. The Chairperson shall rule on all points of order and matters of procedure and notices of motion or debate in relation to the Chairperson's ruling on such matter shall not be permitted.
5. If a member raises a point of order, the person speaking shall be silent until the Chairperson has ruled on the issue.
6. The Chairperson shall ensure reasonable time is provided to debate any matters that are to be determined by the members at the meeting. At any time during the debate a member may move that the question be put to the members present for a vote and provided the Chairperson is satisfied that a reasonable period of time has been provided for the debate, the vote shall proceed.
7. Prior to a vote being taken any member may move that the debate of any issue be adjourned to a subsequent meeting. If carried, the debate shall proceed at the subsequent meeting.

8. The Chairperson in his or her discretion can determine how long members may speak on any motion or other issue under consideration at the meeting.
9. All motions for consideration by the members at a meeting shall be in writing and made available to the membership (not including a matter referred to in clause 10) at least 21 days prior to the meeting in question.
10. At a meeting, a member may move an amendment to a motion of which previous notice has been given but only one amendment can be considered at any one time.
11. Prior to any vote being taken on a motion, either in original or an amended form, the Chairperson shall ensure the wording of the motion is recorded in writing and made known to the members present at the meeting.
12. Any member present at a meeting shall be entitled to speak on any issue being considered at the meeting. Voting on any matter shall be limited to those members authorised to do so under the Club's constitution.
13. A record of the members attending any meeting of the club shall be maintained and included with the Club's records.
14. A member not physically present at a meeting may participate in the meeting by the use of any form of electronic communication that allows that member and the members present at the meeting to clearly and simultaneously communicate with each other.
15. A member participating in a meeting under clause 14 is taken to be present at the meeting and, if the Member being eligible to vote, votes at the meeting, is taken to have voted in person.

HISTORY OF AMENDMENTS APPROVED BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

9 Aug 2011

Cl 1 amended by insertion of reference to special meetings

23 Sept 2015

Cl 9 amended to change period from 28 to 21 days

8 Sept 2016

Cl 2 amended to remove reference to member standing

9 Sept 2021

Cl 14 & 15 added