

FAQs about the Election protocol of the AGM (2023):

What positions are up for election?

On an even year the positions that are up are these 5 positions: President, Treasurer, Dir. of Youth Teams, Dir. of Fundraising/Promotions, Registrar as they shall be elected in even numbered years AGMs.

This year 2023 being an odd year the positions that are up are the other 6 positions: Vice-President, Secretary, Dir. of Development Teams, Dir. of Senior Teams, Dir. of Special Events and Dir. of Equipment.

Who can nominate and how?

Any Eligible Registered Member of the club can do so by submitting their nomination in writing via email before the deadline to the Administrator at administrator@pcsasoccer.com

Can you nominate yourself?

YES.

When is the nomination closed?

The nomination closing time is 2 weeks prior to the AGM (as per revision of the Constitution in 2019) and if unchallenged at closing time, they are expected to be acclaimed at the AGM. If there is more than one nomination, then we will have an election conducted by election officers in attendance such as ECOSA reps for example. EXEPTION: The floor of the AGM will be open for nominations ONLY IF there is a vacant position and no name at all submitted or if the person expected to be acclaimed suddenly withdraws his/her nomination after the deadline or at the AGM.

When is the position declared elected?

At the AGM, if at nomination closing time (2 weeks prior to the AGM) there have been submitted 2 or more candidates who have confirmed their wishes to stand in writing with the Administrator then the floor MUST elect one of the names submitted.

At election time the process will be run by the designated Election Officer (most likely one or two of the distinguished guests).

Do you have to be present to be nominated or elected?

No. You only must be present to vote. You are allowed to nominate yourself, or be nominated, even if you are not present, if there is proof in writing prior to the AGM (letter or email) the confirms that fact and that also express your wishes to nominate yourself or/and that you will accept the position if nominated and elected.

What is the length of the mandate for each board position?

As per revision of our Constitution in 2019 each board member serves a 2-year term.

What happens if a position remains vacant after the election at the AGM?

At any given time in any other following board meetings the Constitution allows the board to appoint a person for a director position/s with full voting rights, but the person can only serve till the next AGM when the position must be filled by election again. If the person is simply a director at large, then the mandate is simply terminated at the AGM.

Who is eligible to vote?

The eligible club members in order to vote **MUST BE IN ATTENDANCE** and they are the **current newly appointed team head coaches** (or their designated representative who must be team officials of same team for which the club's administrator is informed upfront IN WRITING) and all **board members** after first roll call and only members in midterm after second roll call when the rest of the board have joined the floor.

What constitutes a winning candidate or a carried motion?

Majority of votes such as for example 50% + 1 of votes

What constitutes a sufficient vote tally to approve amendments to the Constitution?

Two thirds of the total vote.

Can a person vote twice?

No, not even if the person coaches two teams, or is a board member as well as a team official. **ONE PERSON, ONE VOTE**. You're free to choose whichever position you want to represent when you vote but you are only voting once-Robert's Rules:

"No matter how many constituencies you may represent at the convention, or how many offices you hold, you have only one vote in the assembly of which you are a member. Secretary and treasurer may be two offices on the board, but even if you're serving in both offices, you don't get to vote twice. The rule of one person having only one vote is a fundamental principle of parliamentary law." - Source <http://www.dummies.com/how-to/content/roberts-rules-and-your-voting-rights.html> -

Can you vote by proxy?

NO. You **MUST** be present as it is no provision in the Constitution for voting by proxy.

Can a person hold more than one position?

Yes, but with only one exception: Although the Constitution does not spell it out when it comes to a possible combined position of President and VP, it is commonly accepted fact that a person can NOT hold both positions at the same time.

If a person in the middle of the term gets elected for a new position and does NOT prefer or can NOT hold two positions at the same time (ex. President and VP), how do we fill the suddenly vacant position?

Two ways: Elected at the AGM or appointed later by the new board -if the person has provided his/her resignation from the position (in writing), then the AGM can immediately proceed with electing a new person to fill in the vacancy. In both cases, the new person (be it elected or appointed) will hold the position up to the next official AGM.

Who runs the election?

A returning officer runs them (usually a representative from our District). In their absence or/and to assist them also someone can be designated (usually a distinguished person in attendance such as but not limited to as a Life Member, former President, or another person if the person is not running for any position)

How are the votes calculated?

Every single eligible voting member of the team(s) or the board has one vote each.

Note: The votes are counted **ONLY** for team officials and board members who are **PRESENT**. Board members votes calculation: During AGM but prior to the election of officers of attending board members are eligible to vote (unless they decide to carry their team's vote) and each vote is equal of 1 vote for a total of 11 votes if all 11 are present. At the time of the election of officers the only board members voting with 1 vote each are the members in midterm. **(Note: this AGM would be 5 board members in mid-term)**

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