



Durham Amateur Rowing Club (Est. 1860)

Code of Practice: Voting at General Meetings

Extracts from Durham ARC Constitution (full constitution and bye laws are on the website and copies are available on application):-

Rule 2. 1.

States “that it shall consist of, Life Members, Senior Members who have reached the age of 15 and Corporate Members who shall have voting rights after full membership of the Club for one year. Associate Members, Junior Members and Friends who shall have no voting rights”.

Rule 3. 1.

States “the Executive Committee of the Club will be elected by a majority of the members present and voting in accordance with the Club Code of Practice for Voting at General Meetings. The Committee shall consist of: - President, Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Captain, Two Vice- Captains, Junior Co-ordinator, Assistant Secretary, and Three Full Members. Only Members allowed to vote at the AGM may hold office.

This code is to assist the Executive and members in the application of these rules:

- 1.** Nominations should be placed on the Google form which is on the website or emailed to members by the Club Secretary. Nominations close two weeks before the date of the meeting. The person to be nominated must be eligible to act as a director.
- 2.** Only members who are qualified to vote at the AGM can vote. There will be a provision for proxy voting, in accordance with article section 17 & 18.
- 3.** Election is by a simple majority of the members present and voting.
- 4.** If there is only one nomination for an Executive position, the majority of members present must vote for the election of that person or else the position will be left open and a further election arranged at a later date.
- 5.** The Chairman may ask nominees to speak before the vote is taken where this is deemed appropriate.
- 6.** For the “Executive Member” positions, members may vote for a maximum of three persons.
- 7.** Voting may be carried out by a virtual ballot paper.
- 8.** Voting papers will be validated by a designated person appointed by the Chairman.