

DOOLEYS Lidcombe Catholic Club Limited

Elections of directors – electronic voting (By-law 2022-02)

1. Electronic voting

Where a ballot is required at an election of directors, the ballot is to be by electronic voting as follows.

- (a) The Returning Officer must arrange for the preparation of the ballot paper in a form convenient for electronic access and voting that otherwise conforms with the Club's Constitution.
- (b) The Returning Officer may distribute the required materials by electronic means. That may be by sending a link to materials so that they can be accessed electronically.
- (c) The Returning Officer must conduct the electronic voting so that the probity of voting is assured but how a particular member votes remains a secret.
- (d) The Returning Officer must open electronic voting at least 14 days before the date of the close of the ballot. Voting must then remain open until the close of the ballot. However, any incidental accidental non-availability of access to electronic voting due to something beyond the reasonable control of the Returning Officer is disregarded.
- (e) The Returning Officer must provide each member who is entitled to vote with access to electronic voting in the ballot according to the Returning Officer's chosen system so that member has the alternatives of voting electronically:
 - (i) via the internet, or
 - (ii) at any of the Club's approved (licensed) premises during normal trading hours using a terminal there - and if required by the member, with the assistance of a trusted individual or of the Returning Officer's off-site help desk facility accessible by email or telephone.
- (f) The arrangements for determining the result of the ballot and for scrutineers (if any are permitted) must be in accordance with the Returning Officer's chosen system.
- (g) The provisions of the Club's Constitution including the provisions of Rule 48 otherwise apply.
- (h) If there is any inconsistency or unforeseen circumstance, the inconsistency or circumstance is resolved by the Returning Officer who must act reasonably in the interests of the wider membership of the Club and achieving a fair process. Any determination by the Returning Officer under this provision must be promptly notified in writing to the Chairperson with full details.
- (i) If the CEO or the Board raise any concern about the integrity of the process or the impact of the process on the convenience of members wishing to vote, then the Returning Officer must consider the concern and take such action as the Returning Officer reasonably determines to address the concern, having regard to the Club's Constitution and this By-law. The Returning Officer must promptly report in writing to the Board with details of the concern, the Returning Officer's determination and reasons.

- (j) Immediately after 12 months after the AGM the Returning Officer must have all of the records in relation to the ballot destroyed. Pending destruction the Returning Officer must take all reasonable precautions to protect the secrecy of how individual members have voted.

2. Authority for this By-law

This By-law is adopted pursuant to Rules 50 and 97(c) of the Club's Constitution and any other power or authority that the Board has under the Constitution or the general law.

3. Repeal

By-law 2016–01 is repealed and replaced by this By-law.

Adopted by resolution of the Board on 26th April 2022