

NSWBA By-Laws on Election of Zonal Councillors

These by-laws relate to the election of Zonal Councillors pursuant to Section 15(4) of the NSWBA Constitution.

Zones

NSW is divided into five zones based on postcodes as shown in Appendix 1.

Each affiliated club resides in a zone based on the postcode of its main premises.

Each zone elects one zonal councillor.

Timing of Elections

Elections will be held at the same time as the Annual General Meeting of the NSWBA.

Nominations

The Secretary of the NSWBA will ask all affiliated clubs for nominations at least eight weeks before the election.

Nominations are to be delivered to the Secretary of the NSWBA at least four weeks before the date of the election.

Nominees for election must be current financial members of one (or more) affiliated clubs within the zone they are seeking to represent.

Nominees for election must be endorsed in writing by the President or Secretary of an affiliated bridge club within the zone they seek to represent. Nominees must consent to nomination in writing. A club may nominate a maximum of one candidate. A candidate may not nominate to represent two or more zones.

Voting Procedure

If there is only one candidate for a position, that person is elected unopposed without the need for any ballot to be conducted.

If there is no candidate for a position, that position is treated as a casual vacancy. A person appointed to fill a casual vacancy must be eligible to represent that zone as specified above.

Every affiliated club in a zone is entitled to vote to elect the councillor for that zone.

If a vote is required for a zone, the Secretary of the NSWBA will send voting information to all affiliated clubs in the zone at least three weeks before the election. Clubs must return their votes to arrive at least two days before the election.

There will be a maximum of four votes per club, based on the most recently available number of "home club" members in each club as shown on the ABF Masterpoint Centre website.

The number of votes allocated to each club is:

1 to 20 members: 1 vote

21 to 100 members: 2 votes

101 to 500 members: 3 votes

501 or more members: 4 votes

A club cannot split its votes between candidates, but must exercise all votes in favour of a particular candidate, if it votes at all.

Votes will be counted at the Annual General Meeting of the NSWBA. Each of the ballots for the four Zonal Councillor positions will be decided on a "first past the post" basis, if there is more than one candidate for a position.

In the event of an equal number of votes being cast for each candidate, or no votes being cast for any candidate, the matter is to be decided by drawing lots.

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Appendix 1: Zones

Metropolitan Zone:

- Postcodes below 2250.

Outer Metropolitan Zone:

- Postcodes between 2250 and 2323 inclusive
- Postcodes between 2325 and 2339 inclusive
- Postcode 2500
- Postcode 2560
- s between 2560 and 2569 inclusive
- Postcodes between 2740 and 2786 inclusive.

Southern & Western Zone:

- Postcodes between 2501 and 2559 inclusive
- Postcodes between 2561 and 2739 inclusive
- Postcodes between 2787 and 2800 inclusive
- Postcodes above 2850.

Northern Zone:

- Postcode 2324
- Postcodes between 2340 and 2499 inclusive
- Postcodes between 2801 and 2850 inclusive.