

VBA Conduct of Election of Special Councillor Regulations

These Regulations take effect on the date that the relevant amendments to the Articles of Association take effect.

Zones

Victoria is divided into four zones based on Local Government Areas (LGA) as shown in Appendix 1. Each affiliated club, excluding the VBA, resides in a zone based on the LGA of its main premises. Each zone elects one special councillor.

The VBA is not entitled to vote in the elections for special councillors, nor is it entitled to nominate a member for the position of Special Councillor.

Timing of Elections

The elections will be held before the Annual General Meeting of the VBA and the result announced at the meeting.

Nominations

The Secretary of the VBA will give notice to all affiliated clubs calling for nominations for Special Councillors at least eight weeks before the AGM.

Affiliated clubs must deliver their nominations (if any) of a candidate for election as a Special Councillor to the Secretary of the VBA at least four weeks before the date of the AGM.

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 from that club. A candidate may not nominate to represent two or more zones.

Voting Procedure

If there is only one candidate for a position in a particular zone, 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 active affiliated club in a zone is entitled to vote to elect the councillor for that zone. An active affiliated club means a club which holds weekly playing sessions at its premises, and which has paid the Capitation Fees to the VBA for its home club members.

If a vote is required for a zone, the Secretary of the VBA will give notice of the candidates standing for election to all affiliated clubs in the zone at least three weeks before the election. Clubs must return their votes to arrive at least 48 hours before the Annual General Meeting of the VBA.

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 web site at month end prior to the VBA giving notice of the candidates standing for election.

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.

Except for the first election, votes will be counted and the results announced at the Annual General Meeting. Each of the ballots for the 4 Special 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 several candidates equally receiving the most votes (or no votes being cast for any candidate) the one of those tied candidates with the highest number of home club members at their nominating club will be elected, and in the event the vote continues to be tied, the election will be decided by drawing lots.

Service of Notices

VBA may give a notice under these Regulations to an Affiliated Club, by email to the email address of the Affiliated Club which has been provided to the VBA by the Affiliated Club or by sending it by post to the Affiliated Club's registered address.

Where a notice by the VBA is sent by post, service of the notice shall be regarded to be effective by properly addressing, prepaying and posting a letter containing the notice, and to have been effected on the second day after the date of its posting.

An Affiliated Club may deliver its nomination of a candidate for election as a Special Councillor and may return its votes to the VBA by email to secretary@vba.asn.au or by sending it by post to the VBA's registered address.

Where an Affiliated Club by the VBA delivers its nomination or returns its votes by post, the time of delivery or return is the time when the post is actually received by the VBA.

If the e-mail is sent by the VBA or an Affiliated Club on a day before 4.30p.m., the email shall be regarded as being received on that day, or in any other case, on the next day after the day on which it was sent.

Appendix 1: Zones

Local Government Areas are allocated to four zones - Country East, Country West, Metro Arc and Metro near VBA.

LGA	Zone
Alpine	Country East
Bass Coast	Country East
Baw Baw	Country East
Benalla	Country East
East Gippsland	Country East
Greater Shepparton	Country East
Hume	Country East
Indigo	Country East
Latrobe	Country East
Mansfield	Country East
Moira	Country East
Murrindindi	Country East
South Gippsland	Country East
Strathbogie	Country East
Towong	Country East
Wangaratta	Country East
Wellington	Country East
Wodonga	Country East
Ararat	Country West
Ballarat	Country West
Buloke	Country West
Campaspe	Country West
Central Goldfields	Country West
Colac-Otway	Country West
Corangamite	Country West
Gannawarra	Country West
Glenelg	Country West
Golden Plains	Country West
Greater Bendigo	Country West
Greater Geelong	Country West
Hepburn	Country West
Hindmarsh	Country West
Horsham	Country West
Loddon	Country West
Macedon Ranges	Country West
Mildura	Country West
Mitchell	Country West
Moorabool	Country West
Mount Alexander	Country West

Moyne	Country West
Northern Grampians	Country West
Pyrenees	Country West
Queenscliffe	Country West
Southern Grampians	Country West
Surf Coast	Country West
Swan Hill	Country West
Warrnambool	Country West
West Wimmera	Country West
Yarriambiack	Country West
Banyule	Metro Arc
Boroondara	Metro Arc
Brimbank	Metro Arc
Cardinia	Metro Arc
Casey	Metro Arc
Darebin	Metro Arc
Frankston	Metro Arc
Greater Dandenong	Metro Arc
Hobsons Bay	Metro Arc
Knox	Metro Arc
Manningham	Metro Arc
Maribyrnong	Metro Arc
Maroondah	Metro Arc
Melbourne	Metro Arc
Melton	Metro Arc
Moonee Valley	Metro Arc
Moreland	Metro Arc
Mornington Peninsula	Metro Arc
Nillumbik	Metro Arc
Whitehorse	Metro Arc
Whittlesea	Metro Arc
Wyndham	Metro Arc
Yarra	Metro Arc
Yarra Ranges	Metro Arc
Bayside	Metro Near VBA
Glen Eira	Metro Near VBA
Kingston	Metro Near VBA
Monash	Metro Near VBA
Port Phillip	Metro Near VBA
Stonnington	Metro Near VBA