



Voting Members

General Meeting **VOTING**

CURRENT

37
Votes
Total

Full Member Clubs

Member Branches

Life Members (Elected prior to 31 March 2009)

Executive Committee Members

- Eastern Suburb Athletics Club
 - Newstead Athletics
 - North Launceston Athletics Club
 - North West Athletics Club
 - Northern Suburbs Athletic Club
 - Old Virgilian Association Athletics
 - Sandy Bay Harriers Club
 - Tasmanian Masters Athletics
 - University of Tasmania Athletics Club
- 9

- Athletics South
 - Northern Branch Athletic Association of Tasmania
 - The Tasmanian Athletic League
- 3

- 13 current Life Members of Athletics Tasmania
 - 9 Elected prior to 31 March 2009
- 9

- President
 - Vice President
 - Finance Director
 - Director
- 4

Two Votes

One Vote

Items decided by members at a General Meeting:

- Election of a presiding officer for a General Meeting in the absence of the President and Vice-President
- Confirmation of previous minutes
- Acceptance of annual report/s
- Acceptance of financial report
- Appointment of auditor
- Confirmation of casual vacancy appointments
- Election of Directors
- Election of Life Members
- Changes to the Constitution
- Adjournment of General Meeting
- Dissolution of the Association
- Wherever a formal vote is demanded on any question

Items may be decided by consensus or by a formal vote.



Athletics
Tasmania

11
Votes
Total

Voting Members

Member Clubs

- Eastern Suburbs Athletic Club
- Newstead Athletics
- North Launceston Athletics Club
- North West Athletics Club
- Northern Suburbs Athletic Club
- Old Virgilian Association Athletics
- Sandy Bay Harriers Club
- Tasmanian Masters Athletics
- University of Tasmania Athletics Club

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Member Branches

- Athletics South
- Northern Branch Athletic Association of Tasmania

2

One Vote

General Meeting **VOTING**

PROPOSED

Items decided by members at a General Meeting:

- Election of a presiding officer at a General Meeting in the absence of the President
- Confirmation of previous minutes
- Acceptance of annual report/s
- Acceptance of financial report
- Appointment of auditor
- Confirmation of casual vacancy appointments
- Election of Directors
- Election of Life Members
- Changes to the Constitution
- Adjournment of General Meeting
- Winding up of the Association
- Wherever a formal vote is demanded on any question

Items may be decided by
consensus or by a formal vote.



Voting Structures of other sporting organisations:

Canoe Tasmania

- Each Affiliated Club in attendance shall, subject to this Constitution, be entitled to 1 vote at General Meetings. No other Member shall be entitled to vote.

Basketball Tasmania

- At a General Meeting, each Constituent Association Member shall have one vote.
- No Member other than Constituent Association Members is entitled to vote at General Meetings.

Gymnastics Tasmania

- Each Club Member present and eligible to vote at a General Meeting has one vote.

Netball Tasmania

- In all General Meetings the following Members shall have the right to vote: (a) Affiliated Associations.

Rationale

One member, one vote

- This is the general principle commonly applied to sporting organisations; allocating each Member Club one vote to exercise in democratic decisions, irrespective of the club's size, financial contributions or influence.
- This model is aligned with the principles of fairness and equality. Athletics Tasmania relies heavily upon its Member Clubs to implement the sport's strategy. Each Member Club is recognized as an individual contributor to the sport's objects.
- If members are assigned differing proportions of votes, the ownership and perception of influence within the sport can be eroded. This may also impact on the ability of Athletics Tasmania to deliver consistent state-wide programs.
- 69% of respondents to the Governance and Structure Review Consultation Survey supported a one member, one vote system.

Stakeholder Forums

The proposed Constitution and Governance Structure allows Athletics Tasmania to convene Stakeholder Forums with all members separately and in addition to General Meetings.

Stakeholder Forums will provide opportunities for open discussion on matters relating to athletics in Tasmania. All attendees will have the opportunity to participate in discussions. Unlike formal meetings, there is no quorum requirement for a Stakeholder Forum.

Stakeholder Forums may be held in various formats, such as open forums, presentations and small group workshops and may include guest speakers.

Directors and voting at general meetings

- Board directors are considered the 'governors' of the state sporting organisation. The members are the 'owners'.
- Ensuring board directors are unable to vote at general or annual general meetings will provide the members with full control over the decisions that impact their state sporting organisation.

*Governance Guidelines for State Sporting Organisations
Communities, Sport and Recreation*

- Where the membership of an organisation comprises other organisations, clubs or groups of individuals, board directors should not be eligible to vote at general meetings or annual general meetings.
- This ensures a clear separation between the 'owners' and the 'governors' of the organisation.

*Sporting Governance Principles
Australian Sports Commission*