



AUSTRALIAN WEIGHTLIFTING FEDERATION LIMITED

BY-LAW 4

EXHAUSTIVE BALLOT

This By-law is made by the Australian Weightlifting Federation (AWF) Board under Clause 20 of the AWF Constitution. It is binding on AWF and all members of AWF.

Approved by the AWF Board on 25 October 2022

1. EXHAUSTIVE BALLOT BY-LAW

This By-law sets out the procedure for voting at elections of Elected Directors. This By-law is made by Australian Weightlifting Federation (AWF) pursuant to clause 13.2.2.4 of the Australian Weightlifting Federation Constitution.

2. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

In this By-law, unless the context otherwise requires, the following terms and expressions shall have the following meanings:

Absolute majority	means fifty percent (50%) plus one (1) of the votes cast
Board	means the Board of AWF as constituted from time to time.
Elected Director	means a Director elected to the Board of the AWF in accordance with clause 13 of the AWF Constitution.
Member	means a member for the time being under clause 5 of the AWF Constitution.
Simple majority	means the highest number of votes

All other defined terms and expressions shall have the same meaning as in the AWF Constitution. In the event of any conflict, the definition in the AWF Constitution shall prevail.

2. ELECTION BY EXHAUSTIVE BALLOT

2.1 In accordance with clause 13.7 of the AWF Constitution, voting at elections of Elected Directors shall be conducted by exhaustive ballot.

2.2. Members shall be advised of nominees for election prior to the commencement of each round of the election process.

3. NOMINATIONS EQUAL VACANCIES OR NUMBER OF NOMINATIONS LESS THAN VACANCIES

3.1 If the number of nominations received for the Board is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled or if there are insufficient nominations received to fill all vacancies on the Board, then those nominated shall be elected.

4. NOMINATIONS EXCEED VACANCIES

4.1 If the number of nominations exceeds the number of vacancies to be filled, a secret ballot shall be conducted in accordance with this clause.

(a) Election of one position – Ballot papers shall be distributed and members requested to insert the name of their preferred nominee. If a nominee has received an absolute majority of votes, that person is declared elected. If no nominee is in that position, the nominee with the lowest number of votes is eliminated, and a re-ballot conducted. If any nominee has an absolute majority at that stage (after the re-ballot) then that person is declared elected. If no nominee is in that position, then the nominee with the lowest number of votes at that stage is eliminated and a further re-ballot conducted. This process is repeated until there are only two nominees remaining. When there are two nominees, a re-ballot is conducted and the nominee who achieves a simple majority is elected.

(b) If in the case of two nominees for the election of one position, there is a deadlock in the votes cast, there shall be a re-ballot. If there is a deadlock after the re-ballot, no nominee is elected.

(c) Election for two or more positions – Ballot papers shall be distributed and members requested to insert the name of their preferred nominee. If any nominee has an absolute majority of the votes cast, that person is declared elected and is called the “first elected candidate”. If no nominee is in that position, elimination of nominees is carried out as described in clause 4(a), until one nominee reaches the required majority of votes and becomes the “first elected candidate”. Upon the first elected candidate being determined, the procedure set out in this clause 4(b) is repeated to ascertain the “second elected candidate”. This process is repeated until the required number of nominees have been elected. If in the case of two nominees remaining in any one round, there is a deadlock in the votes cast, there shall be a re-ballot. If there is a deadlock after the re-ballot, no nominee is elected.