

Racquetball Association of Ireland

Annual General Meeting Standing Orders

Article 9. Executive Committee(EXCO) Formation

9.1 Committee shall have as officers a President, General Secretary, Treasurer, Tournament Secretary, Communications & Media Officer, Development Officer and Youth Development Officer, Women's Officer, Drugs Liaison Officer, Designated Liaison Person and National Children's' Officer, Registrations Secretary.

9.2 That the term of office for President, Secretary, Treasurer, Development Officer, Tournament Secretary & Junior Development Officer be for a **2 year period**.

9.3 The President, Treasurer, Junior Development Officer shall be elected in alternate years to the Secretary, Tournament Secretary and Development Officer.

9.4 Elections take place in even years for President, Treasurer and Junior Development Officer. Elections take place in uneven years for General Secretary, Development Officer and Tournament Secretary.

9.5 All other posts, Registrations Secretary, Communications & Media Officer, Anti-Doping Liaison Officer, Children's Officer and Women's Officer will be elected on a **yearly** basis.

9.6 Each Provincial Council shall be entitled to delegate a representative onto the Executive Committee.

9.7 Executive Committee members shall be elected at AGMs and shall hold office until the next AGM.

9.8 Provincial representatives are not elected at the AGMs

9.9 A club may have a maximum of **three members** on the Executive.

9.10 Officers may hold more than one position on the EXCO with the exclusion of the Treasurer, Junior Development Officer and General Secretary who are confined to one position.

Article 15. National AGM Format, Agenda, Standing Orders

15.3 Each Registered Club who has paid their affiliation fee 3 months prior to the AGM has two votes.

15.4 Each Provincial Council may appoint one representative to attend the AGM and that representative shall have one vote.

15.5 Each member of the Executive Committee has one vote until his/her position is lost.

15.6 Members of the Executive Committee have the right to speak and vote.

15.7 The President has casting vote in tied decisions.

15.8 Proxy voting is forbidden and nominees must be present to accept positions. However, the AGM may accept the renewal of a presiding officer in their absence provided they have formally confirmed their willingness to continue in their post.

15.9 Positions unfulfilled at AGMs or vacated during the course of the lifetime of any Executive Council can be filled by co-option.

15.10 No motion of which notice appears on the agenda shall be proceeded with in the absence of the club in whose name it stands.

15.11 The resolutions and motions passed at AGMs may not be rescinded or varied unless by notice of motion at the next AGM.

15.17 It shall be competent for any Member to move without comment the resolution "That the question be now put". If such resolutions are seconded and supported by a majority of members, the Chairman shall call upon the proposer to make his reply, after which the question shall be put forthwith without further debate.

I. Breaches of Order (National AGM)

II. A Member is guilty of a breach of order who:

III. Uses objectionable words, and refused to withdraw them and offer a satisfactory apology.

IV. Uses offensive words in respect of another member.

V. Willfully disturbs the orderly conduct of the business.

VI. Disobeys a lawful order from the Chair

VII. Any person who commits a breach of order may, on being declared by the President to be guilty of a breach of order, be penalised by being ejected from the Meeting.

VIII.

Article 16. Standing Orders (National AGM)

16.1 The proposer of a resolution or an amendment thereto may speak for three minutes.

16.2 A delegate speaking to a resolution or an amendment must not exceed two minutes

16.3 The proposer of a resolution or an amendment may speak a second time for two minutes before a vote is taken, but no other delegate may speak a second time to the same resolution or amendment.

16.4 The President may, at any time, consider a matter has been sufficiently discussed, call on the proposer for a reply and, when that has been given, a vote must be taken.

16.5 Standing Orders shall not be suspended for the purpose of considering any matter not on the Agenda, except by the consent of a majority equal to two thirds of those present and entitled to vote.

16.6 Proposed changes to the Constitution require a two thirds majority of delegates present.

16.7 Proposed changes to the Rules and Regulations of the Association require a simple majority of delegates present.