
The following amendment proposals set out to combine the information in two places in the Constitution (this document) as well as that in the General Rules and Policies.

10. Nomination and Election of Executive Council Members

Section 12, Nomination and Election of Executive Council Members has been added to Section 10, Election of Executive Council Members. Reason: Part of the same process.

- 10.1 Before the Annual General Meeting (AGM) the NZCF Members will decide by vote the new members of the Executive Council.

Para 10.1 is unchanged.

- 10.2 ~~The term for Executive Council members will be for 3 years unless completing the term of a retiring or vacating Executive Council member which has a term of office still remaining then it shall be for the remaining unexpired term of office.~~

Para 10.2 has been combined with other paras and is now 10.4 a.

10.2 Nominations.

- a. Nominations for election to the Executive Council shall be in writing signed by at least two ordinary members of the NZCF and shall be endorsed with the consent of the candidate.
- b. The nomination form shall name;
 - i. the club where the candidate is a member with voting rights and is currently financial; and
 - ii. the club where the nominators are members with voting rights and are currently financial.
- c. A short biographical note about the candidate should accompany each nomination.
- d. All nominations shall reach the Secretary no later than 42 days before the Annual General Meeting advertised date.
- e. All nominations for Executive Council shall be restricted to persons who are:
 - i. primarily resident within New Zealand; and
 - ii. either an ordinary or a life member of the NZCF with voting rights.

Para 10.2, and 10.2 a. – e. were formerly 12.1 and 12.1 a. – e. but are otherwise unchanged.

- f. All retiring members of the Executive Council shall be eligible for re-election but must complete the nomination process.

Para 10.2 f. is made up of 12.3 (up to re-election) with information which is included in the similar para (4.7) in GR&P and covers similar statements in original 10.3. **Reason:** More logical placement of information about who many stand / nomination; similar paras combined.

GR&P para 4.7 to be removed. **Reason:** Avoid duplicated content.

- g. Upon the closing of nominations, each eligible member will be provided with access voting via electronic means or a ballot paper will be mailed to them.
- h. The election ballot shall contain a list of candidates for the Executive Council and be accompanied with each of the candidates' biographical notes, if provided. If voting is via electronic means, biographical information will be placed on the NZCF website or circulated by other means and the membership advised of this.
- i. Each member shall be responsible to ensure that their ballot is properly completed and signed and placed in the mail with the proper postage affixed or otherwise forwarded by a commercial delivery service to the appointed returning officer by the date required. If voting is via electronic means, each member shall be responsible for completing their vote by the required date.
- j. No member shall attempt to invalidate or otherwise tamper with the NZCF election process in any manner whatsoever.

Para 10.2 g. - j. were formerly 12.1 f. – i. but are otherwise unchanged.

~~10.3 At the Annual General Meeting, members of the Executive Council retiring at the end of 3 years in accordance with para 10.2 shall be eligible upon nomination for re-election.~~

Para 10.3 has been combined with other paras and is now 10.2 f.

10.3 Elections.

- a. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected.
- b. Where multiple vacancies exist, then the candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected. In the case of a tie, the result shall be decided by lot. Scrutineering (if any) of the ballot paper count shall be by whatever method is determined as appropriate by the Executive Council.

Para 10.3 and 10.3 a. and b. were formerly 12.2 and 12.2 b. and c. but are otherwise unchanged.

- c. Where there is a are both 3- three (3)-year terms and unexpired term vacancies to be filled, the candidates with the most votes shall fill the 3-year terms, and the next highest polling candidates shall get fill the next three (3) year term and the next highest shall get the unexpired terms, left by the vacated position where a longer unexpired term would be filled by the candidate with the larger number of votes.

Para 10.3 c. was formerly GR&P 4.5 with wording changes as indicated. **Reason:** More logically included at this point in these rules. Review required in Post-AGM minutes dated 21 Apr 2024.

Because the mark up makes the new para difficult to read, a more readable copy is:

Where there are both 3-year terms and unexpired term vacancies to be filled, the candidates with the most votes shall fill the 3-year terms, and the next highest polling candidates shall fill the unexpired terms, where a longer unexpired term would be filled by the candidate with the larger number of votes.

- d. Elected officers shall take office at the conclusion of the AGM at which they were elected.
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Para 10.3 d. was formerly 12.2 d. but is otherwise unchanged.

- 10.4 — ~~Commencing with the AGM in 2010, all current Executive Council members and newly elected members shall complete 3 years minimum and have their terms extended where applicable to realign with the set AGM date for each year following the 2011 AGM. Current Executive Council members positions held shall not be available until 2012~~
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Para 10.4 removed. **Reason:** Transitional arrangements which are now covered elsewhere (para 10.4 a.)

10.4 Term of Office.

- a. The term for Executive Council members will **nominally** be for 3 years **(reduced or extended to terminate at the end of the relevant AGM)** unless completing the term of a ~~retiring or vacating~~ Executive Council member which has a term of office still remaining then it shall be in accordance with para 10.5 c. ~~for the remaining unexpired term of office.~~
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Para 10.4 is a new heading and 10.4 a. was formerly 10.2. **Reason:** Heading for clarity. Added allowance for slight variations around a nominal 3-year terms depending on the dates of the AGMs (highlighter). Review of 10.2 required by Post-AGM minutes dated 21 Apr 2024. Related processes: 10.5 (vacancies) and 10.3 c. (order in which candidates fill vacancies).

Readable copy:

The term for Executive Council members will nominally be for 3 years (reduced or extended to terminate at the end of the relevant AGM) unless completing the term of a vacating Executive Council member which has a term of office still remaining then it shall be in accordance with para 10.5.

10.5 Vacancies.

- a. If the position of any Executive Council member becomes vacant between NZCF meetings, the Executive Council shall appoint the person who was the next highest polling candidate for an Executive Council position at the last election. ~~These appointments of the next highest polling candidates run for the unexpired unexpired term of the vacating Executive Council member they are replacing.~~

- b. If no next highest polling candidate is available, the Executive Council shall appoint another ordinary or life Member to the vacancy. These Non-candidate appointments to Executive Council vacancies run only until the next AGM.

Para 10.5 and 10.5 a. and b. were formerly 12.2 and 12.2 a. and b. with changes as indicated. **Reason:** Clearer wording; 'unexpired' to match usage in 10.3 c. Provided 'non-candidates' as a name to make further differentiate from 'next highest polling candidates' as these serve different terms; 'only' added to emphasise the difference in terms.
