12. Nomination and Election of Executive Council Members

Deleting all of Section 12. Heading merged with Section 10.

12.1 Nominations.

All of para 12.1 included as part of 10.2.

- 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 <u>reach</u> 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.
- f. Upon the closing of nominations, each eligible member will be provided with access <u>voting via</u> electronic <u>means</u> or a ballot paper will be mailed to them.

g. 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.

- h. 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.
- i. No member shall attempt to invalidate or otherwise tamper with the NZCF election process in any manner whatsoever.

12.2 Elections.

a. Election of officers shall take place in the month prior to the AGM each year by postal ballot of the membership or by electronic means.

Para 12.2 a. to be deleted. **Reason:** Covered in broad terms ('Before the AGM') by para 10.1 and more specifically in GR&P 4.1. Refer also to proposed changes to GR&P.

- b. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected.
- 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.
- d. Elected officers shall take office at the conclusion of the AGM at which they were elected.

Para 12.2 and 12.2 b. - d. become 10.3 and 10.3 a., b., and d.

12.3 All retiring members of the Executive Council shall be eligible for re-election.

Para 12.3 was included in 10.2 f.

- 12.4 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 candidate run for the unexpended term.
 - b. If **no** next highest polling candidate is available the Executive Council shall appoint another ordinary or life Member to the vacancy. These appointments to Executive Council vacancies run until the next AGM.

Para 12.4 and 12.4 a. and b. become 10.5 and 10.5 a. and b.