

Voting

Clear, transparent and easy to understand

Voting is one of the most important rights of membership, and one of the areas where members are most likely to have questions.

The proposed Constitution introduces clearer rules around who may vote, how votes are exercised and how General Meetings are conducted. The aim is a system that is transparent, practical and appropriate for a junior community sporting club.

Key voting changes

Rule 10 – Voting rights

Voting rights are linked to the membership categories. Rather than relying on outdated membership definitions, the proposed Constitution clearly identifies which members are entitled to vote and how voting rights apply.

A separate guide with practical examples shows how these rules apply to different family situations.

Rules 31 to 42 – General Meetings

The proposed Constitution modernises General Meetings with clearer requirements around:

- meeting notices
- proxy voting
- online attendance
- quorum
- voting procedures.

These changes improve accessibility while maintaining appropriate governance standards.

Rule 37 – Quorum

The proposed quorum has been reduced to six adult members.

Under the Consumer Affairs Victoria Model Rules, the quorum would exceed 40 members based on Emerald Lakers' current size, making it difficult for any meeting to proceed.

The proposed change provides a practical balance. Meetings can proceed, and every member still receives proper notice and retains the right to attend, speak and vote.