

Committee Structure

Recognising the people who keep the Club running

Emerald Lakers is powered almost entirely by volunteers. The President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer remain the elected executive officers of the Club, but many other volunteers perform significant leadership roles that are essential to the day-to-day running of Emerald Lakers.

The proposed Constitution acknowledges these roles while keeping governance and oversight with the Committee.

Key committee changes

Rules 45 and 54 – General Committee Members

The term Ordinary Member has been replaced with General Committee Member.

The Constitution also formally recognises operational committee positions such as:

- Communications
- Sponsorship and Fundraising
- Team Coordinators
- Uniform Coordinator
- Coach Coordinator.

These positions already exist within Emerald Lakers and play an important role in supporting players, families and volunteers.

If no nominations are received for one of these positions at the Annual General Meeting, the Leadership Committee may appoint a suitable member so the work of the Club continues uninterrupted.

Rules 52 to 56 – Committee elections

The nomination process has been strengthened to improve transparency. Nominations will close 14 days before the AGM and be published 7 days before the meeting, so members know who has nominated before voting begins.

Executive positions will also move to staggered two-year terms. The President and Treasurer will be elected in odd years, and the Vice President and Secretary in even years. This means the Club never loses its entire leadership team in a single year, protecting continuity and handover of knowledge.

Rules 59 to 65 – Committee meetings

The proposed Constitution provides greater flexibility for Committee meetings by allowing:

- special meetings when required
- participation using online technology
- voting by members who are physically or digitally participating (attending) the meeting.

Proxy voting has not been introduced for Committee meetings. Decisions are made by those present and involved in the discussion.