



## **North West Fencing Extraordinary General Meeting 2020**

To be held at 10 am on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2020

At Manchester Fencing Centre

Unit 26, Osborne Mill, Waddington Street, Chadderton, Oldham OLP 6QH

### **Voting Statement: Extraordinary General Meeting 2020**

The Committee proposes constitutional amendments to be determined at Extraordinary General Meeting for the England Fencing North West Region on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at the Manchester Fencing Centre, Unit 26, Osborne Mill, Waddington Street, Chadderton, Oldham OLP 6QH.

#### **Proposals:**

- 1. Ratification of the AGMs held on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2018 and 29<sup>th</sup> June 2019;**
- 2. Approval of the amended Constitution in the form provided.**

The amended Constitution will be in the form provided by the Committee in the Regional Bulletin dated 21<sup>st</sup> January 2020, available in paper format on request from the Secretary and on the England Fencing North West Region website not less than 28 days prior to the Extraordinary General Meeting.

Whilst the Committee is happy to receive any alternative suggestions to the amendments either prior to or at the EGM, and 30 minutes shall be allowed for questions at the EGM, the Committee is not able to incorporate these amendments at this EGM as votes may have been received prior. In the interests of transparency, the Committee will discuss these proposals with those present, subject to the noted time limits, and include these on the Agenda for the AGM 2020, and would remind all members of the Region of their rights under the Constitution to call an Extraordinary General Meeting to make such proposals at any future date.

#### **Voting Procedure:**

Voting will be conducted on the basis of one vote per Affiliated Member of England Fencing or British Fencing.

Voting will be conducted by two mechanisms:

## 1. Paper Ballot

Any Affiliated Member of England Fencing or British Fencing may submit a paper ballot in writing to the Secretary whose address appears at the end of this Statement.

Conditions for paper ballot voting:

- (1) Voting by paper ballot must be made on the form of ballot paper supplied. These may be downloaded from the North West Region Website or will be emailed or posted to members by request to the Secretary no later than seven days before the EGM. The Committee accepts no responsibility for paper ballots lost in transit to or from the Committee. If members require confirmation of receipt of their paper ballot, they should include a stamped addressed envelope with the paper ballot. The Committee accepts no responsibility for paper ballot confirmation that may be lost in transit.
- (2) Paper ballots must reach the Secretary by midnight on the day prior to the EGM. Any paper ballots received after this time will not be counted. Members requiring confirmation of delivery time and date are advised to send their ballot by recorded post.
- (3) The details on the paper ballot must be completed in full, including the England Fencing or British Fencing Membership Number. An email address does not need to be provided, however any issues with ballot papers will only be queried if this contains an email address.
- (4) Voting on the paper ballot is made by marking an X in the box next to each proposition to indicate agreement to the proposal.
- (5) Any paper ballot containing conflicting or illegible information will **ONLY** be queried with the voting member **IF** received more than seven days prior to the EGM **and IF** it contains an email address for the member.
- (6) If a query to a paper ballot is made, a response must be received by the Secretary by midnight on the day prior to the EGM or the paper ballot in question will not be counted.
- (7) The paper ballot must indicate a response to each proposition separately. If a response is made to only one proposition, a vote will not be counted in respect of any other proposition. The member will not be contacted in respect of a paper ballot containing a vote in relation to only one proposition.
- (8) Paper ballots will be retained by the Secretary after the vote and the attention of all members voting by paper ballot is drawn to the data protection statement contained within it, and their right to vote by attendance if they do not wish their details to be retained.

## 2. Voting by Attendance

Any Affiliated Member of England Fencing or British Fencing may attend the Extraordinary General Meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2020 to vote in person by a show of hands with one vote per attending member.

Non-attending members cannot vote by proxy, nor will a secret ballot be considered and members are reminded of the opportunity to vote in advance by paper ballot.

No paper ballot votes will be accepted at the meeting and no late attendees will be permitted to vote after the show of hands which will occur at **10.45 AM exactly**.

**Result:**

The Paper Ballots having been received by midnight on the day prior to the AGM, the Committee will add the attendees' votes to the Paper Ballot votes and intend to release the composite results of both voting systems at the EGM, and on the North West Region website within seven days. The Committee reserve the right to delay release of the results of the combined vote, should there be any discrepancy or irregularity requiring investigation but will appraise all members of any such delay via the website.

**Recount:**

Any member requiring the Committee to conduct a recount of the votes **shall apply in writing** to the Secretary of the Committee within 7 days of the EGM. The Secretary shall request an independent recount of the Paper Ballot votes. The independent verification shall be considered final. The party making the request for the recount may attend to observe the recount, at the convenience of the Committee, subject to such arrangements being finalised within 7 days of the written request.

The vote by show of hands at the EGM shall be considered final if any attending member has not objected to the result by conclusion of the EGM. The Committee shall attempt to resolve reasonable objections at the EGM and have the final decision on call of a recount by a further show of hands. A second recount will not be called on the same objection.