

NZKC Agility Committee Election Process

The current Agility committee believes that changing the date of the election and the length of term of some of the elected members so as to improve the continuity of the committee is a worthwhile change.

We believe that it is preferable to have a contested election. This would show that the candidates have the support of the agility community. The proposed changes are about changing the structure of the committee to make it more attractive for people to put their name forward to represent agility in NZ

We propose the following changes.

PROPOSAL ONE

Adjust the timing of the Agility Committee Election.

RATIONALE

Currently the timing of the election means that it occurs when it is difficult to get and retain voters focus. It also is difficult to manage an efficient transfer of roles & processes with the timing of the ACOD and this means that the outgoing AC has to set a budget for the incoming committee.

DETAIL OF PROPOSED CHANGES

The proposed new scheduling is as follows:

Official nominations open September 1st.

Nominations remain open for 14 Days

Nominations close 12:00 AM September 14th

All nominations are public and are publicised from the time of receipt ,

Votes are accepted from September 15th until 12:00 AM September 30th.

Results to be announced as close as possible to October 1st.

The first meeting of the new committee will be held on the last weekend of October.

PROPOSAL 2

Rotation of Elected Members of the Agility Committee

RATIONALE

With the current electoral system it is possible for the entire committee to be changed in one single election. This is obviously not effective in terms of good governance. Even a change of a majority of the AC at one time causes considerable disruption.

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We propose that a system where half of the committee is available for re-election every 12 months. This is very similar to the system recently adopted by the NZKC for the Executive Council.

For the first election under this system, the lowest polling 4 candidates would be elected for one year, the 4 highest candidates would be elected for 2 years (subject to requirements for North & South Island representation),

The 4 lowest polling seats would then be contested the following year, for a full 2 year term.

The original 4 highest polling seats would be contested after a two year term. This would mean that every year 4 of the total of 8 seats would be up for election, with the period of office being 2 years.

After this initial process 4 seats would be open for election every year, with each candidate serving a 2 year term.

All serving members are eligible for re-election if they choose to stand.

In the event that insufficient candidates are nominated for an election to take place, a draw will take place to rank the members of the committee, with the members drawing the 4 lowest numbers being selected to vacate their seats after one year.

NZKCAC CHAIR ELECTION CHANGE

A proposal to change the way the Chair of the NZKCAC is elected was suggested from a committee member. Although this did not receive the support of all committee members it was considered that it should be put forward for consultation with the Agility community.

Proposal to change how the chair is elected

Currently the chair is elected at the first committee meeting by the elected committee. It is proposed to have the chair elected as part of the election process. That means each registered agility voter will vote for the chair of the agility committee rather than having the chair elected by the committee

Rationale

This gives the electorate a chance to have a say who leads the organization, rather than the decision being made by a small group of agility people.

DETAIL OF PROPOSED CHANGES

2 options how this could be achieved are suggested.

Option 1

We keep the existing committee at 8 members and the elected chair becomes a 9th member. It would mean the agility committee would have 9 members with the chair only using their vote when a casting vote is needed. The requirement that there is still at least 2 members from each island would remain as it is.

Option 2

We decrease the number of agility committee members to 7 with the requirement that there still would be at least 2 members from each island. The chair would be elected in a separate ballot in the election, but the numbers on the committee would stay at 8.

Other minor changes proposed

Proposal to allow changes to NZKCAC Meeting Location

Currently the regs state that all Agility Committee meeting must be held in Wellington except in “Exceptional Circumstances”

The Agility Committee propose that this requirement should be removed, Although Wellington is often the most convenient & economical venue for meetings, it may not always be the case. The committee would like to be able to hold meetings in venues which suit the makeup of the committee and the available means of travel .

Proposal to remove ambiguous wording

Part of the regulations state:

3.1.4 The Agility Committee Chairperson

The Agility Committee Chairperson shall be the Chair of the Agility Committee.

We are unsure what this means, but believe it indicates that the AC Chair should be the person who chairs AC meetings.

This is both unnecessary and limiting, as if the Chair cannot attend a meeting or does not wish to chair it, we would technically be in breach of this reg.