

Understanding By-laws: 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3 and Managing Participant Member Voting and Proxies

Introduction

This document is provided to assist in understanding the Clubs By-laws. If you have any further questions do not hesitate to send an email with question to [WMSC](#) to the attention of the Nominations Officer

- 2.1 b) **Participant Member** - Any individual, eighteen years of age and older, who has agreed to abide by the Corporation's By-laws, policies, procedures, rules and regulations, who is registered with the Corporation and meets one of the following conditions:
- a) Registered as a player in a program with the Corporation during the current membership year
 - i. Completed the Corporation's Orientation Program
 - b) Designated by a minor player registered in a program with the Corporation during the current membership year and:
 - i. Completed the Corporation's Orientation Program
 - ii. And is the minor player's parent, sibling, aunt, uncle, legal guardian and/or grand parent
- 2.2 **Maximum Family Votes** - A family with more than one minor player (child/ward) registered in a program with the Corporation during a current membership year will only be entitled to a maximum of one (1) Participant Member per family. A player 18 years-of-age or older is entitled to their own vote which will not be considered a family vote.
- 2.3 **One Class** - Although an individual may qualify for, and be registered or designated under more than one sub-class of membership, each individual may only hold one membership and one vote in the Corporation.

Referencing 2.1 b) b), since a minor player (under 18) is not permitted to be a voting member, the voting rights earned by enrolling a minor player are controlled by the parent/legal guardian. The family will designate a non-volunteer relation over the age of 18 (parent, sibling, aunt, uncle, legal guardian and/or grand parent) as the Participant Member, entitled to vote at Member meetings such as the AGM.

Because By-law 2.3 limits a member to one vote, the Participant Member vote would be lost if designated to a Volunteer Member.

By-law 2.2 limits a family to 1 (one) Participant Member (minor player) vote, even if the family has more than one minor player enrolled at WMSC. A family is not limited to the number of Volunteer Members. For example, a family with both parents as coaches and 2 minor players would have 2 volunteer Members each with a vote plus 1 Participant vote. And the Participant Member vote would not be held by one of the Volunteer parents, but rather held by a relation who was not a Volunteer Member. In turn, this Participant Member could appoint one of the coach parents (or anyone else) as the proxy holder to attend and vote on their behalf as defined in the next clause.

A voting Member (Volunteer or Participant) may, by means of proxy, appoint a proxy holder to attend and vote on behalf of the Member in accordance with the Club's Proxy Policy. The

By enrolling a player with WMSC, the Participant Member is considered to have completed the Corporation's Orientation Program per 2.1 b) b) i.