

2009 Remit Paper



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Title	Rule 16 – Voting Rights of the Regions
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Background – please include the reasons why the current Rule is unsatisfactory and include any other information that will assist members voting on this remit	Swimming New Zealand's current method of proportional representation in the voting process does not give fair or appropriate representation to the distribution of Swimming New Zealand's core stakeholders, being its competitive swimmer's. This proposal is designed to redress some elements of that imbalance and to ensure that the voting balance is more closely aligned to competitive swimmer numbers than is presently the case.
Proposal (incl. Benefits)	<p>It is acknowledged that Swimming new Zealand sees its role as "helping to ensure that every New Zealander swims to their potential". It must also be recognised that one of SNZ's core functions is to provide for the specific needs of competitive swimming in throughout the country.</p> <p>Accordingly, it is considered wise that the competitive swimmer is overtly recognised in the Constitution of Swimming New Zealand, through the system of proportional representation which has been adopted for voting on the business of general meetings, including election of members to the board of Swimming New Zealand. This remit is intended to encourage the growth of competitive swimming members and to recognise their role as financial contributors and key stakeholders.</p> <p>Each region is easily able to identify its number of competitive swimmers for the proposed voting structure as they are numerically and financially accounted for and distinguished within the present system.</p> <p>The proposed remit does not seek to detract from the work being done by regions within the learn to swim sector as this continues to fulfil one of the ways within which the national sporting organisation of swimming will achieve its goal of helping every person to swim in New Zealand. Both the existing and proposed changes to Rule 16.2 ensure that the interests of all non-competitive members continue to be recognised in the established voting rights for the conduct of business and the election of Directors to the Board of Swimming New Zealand.</p>

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Considerations / Impact / Cost	
Recommendation to AGM	It is recommended "That 16.2 Each such delegate present will be entitled to one vote. If member clubs within the region have more than 1,000 members each regional association (by its delegate) will be entitled to one extra vote per 500 extra members or part thereof in excess of 1,000 members and where each region has more than 1,000 competitive swimming members, it will in addition to the foregoing, be entitled to one vote per 500 extra competitive swimming members, or part thereof, per regional association (by its delegate).