

Newcastle & Coalfields Racing Pigeon Federation

Standing Orders at Meetings

2026

Membership definition (**Motion 4**)

1. A *Flying Member* is defined as an individual who has paid the full federation fees and is actively participating in racing or intends to do so.
2. A *Financial Member* refers to an individual who has paid the annual membership fee but is not currently engaged in racing activities.

Voting Rights and Decision-Making Eligibility

3. Only Full Flying Members—those who have paid their full fee entitlements for the current season—are eligible to vote on, or participate in, decisions that directly affect that season. This includes, but is not limited to, the determination of race schedules and all other key operational matters pertaining to the season in question.
4. Financial Members, who have not paid full flying entitlements for the current season, may only vote on strategic or forward-looking matters that influence the longer-term objectives of the Federation.
5. At all meetings of the association the mode of voting, except where otherwise required by the rules, shall be on the voices or by a show of hands as required by the Chairperson or if called for in accordance with the Rules of the Association, by poll.
6. Except where the method of election is by preferential ballot, all ballot papers recording votes for a greater or less number of candidates than is required to fill the vacant offices shall be declared informal and of no effect.
7. The Chairperson shall have authority to decide any point of order, but any decision may be over-ruled and dissented from by a majority of those present.
8. Any member wishing to bring forward any motion (other than a formal motion) shall furnish particulars of the same to the Secretary five days prior to the date of the meeting at which he wishes such motion to be considered. The Secretary shall preserve such particulars available for the inspection of members until the motion has been finally decided.
9. Subject to the right of the association to exclude all but members, any person may attend the meetings but shall not be allowed to speak without the leave of the meeting.
10. The notification of the appointment of a proxy to act for a delegate who is absent shall be handed to the Secretary prior to the commencement of each meeting at which such proxy is to act.
11. Should any meeting lapse or be adjourned for any cause whatsoever, any business which was on the business paper at such meeting so lapsed or adjourned, shall take precedence over other business at the next meeting.
12. Notwithstanding any provision herein to the contrary, business of which due notice has not been given may be brought forward at any meeting if a motion, which may be

- moved without notice to grant permission to bring it forward, be carried on by an absolute majority of all the members of the
13. association or by seven- eighths of those present at the meeting, whichever the greater.
 14. The Chairperson shall put all questions first in the affirmative and then in the negative and may do so as often as may be necessary to enable him to determine the sense of meeting thereon, and thereupon he shall declare his decision, which shall be final unless a division or ballot is called for.
 15. No motion shall be discussed until it is seconded and when seconded shall not be withdrawn without leave of the meeting.
 16. No notice of motion which shall have been entered on the business paper shall be proceeded with in the absence of the member by whom such notice shall have been given, unless some other member produces a written authority for that purpose from such first- named member; then, and in such case such other member shall be allowed to move the motion.
 17. When a motion or a recommendation of any committee shall have been moved or seconded, any member shall be at liberty to move an amendment thereon, which shall not be discussed until it is seconded. The Chairperson may require such amendment be submitted in writing.
 18. No second amendment shall be taken into consideration until the previous amendment shall have been disposed of.
 19. If an amendment be carried, the question as thereby amended shall become the question before the meeting, whereupon any other amendment upon it may be moved.
 20. If any amendment either upon the original motion or upon any amended motion shall be negatived, then a further amendment (If not to the same effect as that already negatived) may be moved to the motion to which such first amendment was moved, and so on; provided that no more than one question and one proposed amendment thereof shall be before the meeting at one time.
 21. Except by permission of the Chairperson, every question shall be in writing; and after the answer has been given by the Chairperson, no discussion shall be allowed except upon a motion, after due notice having reference to the subject matter of such question.
 22. No member shall speak more than once on the same question unless in explanation and then only with the permission of the Chairperson. Provided always that any member having previously spoken on the original question shall be entitled to speak once on each amendment, and that the mover of the original question shall have the right of final reply.
 23. No member shall upon any notice or amendment for a longer period than ten (10) minutes without the consent of the meeting.
 24. No member shall make any offensive personal reflections upon or impute any improper motives to any other member or officer, and any member so offending shall immediately, upon being required by the Chairperson, withdraw the offensive expressions, and retract such imputation of motive and make an apology satisfactory

to the meeting. Any member refusing to apologise and to withdraw the offensive expressive or imputations shall not be allowed to further address the Chair at that or any subsequent meeting until he shall have complied with such direction, nor shall his vote be recorded upon any questions.

25. The Chairperson shall preserve order and may at any time call to order any member whom he may deem to be out of order; and when two or more members rise to speak at the same time, he shall decide which member shall be first heard.
26. Any member may call the attention of the Chairperson to any other member being out of order or to any point of order.
27. Every point of order shall be taken into consideration immediately upon its arising and decided by the Chairperson.
28. No motion for adjournment shall be proposed or seconded by a member who has spoken on the motion before the meeting or has moved or seconded or spoken to any amendment thereto while any such motion or amendment is under discussion.
29. A resolution which has been passed by the association shall not be altered or rescinded except by a motion to that effect of which due notice has been duly given. Provided that where notice of motion to rescind a resolution is given at the meeting at which resolution is carried, such resolution shall not be given effect to until such motion of rescission has been dealt with.
30. Where motion to alter or rescind a resolution has been negatived or where a motion which has the same effect as a previously negatived motion is negatived, no similar motion shall be brought forward within three months thereafter and shall not be evaded by substituting any motion differently worded, but in principle the same.
31. Clauses (a) to (y) (inclusive) shall apply (mutatis mutandis) to all meetings of the general Committee.