

Adopted by the Society Board on 20 January 2018.

Swansea City Supporters' Society Limited
Election Policy

Introduction

1. This document constitutes the Election Rules, Regulations and Procedure and is drafted in accordance with existing constitution of the Swansea City Football Club Supporters' Society Limited. The purpose of the Election Rules Policy is to ensure that the elections for Society board members are conducted in a democratic and unbiased manner in accordance with these rules and the Society's general rules.

2. Definitions:

EWG Elections Working Group
SB Society Board

Election Control

3. During the election period the EWG will ensure that the Election is run in accordance with the Election Rules Policy on behalf of the Swans Trust members.

4. Members serving on the EWG shall be eligible to nominate candidates, vote but not stand in the Elections.

5. Polling for the election is to be run by the EWG overseen where necessary by an independent scrutineer. The results as determined by the EWG are final.

6. Election details shall also be posted on the Swans Trust Website and circulated, via email to members.

7. Polling results will be determined by the EWG with the total votes for each candidate being counted and Board vacancies being filled in order of total votes cast.

8. The results will be announced via the Trust Website and via email to members.

Eligibility & Nomination

9. The EWG will verify that nominations are from members and check that supporting signatories are also members.

10. Candidates must comply with eligibility and nomination procedure as set out in the Nominations publication.

11. It is the Candidate's responsibility to ensure their nominations are valid and submitted in accordance with the timetable. In the event of uncertainty, the decision of the EWG will be final.

12. In signing the form, candidates are bound by the terms and conditions of the election rules and regulations.

13. A signed letter of nomination from a member is an acceptable substitute for manuscript signature on a candidates' nomination form.

14. Specifically candidates are also self-certifying that they comply with the following two specific rules:

15. No candidate can stand if they:

are subject to a disqualification order under the Company Directors Disqualification Act.

have been convicted of an indictable offence:

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16. During the election the EWG or other serving SB members, cannot provide advice to voting members as to the suitability of any candidates on behalf of the Swans Trust. Any opinion, or advice provided, should be taken as provided in a personal capacity.

17. Candidates/complainants have the right of appeal to the EWG, and then through the complaints procedure detailed in Swans Trust rules.

18. Complaints after voting has closed shall be made in writing to the EWG not later than three working days after the close of poll.

19. All communication regarding Election Rules Policy should be addressed to the EWG, via e-mail at "info@swanstrust.co.uk", or by letter addressed to the EWG at the Swans Trust registered office.

20. Should any Candidates contravene the election rules the EWG shall judge whether a disqualification shall apply, prior to announcement of election results and subsequently to the elected SB.

21. The elected SB will decide what action, if appropriate, may be taken should disqualification occur.

Manifestos and Campaigning

22. The EWG shall publish a Manifesto document based on Candidates' Manifestos submitted with the Nomination form.

23. The EWG will be responsible for circulation of the manifesto document with ballot papers.

24. On a membership-wide basis, campaigning will be restricted to this publication. No further Election campaigning material will be circulated to all members. Other than this personal campaigning is allowable.

25. All candidates can submit an election manifesto to the EWG by close of nominations. The candidate's name need not appear in these 250 words. Acronyms, pseudonyms, and slang will be at the discretion of the EWG.

26. All the candidate's manifestos are to be received in written form, typed, and proof read before issue. The number of words counted shall be decided using Microsoft Word.

27. If a candidate's manifesto has more than the permitted 250 words, it will be truncated at 250 words and text will be inserted below stating: "The Candidate's Manifesto has exceeded the permitted 250 words and has therefore been truncated".

28. Candidate's manifestos written in the third person shall be accepted.

29. Candidates and nominees can only put their real names on nomination documentation. No nicknames will be accepted.

30. A candidate's manifesto shall not contain the name of any of their nominators or any other candidate.

31. Candidates must not in their manifestos: make threats, insults, derogatory, abusive, racist, sexist, or homophobic statements, or references towards other candidates.
