

SPORT NORTH HOUSE RULES – Presidents’ Council

1. QUORUM

- 1.1 A simple majority of voting Members shall be quorum at an Annual General Meeting. The Federation consists of twenty seven (27) Active Members and five (6) Affiliate Members.**
- 1.2 Quorum for a committee-of-the-whole shall be 16 members.
- 1.3 Quorum for other committees shall be a majority of the members of that committee.
- 1.4 No business may be conducted if there is no quorum.
- 1.5 If any member draws the attention of the Chairperson to the want of a quorum, the Chairperson shall at once count the members present. If there is no quorum, the Chairperson shall at once announce the meeting is adjourned.
- 1.6 If the lack of a quorum is discovered during a debate or in the course of a vote, the business being debated or voted on will be the first business at the next meeting.

2. MOTIONS

- 2.1 A motion is a formal proposal by two members, a mover and a seconder.
- 2.2 All motions except procedural motions shall be in writing and delivered to the Chair.
- 2.3 A member shall speak only once on the same question, except for the mover of the main motion, who has the privilege of closing the debate. Notwithstanding the above, a delegate may be recognized by the Chair to speak one additional time.

3. CHALLENGING A RULING OF THE CHAIR

- 3.1 Any ruling of the chair can be challenged immediately after the ruling.
- 3.2 The parliamentarian shall rule at the request of the Chair and his/her ruling shall be binding.
- 3.3 Members have no rights to criticize a ruling of the Chair except by a challenge of the ruling.

4. COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE

- 4.1 Discussion can be much more free.
- 4.2 A mover and seconder are required for a meeting to go into committee-of-the-whole to consider a specific question.
- 4.3 The Chairperson of the committee-of-the-whole may be appointed by the President or elected by the meeting.
- 4.4 Regular rules may apply with the following exceptions:
- Members may speak more than once.
 - Motions need no seconders except to "Move to rise and report".
 - No minutes are kept.
 - Notes are kept for reporting
 - Recommendations are made to the meeting, each with a mover and seconder following the motion to "rise and report".

5. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

- 5.1 Jean Hinton, Past President of the Federation will chair the Nomination Committee and three other persons designated by her.
- 5.2 Candidates must be nominated by a Territorial Sport Organization and must be seconded.
- 5.3 Elections shall take place on the last day of the Annual General Meeting.
- 5.4 The Executive Director shall conduct elections.
- 5.5 Voting shall be by secret ballot.
- 5.6 Candidates or someone designated by the candidate to speak for him/her may address the Annual General Meeting for a maximum of five (5) minutes prior to the ballot.
- 5.7 Candidates shall be presented to the Annual General Meeting in the order of President and Board Members.
- 5.8 The delegates shall vote on each candidate, the candidate with the greatest number of votes wins.

6. VOTING RIGHTS

- 6.1 Delegates'- Business shall be transacted by a show of voting cards unless circumstances dictate otherwise.
- 6.2 The majority of the votes of Members present who vote shall decide each issue, unless the issue needs to be decided by an Extraordinary Resolution. A tie vote shall fail.

7. ORDERS OF THE DAY

- 7.1 Orders of the day shall be presented at the beginning of each day. Requests for items to be added to the orders of the day must be submitted at that time, except for the first day, when the submission must be made at a prior session.