



British Judo Association Membership Notice

For: All BJA Members (via Club Secretaries)
From: Densign White, Chairman
Subject: New Mail Voting System – Effective for this Year’s AGM

New Mail Voting System to Replace the Current Proxy Voting System

In order to ensure every Member Club has the option to have their vote counted on each and every resolution, the Board of Directors has decided to offer the option of voting by mail on all resolutions from this point forward.

In the past, Member Clubs had the option of attending the AGM to vote on proposed resolutions or were able to register a proxy vote with another individual or club to vote on their behalf.

It is estimated that at past AGM’s there would normally have been 50 – 60 proxy votes in the room, along with the votes of those clubs attending on their own behalf. The net result was usually about 150 or so votes in the room at a given AGM.

Since we have over 800 member clubs the total percentage of voters would be less than 20% on average.

Under the new system, each club will receive a voting sheet with each of the legal Resolutions listed, along with a short statement by the group that who proposed the resolution and a statement from the Board of Directors.

The Club will then have the option of voting by mail, or attending the AGM to vote in person.

If a Club wants to vote by mail, they will simply tick the relevant box – for, against or abstain – and return the form to the Head Office.

The votes will be compiled by two members of staff and an independent observer and the results will be placed in a sealed envelope for opening at the AGM.

At the AGM, the Clubs in attendance will vote via a show of voting cards and after these results are tabulated the envelopes with the mail vote totals will be opened and the final results will be calculated.

This new system will negate the need to register proxy votes.

The Board is confident that this new system will allow for a more inclusive democratic process and we hope that more clubs will be encouraged to vote on all future issues.

We know you will agree that this change will enhance your ability to participate in the process of shaping the future of the Association and we look forward to seeing your vote represented at the AGM.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Densign White'.

Chairman