

# NSWBA By Laws on Election of Members to the NSWBA Congress Disciplinary and Ethics Committee (CDEC)

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## Election of Members of the Congress Disciplinary and Ethics Committee

The procedure for nominations to the NSWBA Congress Disciplinary and Ethics Committee (CDEC) (the Committee) will be in accordance with Clause 2 of the *NSW Congress Disciplinary and Ethics Regulations* (The Regulations)

### 2. GOVERNANCE

2.1. Congress Disciplinary and Ethics Committee (the Committee) consists of up to 12 members, with a target composition of 3 from every Zone, as defined in the NSWBA's by-laws, currently

Metropolitan Zone  
Outer Metropolitan Zone  
Southern and  
Western Zone Northern Zone

Ideally, the Committee members will be drawn from different regions and clubs within each Zone.

2.2. Nominations to the CDEC will be taken once every 3 years, beginning in 2019.

If there are more than **three nominations** from a Zone, an election will be held in accordance with procedures set out in the by-laws and section 15(4) of the NSWBA's Constitution, at the same time and in a manner similar to the election of NSWBA Zonal Councillors.

2.3. Membership of the Committee will be displayed on the NSWBA website at <http://www.nswba.com.au/clubs/disciplinarypanel.asp?M=72.4>

2.4. The Committee selects a Chair from its members during January immediately following the election. The Chair remains in that position until the next election.

2.5. The NSWBA Council may appoint members to fill casual vacancies. Casual appointees remain Committee members until the next election.

2.6. Committee members may stand for re-election.

## Timing of Elections

Elections will be held at the same time as the Annual General Meeting of the NSWBA.

## Nominations

The Secretary of the NSWBA will ask all affiliated clubs for nominations at least eight weeks before the election.

Nominations are to be delivered to the Secretary of the NSWBA at least four weeks before the date of the election.

Nominees for election must be current financial members of one (or more) affiliated clubs within the zone they are seeking to represent.

Nominees for election must be endorsed in writing by the President or Secretary of an affiliated bridge club within the zone they seek to represent. Nominees must consent to nomination in writing. A club may nominate **a maximum of one candidate**. A candidate may not nominate to represent two or more zones.

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## Voting Procedure

Every nominated club is entitled to nominate one candidate for membership of the CDEC.

If there are only three nominated candidates for the three positions in each zone those three persons are elected unopposed without the need for any ballot to be conducted.

If there are fewer than three candidates for the three positions in any zone, such positions are treated as casual vacancies. A person appointed by the NSWBA Council Pursuant to Clause 2.5 of the Regulations to fill a casual vacancy must be a financial member of an affiliated bridge club.

All elected members of the Committee are entitled to serve on the Committee for a period of three (3) years. Positions that are filled by a casual vacancy may continue until the end of the elected Committee's three year term.

Every affiliated club in a zone is entitled to vote to elect up to three CDEC members for that zone.

If a vote is required for a zone, the Secretary of the NSWBA will send voting information to all affiliated clubs in the zone at least three weeks before the election. Clubs must return their votes to arrive at least two days before the election.

There will be a maximum of four votes per club per candidate, based on the most recently available number of "home club" members in each club as shown on the ABF Masterpoint Centre website.

The number of votes, per candidate allocated to each club is:

- 1 to 20 members: 1 vote
- 21 to 100 members: 2 votes
- 101 to 500 members: 3 votes
- 501 or more members: 4 votes

A club cannot vote for more than three candidates but must exercise all votes in favour of three or fewer candidates, if it votes at all.

Votes will be counted at the Annual General Meeting of the NSWBA. Each of the ballots for the twelve CDEC positions will be decided on a "first past the post" basis for each zone.

In the event of an equal number of votes being cast for each zone's candidates, or no votes being cast for any candidate, the matter is to be decided by drawing lots.

## Appendix 1: Zones

### **Metropolitan Zone:**

- Postcodes below 2250.

### **Outer Metropolitan Zone:**

- Postcodes between 2250 and 2323 inclusive
- Postcodes between 2325 and 2339 inclusive
- Postcode 2500
- Postcode 2560
- Postcodes between 2560 and 2569 inclusive
- Postcodes between 2740 and 2786 inclusive.

### **Southern & Western Zone:**

- Postcodes between 2501 and 2559 inclusive
- Postcodes between 2561 and 2739 inclusive
- Postcodes between 2787 and 2800 inclusive
- Postcodes above 2850.

### **Northern Zone:**

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- Postcode 2324
- Postcodes between 2340 and 2499 inclusive
- Postcodes between 2801 and 2850 inclusive.