

A guide to FMC Voting at General Meetings



Principles

1. Every club has 1 vote per 100 members or part thereof. So a club with 1 to 100 members has 1 vote. A club with 101 to 200 members has 2 votes and so on. A club with exactly 600 members has 6 votes – you need to have 601 to have 7 votes.
2. Clubs can check their voting strength at <https://my.fmc.org.nz/find-a-club>
3. Votes must be exercised in person. You cannot ask that a vote be recorded by email / mail.
4. Only delegates named in advance by a club can carry votes. A delegate must be a member of that club. Observers cannot carry any votes and Executive members have no right to vote other than that granted to them by being named as a delegate for a club they belong to.
5. A delegate can only exercise a maximum of three delegate votes from a club or clubs they belong to. If a delegate belongs to 2 or more clubs the delegate can still only carry a maximum of 3 votes total.
6. A delegate may also carry up to 2 proxy votes from another club. A delegate cannot carry a proxy vote from a club they belong to.
7. No delegate can carry more than 5 votes (3 delegate + 2 proxy)
8. All delegates and proxies must be notified and confirmed **before** the meeting starts.
9. All delegates and proxies must be confirmed in writing or email by the club **before** the meeting. Verbal assurances just before the meeting starts are not acceptable.
10. A delegate holding more than one vote may exercise those votes as they see fit. For instance if a delegate has 3 delegate and 1 proxy vote (with no direction) then they may choose to vote on a motion as 4 in favour 0 against, 3 in favour 1 against, 2 in favour 1 against and 1 abstention and any other combination of votes in favour, against or abstentions that total 4!

Delegates

Notify the Executive Officer before the meeting of the names of your delegates. You'll need to fill in the Attendance & Voting Form, and e-mail it to eo@fmc.org.nz, or mail it to the PO BOX address indicated on the form.

Proxies

If your club cannot send a delegate and wishes to exercise a vote then you can assign a proxy vote.

EITHER: Find another club which is sending a delegate and ask that delegate if they are prepared to be a proxy for your club. If so, notify the Executive Officer that this person will have your club proxy vote(s). Remember no delegate can have more than 2 proxy votes.

Your club may discuss / direct the proxy how to vote but this is a matter between your club and the proxy and not the FMC. The Executive Officer or the Chairman of the meeting cannot be involved in any discussion as to how a proxy should vote.

OR: Advise the Executive Officer that your club wants to assign your Club vote(s) to the "Executive". In this case the Executive Officer will select a member of the Executive who is a delegate from another club and assign your Club vote(s) to that Executive member.

If your club has more than 1 vote it may be that the proxy has to be split between two executive members.

If you assign your vote to the Executive then you are indicating that your club supports the Executive's view on any motions to be voted on and it is not appropriate for you to then direct the Executive member holding your club's proxy as to how to vote. The Executive member will vote in support of Executive decisions.

If you have any queries about the voting procedure please do not hesitate to contact the Executive Officer at eo@fmc.org.nz or 027 339 2688.