



EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING · 23 SEPTEMBER 2026

Voting at the EGM

How votes are calculated, and the voting roll — issued by the Secretary

This document explains how many votes your club holds at the Extraordinary General Meeting of 23 September 2026, which decisions each vote can be used on, and how ballots will be cast. The voting roll at section 7 sets out the entitlement of every Voting Member.

1. Clubs and teams are not the same thing

This is the distinction that explains everything else.

A **club** is the Voting Member. Clause 4.2.1 makes Affiliated Clubs Voting Members of the Federation. Clause 4.3 describes an Affiliated Club as being formed of one or many baseball teams, senior, youth or both. The club holds the membership, the club is entitled to vote, and the club is represented at the meeting by its Authorised Participants.

A **team** is what generates votes. The number of votes a club holds is driven by how many of its teams competed last season. Teams do not hold membership and do not attend the meeting in their own right — but each one adds a vote to the club that fielded it.

2. How the number of votes is worked out

Clause 6.12 sets the rule: *"Each Voting Member shall have one (1) vote except Affiliated Clubs that shall have an additional vote for each additional registered league team other than its first team. In determining the number of league teams belonging to an Affiliated Club only those league teams that competed in the last complete baseball season shall be counted."* Clause 6.13 confirms there is no maximum.

2026 is the season against which clause 6.12 is applied for this meeting.

TEAMS THAT COMPETED IN 2026	VOTES HELD
None	1
One	1
Two	2
Three	3
Ten	10

The first team does not add a vote — it is the club's vote. A club with one team does not hold one vote for the club and another for the team. Clause 6.12 gives every Voting Member a vote to begin with, and adds votes only for teams "other than its first team".

A club with no active team still holds one vote. The base vote belongs to the club as a member of the Federation, not to any team.

A team has to have played in 2026. Clause 6.12 counts only teams that competed in the last complete baseball season. Where a team was paid for but is known not to have fielded or competed in 2026, it attracts no vote — neither a senior nor a youth vote. The payment is a subscriptions matter, recorded separately, and does not create or preserve voting entitlement.

Life Members are Voting Members under clause 4.2.2 and hold one vote each, representing themselves under clause 6.18. There are two Life Members on the roll for this meeting.

3. What each vote can be used on

Every vote you hold counts on every motion. A club with five votes casts five votes on each of the Motions, normally in block. Section 6 explains how a club may divide its entitlement if it wishes to.

The election of the Senior Affiliated Clubs League Commissioner is the exception. Clause 5.7 provides that League Commissioners are elected by Voting Members “with a direct association to the senior/youth bracket” for that role. Clause 6.15 requires the Secretary to advise the split of each club’s votes *for the purposes of electing League Commissioners only*. So in that election a vote is cast only where it was generated by a senior team:

- A senior team’s vote is cast in the **Senior** Affiliated Clubs League Commissioner election.
- A vote generated by a youth team is not cast in that election.
- A club with no active senior team, and a Life Member, has no vote in that election — there is no direct association to the senior bracket. Their votes still count on every motion.

No election for the Youth Affiliated Clubs League Commissioner arises at this meeting. The Youth column on the voting roll is shown for completeness only.

Women's teams and blind baseball teams count as senior teams for this purpose. That is my determination under clause 6.15 and it is recorded here so that it is on the record rather than assumed.

4. Worked examples

CLUB	TOTAL VOTES	ON MOTIONS	SENIOR COMMISSIONER	YOUTH COMMISSIONER
Two senior teams, one youth team	3	3	2	1
One senior team only	1	1	1	—
Four youth teams only	4	4	—	4
One senior, one women's team	2	2	2	—
No team fielded in 2026	1	1	—	—
Life Member	1	1	—	—

5. Other matters affecting entitlement

- **Probation or sanction.** Clause 4.12 provides that a Voting Member currently on probation or currently sanctioned by the BBF is not entitled to vote, nor to stand, nor to propose or second a candidate. **This does not apply at this meeting.** No Voting Member is currently on probation or currently sanctioned by the BBF, so no member is excluded on that basis on 23 September.
- **Unfinancial members.** Clause 6.19 allows the Board to declare a Voting Member unfinancial, which removes its vote, but only if the declaration is communicated not less than twenty days before the meeting. No such declaration has been made in respect of this meeting, so no member will be excluded on that basis on 23 September.
- **Who attends.** Each club is represented by the Authorised Participants it has notified to me under clause 6.16. Life Members represent themselves under clause 6.18. A club’s votes are cast by its representative at the meeting.
- **Pre-registration.** To cast a club’s votes you must be an Authorised Participant nominated by your club using the link published on the BBF website. That link is the form prescribed by the Secretary under clause 6.16, and pre-registration is how a club tells me whom it has authorised. **Pre-registration closes at 6.30pm on 23 September 2026.** Pre-registration is common practice at general meetings: it is how the Chair knows the meeting is quorate before business begins, and how each club’s votes are attributed to the right person on the night.
- **What pre-registration governs.** Admission is checked by name against the register. A person who has not been nominated by their club is not admitted as its representative: they may observe at the discretion of the Chair, but cannot speak for the club or cast its votes. A Voting Member that has not pre-registered has nobody authorised to cast its votes and will not vote.
- **Number of representatives.** Clause 6.16 requires at least one Authorised Participant and sets no maximum, and clause 6.21 allows a club with multiple votes to have one or many Authorised Participants cast them. To keep a three-hour virtual meeting manageable, clubs are asked to nominate up to two representatives. That is a practical limit set for this meeting and not a requirement of the Constitution.

6. At the meeting

All voting is by secret ballot in accordance with clause 6.27. Each ballot offers For, Against and Abstain; abstentions are recorded but do not count towards the result. Motions carry on a simple majority of the votes cast under clause 6.28.

How you will cast your votes. Ballots are cast through a secure electronic form issued to Authorised Participants during the meeting.

The ballot is set up for votes to be cast in block. Its representative enters a single decision — For, Against or Abstain — and the club's full entitlement as shown on the voting roll is recorded to that decision. A club holding five votes casts five For or five Against. Clubs are asked to settle their position before the ballot opens so that the count is straightforward.

A club may split its votes if it wishes. That is the club's right and it is not prevented. It is not what the form anticipates, so a club wishing to divide its entitlement should use the free text field on the ballot to state how its votes are to be allocated — for example three For and two Against. The tally keepers will record the split as directed. A club intending to split is asked to tell the Secretary before the ballot opens where it can, so that the count is not held up.

Who counts them. Two independent tally keepers are appointed at the start of proceedings under clause 6.25. They administer the ballot, cross-check every count against each other, and report the result to the meeting before it is declared.

If the technology fails. A fallback is in place. If the electronic form is unavailable to you, or fails during the meeting, you cast your ballot by email to an address given at the meeting. Email ballots are received, verified and counted by the same two independent tally keepers and reported in the same way. No member will lose a vote because of a technical problem. If you have any difficulty on the night, say so at the time rather than afterwards.

Voting on all motions at this meeting is conducted under the voting model set out above. If Motion 4 is carried it changes the model for the future, not for this meeting.

7. The voting roll

Entitlement of every Voting Member for the Extraordinary General Meeting of 23 September 2026, fixed as at 12 September 2026, the date of the notice convening the meeting. Votes are counted against the **2026 season**, that being the last complete baseball season for the purposes of clause 6.12. The Motions column applies to all four motions and to the election of any Board role elected by the whole membership. The Senior and Youth columns apply only to the election of the two League Commissioners.

VOTING MEMBER	MOTIONS & OTHER ROLES	SENIOR COMMISSIONER	YOUTH COMMISSIONER
Alderley Edge Baseball	1	—	1
Baseball Softball Gwalia	1	—	—
BC VETRA	1	—	—
Birmingham Baseball Club	4	2	2
Bournemouth Bears	1	1	—
Bracknell Baseball and Softball Club	3	3	—
Brighton Baseball Club	5	3	2
Bristol Baseball Club	5	4	1
British Blind Baseball	1	—	—
Broughton Astley Black Sox	1	—	1
Cambridge Baseball Club	6	3	3
Cardiff Merlins	2	2	—
Cornwall Baseball Club	2	2	—
County Durham Spartans Baseball Club	1	1	—
Croydon Pirates Baseball Club	5	3	2
East London Latin Boys	1	1	—
Edinburgh Baseball Club	1	—	—
Edinburgh Rays Baseball Club	1	—	—
Essex Baseball Club	7	5	2
Exeter Baseball Club	2	2	—
Glasgow Baseball Association	1	—	1
Greenwich Giants Baseball Club	2	—	2
Guildford Baseball Club	4	2	2
Harwich Town Bay Area Blues Baseball Club	1	1	—
Hastings Pirates Baseball Club	1	1	—
Herts Baseball Club	9	6	3
Hildenborough Hurricanes Baseball Club	3	2	1
Hull Scorpions	1	1	—
Kent Baseball Club	2	2	—
Leeds Locos Baseball Club	3	2	1
Leicester Blue Sox	3	2	1

VOTING MEMBER	MOTIONS & OTHER ROLES	SENIOR COMMISSIONER	YOUTH COMMISSIONER
Liverpool Trojans Baseball Club	3	3	—
London Archers Baseball	4	—	4
London Mets Baseball and Softball Club	13	12	1
London Monarchs	4	—	4
Long Eaton Baseball Club	2	1	1
LYBL	7	1	6
Manchester Baseball Club	3	3	—
Middlesex Baseball Club	1	1	—
Milton Keynes Bucks	2	2	—
New Forest Baseball	2	2	—
Newark Nationals Baseball Club	1	1	—
Newcastle Nighthawks	1	1	—
Newton Abbot Brewers	1	1	—
Northants Centurions	3	2	1
Norwich Icenis Baseball Club	2	2	—
Oxford Kings Baseball Club	2	1	1
Plymouth Mariners Baseball Club	1	1	—
Plymouth Outlaws	2	2	—
Richmond Baseball Club	6	5	1
Scotland Werewolves	1	—	—
Sheffield Bladerunners Baseball Club	2	2	—
Sheffield Bruins Baseball Club	3	2	1
South West Serpents	1	1	—
Taunton Baseball Club	2	2	—
The Bognor Regis Baseball Club CIO	1	1	—
Tiverton Baseball Club	1	—	—
Tonbridge Baseball Club	2	2	—
Torrington Riptides Baseball Club	1	1	—
Wakefield Crows	1	—	—
Wellington Khaki Sox	1	1	—
Weston Jets Baseball Club	1	1	—
Wragby Warhammers Baseball Club	1	1	—
Yeovil Whirlwinds Baseball Club	1	1	—
Kevin Macadam – Life Member	1	—	—
Michael Harrold – Life Member	1	—	—
Total — 66 Voting Members	162	107	45

The Motions total exceeds the sum of the two Commissioner columns because ten Voting Members hold a vote on motions and on all other roles but have no team in either bracket, and so do not vote in either Commissioner election.

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