



ONB President

1 ROLE OF PRESIDENT

The ONB¹ President is an Honorary and Ceremonial role, representing the County at Gala's and other events and ceremonies.

1.1 ARTIFACTS OF OFFICE

The president holds the ONB Ceremonial artifacts and is responsible for their care.

1.2 TERM

The role is normally a 2 year commitment, however this may be extended to 3 years when a new President Elect is unable to be appointed.

1.2.1 President Elect period

The position is elected a year before taking office and during this interim period the President Elect supports the President and is instructed in the duties of the role by the President in preparation for taking office.

The President Elect may fill in for the President when they are not available for a specific activity, event or ceremony.

1.2.2 President period

The President holds Office for a year during which the President represents the County at activities, events and ceremonies.

The President attends the ONB executive meetings, but the role does not have a vote and has no executive authority.

1.2.3 Maximum Term

A president may not hold the President role for more than 2 years. If holding the role for more than one year, the second year must be consecutive.

1.3 PRESIDENT ELECT

After being elected the candidate will be the President Elect for the year prior to their assuming the office of President. During this period, they will be instructed in the role by the current president or where there is no current President then by the Chair. They may be required to act as President at specific activities, events or ceremonies where the incumbent President is unable to attend.

1.4 TRANSITION

1.4.1 Becoming President

At the end of their period as President Elect they will take possession of the artifacts of office and acknowledge that they are responsible for their care whilst holding the office of President.

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1.4.2 Ending their period in Office

At the end of their period in office they will arrange to hand over possession of the artifacts of office to the President Elect or to the Chair where there is no President Elect.

2 ELECTIONS

2.1 CANDIDATES

2.1.1 Contributions to Swim England (SE), SE South East Region, ONB and Swimming Disciplines in general

The candidate should have a strong history with one or more aquatic disciplines and contributed to the development and promotion of them in accordance with the object of the Club.

2.1.2 Membership

The candidate must be a Swim England member and a member of ONB, either holding a ONB executive role or a member of one of the ONB Member Clubs. This membership must be maintained throughout their period in office.

2.1.3 Proposer

The proposer must be a member of ONB, either holding a ONB executive role or a member of one of the ONB Member Clubs. If their membership is of a Member Club then they should have the support of the Club's Committee to propose the Candidate on their behalf.

2.1.4 Agreement

The proposer must have the candidate's permission to put them forward for the role.

2.2 ELECTION

The election will be held at a quorate ONB General Meeting, either Annual General meeting (AGM) or Special General meeting (SGM). The candidate receiving the most votes will be appointed to the role.

2.2.1 Canvas for Candidates

Clubs will be requested to propose candidates no less than 2 calendar months prior to the election date. Proposals must be received at least 2 full weeks prior to the election.

2.2.2 Notification

Clubs will be notified of the Candidates for election no less than 1 week prior to the election.

This notification needs to have been distributed however there is no requirement to verify it has been received and acknowledged.

2.2.3 Tied Vote

In the event of a tied vote, the Chair will have the casting vote and decide between the tied candidates.

2.2.4 No Candidates

2.2.4.1 Current president Elect

In the event that there are no Candidates proposed for election the current President Elect will be given the option to serve for 2 terms.



2.2.4.2 Extend period

If the President Elect does not wish to serve for 2 terms then the Clubs will be canvassed for a further 2 months to find a candidate. This may be extended for a maximum of 3 times at which point if there are still no candidates it will be deemed that there is no Elected President for that year.

2.3 OUT OF CYCLE ELECTION

An out of cycle election will follow the same process as a normal election and the vote will be conducted at a Special General Meeting (SGM). In the event of no candidates the maximum extension will be 2 times.

3 NO PRESIDENT

In the event that there no incumbent President or President Elect, the Chair will take on the role and may at their discretion delegate the Role to another member of the Club for a specific Activity, Event or Ceremony. The Chair will take position of the artifacts of office and responsibility for their care.

4 EARLY TERMINATION

A President or President Elect may lose office before their normal period expires.

4.1 TERMINATION EVENTS

4.1.1 Resignation

The President or President Elect may resign the role at any time by writing to the Secretary of ONB and declaring they no longer wish to hold the role or are unable to fulfil the role.

4.1.1.1 Effective date

A resignation date must be given.

4.1.1.2 Withdrawal

Once a resignation has been submitted it may not be withdrawn.

4.1.1.3 Hand over Artifacts of Office

If the president resigns, they will immediately arrange to hand over the Artifacts of Office to the President Elect. This must be done within 2 weeks of their resignation date.

4.1.2 Pass Away

In the unfortunate circumstance that a President or President Elect passes away whilst in office.

4.1.2.1 Acknowledgement and Condolences

The County will arrange for condolences to be sent to the family.

The death will be announced at the County Championships along with details of their contribution to aquatics and ONB.

4.1.2.2 Retrieval of Artifacts of Office

The Chair will arrange to take possession of the Artifacts of Office.

4.1.3 Removal from Office

A President or President Elect may be removed from office by agreement of the Principal Officers.



4.1.3.1 Breach of Club Rules

The President breaches Club Rules and the Principal Officers agree by majority.

4.1.3.2 Judicial Outcome

The outcome of a Swim England Judicial process includes removal from office

4.1.3.3 Swim England membership

The President ceases to be a Swim England member

4.2 PRESIDENT ELECT

If the President Elect ceases to hold office, it is treated as them withdrawing from the election.

4.2.1 Other Candidates on the Ballot

If there were any other candidates on the ballot, the role will be offered to the candidate with the next highest number of votes. A candidate must have received at least one vote. This will continue until either a candidate accepts or there are no further candidates from the original ballot who had received at least one vote.

4.2.1.1 Tied Votes

Where more than one candidate has the same number of votes, the role will be offered to those candidates, should more than one wish to take up the position, the Chair will decide either which candidate will succeed or that a ballot should take place. If a ballot is to be held this will be organised within 2 weeks and will include all remaining candidates from the original ballot wishing to be considered for the role.

4.2.1.2 No Votes

Where there are no candidates from the original ballot wishing to be considered that had any votes for them in the original ballot then an out of cycle election will be held. Any of the original candidates that wish to be considered but who received no votes will automatically be included in the ballot.

4.2.2 No other candidates on the Ballot

Where there were no other candidates on the original ballot then an out of cycle election will be held.

4.3 PRESIDENT

If the President ceases to hold office.

4.3.1 President Elect takes Office Early

The President Elect takes over as President immediately and holds the office to the end of their term in office. The period they have acquired is not counted towards their maximum period in office.

4.3.2 No President Elect

Where there is no President Elect the Chair will fulfil the role to the end of the Presidents Term of Office.

4.3.3 Transfer of Artifacts of Office

The President will immediately arrange the transfer of the Artifacts of Office to either the President Elect or to the Chair when there is no President Elect.