

To: All MNAs and Candidates

From: Elections Panel

Re: Voting Procedures for General Assembly

Date: 7 November 2025

1. This notice contains further information about the voting arrangements for the forthcoming General Assembly. It is important that all voting Delegates read this information.

Eligibility to Vote

2. The deadline for appointing Delegates has now passed. The Executive Office is processing the final certificates of appointment and will update the published list of countries registered to vote shortly.
3. The Elections Panel is aware that there are Proposals before the General Assembly which may affect eligibility to vote in the election. The Panel is preparing for whichever outcome the General Assembly decides, and will issue voting credentials at the meeting if countries become eligible to vote.
4. **Voting credentials have been sent by email to the email address specified on the certificate of appointment sent in by the MNA.** Some MNAs have specified their MNA office email address – in this case, it is your responsibility to ensure that you have access to the email address to obtain the credentials. Voting will not be delayed if the Panel is satisfied the credentials have been properly issued.
5. The list of registered Delegates is included with this notice.

Voting Procedure

6. Voting will take place through the Nemovote system used by World Sailing at its formal meetings and which will be used for the other business at the General Assembly.
7. As previously notified, Delegates must use their own device (laptop, tablet, phone) to vote. This must be able to connect to the internet and be fully charged.
8. Delegates will be sent **TWO** sets of voting credentials. One set will be for the main General Assembly business, the other set will be for the elections only.
9. For Delegates attending remotely, Nemovote staff will be on the Teams meeting call and they should message in the chat function if they require assistance. For Delegates in the room, if they require assistance they should raise their hand and a member of staff or the Panel will assist.
10. For the election, the secret ballot function is enabled meaning no one can check who a Delegate has voted for. The Panel can check if a Delegate has voted but it cannot see who you vote for. Only Panel members will check progress of the vote with the Nemovote staff during the election.

11. The election is between five candidates for two positions. **Delegates must vote for exactly two candidates on their ballot.** If a Delegate votes for a different number, the ballot is invalid and will not be counted. The voting system has been set to only accept a vote for two candidates.

Test Voting

12. Now that the voting credentials have been issued, the Executive Office has opened a test vote on the voting platform. Thank you to the countries who have already test voted.
13. This test vote will remain open until Saturday morning. Delegates should log in and vote as soon as possible. They can visit the Nemovote helpdesk to help with this, or you can visit the helpdesk to check your test vote was received and that it is accurately recorded.
14. Another test vote will be held immediately before the election commences.

Contingency Procedure

15. The Nemovote platform has been used successfully by World Sailing at a number of meetings now. However, the Panel has agreed a contingency procedure in the event it decides the voting platform is not working as expected and will not produce a fair result in which the Members and Candidates can have confidence.
16. In this event, the following procedure will apply:
 - a. For Delegates in the room: the procedure will follow the 2024 General Assembly voting process. Ballot papers will be issued to Delegates on presentation of their accreditation to the Panel. They will vote in private and then place their ballot papers in the ballot box.
 - b. For Delegates attending remotely: they must email their vote to the Nemovote staff within a time period stated by the Panel. The Nemovote staff will check the email has come from the expected Delegate and will confirm in the Teams meeting call that their vote has been received.
 - c. The Nemovote staff will then inform the Panel they have a vote from a Delegate attending remotely and inform the Panel of the Delegate's name. The Panel will issue a ballot paper to the Nemovote staff and they (not the Panel) will complete it in line with the email vote received. Two members of Nemovote staff will witness this stage of the process. World Sailing has instructed them not to reveal the votes to anyone. It will then be folded and handed to the Panel who will place it in the ballot box with the other votes.
 - d. This procedure replicates, as far as possible, the approved procedures used for the fully remote 2020 election.

Issued on behalf of the World Sailing Elections Panel