

National Council Election Protocol
National Game Network (NGN)

1. The rules of The Unified Football Supporters Organisation (TUFSO) allow for three members from the NGN to be elected to the National Council. Candidates for the National Council must be a fully paid up member of an eligible Affiliate organisation in either the National Game or the Football Pyramid of Wales.

Rule 13.3 of the rules of The Unified Football Supporters Organisation Ltd states:

13.3 Thereafter, members of the National Council will be elected to fill vacancies and will hold office for a two year term from the date of an AGM to the date of an AGM. Each Network will decide for itself the arrangements for the election of members of the National Council, subject to approval by the AGM. The elections for members for the Associate Tier and the Individual Voting Members tier will be conducted at the AGM under arrangements proposed by the Board and approved by the AGM.

2. Where a vacancy arises Affiliates will be notified and nominations for candidates will be sought.
3. Nominations can be made at any time up until the notified close of nominations.
4. Any member wishing to stand as a candidate shall submit a written nomination to the Network Manager who will confirm receipt.

A nomination shall clearly state:

- a. The candidate's full name and address.
 - b. That the member wishes to stand for election to the National Council.
 - c. The name of the Affiliated organisation they are a member of.
 - d. The name and contact details of the Secretary of the Affiliate organisation.
 - e. Declare the candidate's eligibility to be a member of the National Council.
 - f. Be written in clear English and be clear to read.
5. Candidates may also submit a statement in support of their candidacy of no more than 500 words. The statement must be supplied in a common digital text format and received by the Network Manager at least three days prior to the close of nominations.
 6. Statements not supplied in time will not be distributed as part of the election process.
 7. Voting and Counting Procedure

The network shall elect representatives to the National Council following the procedure below:

- a. Voting shall normally be at a meeting of the network, unless otherwise agreed and approved by TUFSO Company Secretary.
- b. Each affiliate will receive a ballot paper listing the names of all candidates placed in random order.
- c. Each member may vote for as many candidates as there are vacancies on the National Council.
- d. A member may vote for fewer candidates than there are vacancies available but may not vote for more.
- e. Scrutineers for the election and count will be agreed at the network meeting where the election is to take place.
- f. In the event that a candidate withdraws at any stage of the election process votes cast for that candidate will be considered void and will not be counted.
- g. Once all votes have been counted the candidate with the highest number of votes will be elected to the National Council, followed by the candidate with the second highest number of votes and so on until all vacancies on the National Council have been filled.
- h. If, after all votes have been counted, two or more candidates are tied for the last remaining vacancy, lots will be drawn to determine who is elected.