

The Unified Football Supporters Organisation
National Game Network Meeting
Standing Orders and Guidance Notes

1. Introduction

These Standing Orders and guidance notes cover meetings of the National Game Network (NGN). The document should be read in conjunction with, and is subordinate to, the rules of The Unified Football Supporters Organisation Ltd (TUFSO).

2. Purpose

The NGN is the primary vehicle for activity and involvement of TUFSO affiliate members between TUFSO AGMs.

Individual members and associate members of TUFSO are welcome to attend and contribute to the discussions on matters relevant to supporters and clubs in the National Game and the Football Pyramid of Wales.

3. Membership

The membership categories of TUFSO are as follows: Affiliates, Associates and Individual members. The definition of membership categories is as detailed in the constitution and rules of TUFSO.

The NGN is open to all Affiliate members of TUFSO representing supporters from any football club competing outside of the top four divisions of the English professional game. The NGN shall also include clubs playing in the football pyramid in Wales.

4. Meetings

The network will meet at least three times in any calendar year. Meetings may also be attended by Individual and Associate members.

The meetings shall normally be chaired by a member of the National Council unless otherwise agreed by the meeting.

Individual and Associate members are particularly welcome from clubs where there is no fully-fledged affiliate.

5. Voting

Decisions will normally be agreed by consensus. Should a formal vote be required, then only Affiliate organisations are able to vote at network meetings, and in the election of National Council members. Each Affiliate has one vote.

Associate and individual members do not have a vote at network meetings or in the election of National Council members.

6. Submission of a proposal for discussion or agenda items

Members of the network may submit proposals for discussion at a Network meeting. Any member wishing to submit a proposal or an agenda item should familiarise themselves with TUFSO Rules and this guidance. Further advice and help with drafting and submitting a proposal may also be sought via the Network Manager. Any such advice given will not seek to influence the substance of the proposal.

7. Debating protocol

The following procedure should normally be followed when debating at a network meeting:

- a. The member making a proposal or a nominated representative of their choice will be invited to describe the main features of the proposal to the meeting.
- b. Questions and comments will be invited from those members present at the meeting who wish to speak on the proposal.

- c. The proposer or nominated representative of the proposal shall not take part in the debate, except to answer specific questions of clarity, which should be directed via the Chair of the meeting. After the debate, the proposer or nominated representative shall have the right of reply to the debate.
- d. The Chair will move to a vote where one is required.