



CIVICA

GCCF 2020 ELECTIONS – FAQs

1. Why are the elections being done differently this year?

Covid-19 has impacted significantly on the way GCCF elections would usually work. Legal guidance was sought to identify how the GCCF elections could work in an alternative way this year.

The GCCF board proposed a change to the by-laws to enable virtual elections due to it being impossible for us to come together as usual in London for a face to face vote. 131 clubs (87%) agreed with the proposal, which was therefore passed enabling the board to move forward with alternative elections to protect the future of the GCCF.

2. Who is running the election process?

The 2020 GCCF elections are being run by CIVICA, formerly known as Electoral Reform Services (ERS). CIVICA are the UK's leading provider of election services, with over 100 years' experience of administering elections, ballots and consultation processes. CIVICA are able to run a fully independent election process including both nomination and voting.

3. Are GCCF allowed to give CIVICA contact details of delegates?

The GCCF take data security very seriously. CIVICA have confirmed that the transfer of delegate contact details to enable voting for a membership organisation is covered by the UK General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) guidelines.

4. When do the elections take place?

The election process has been scheduled to take place between 30 September and 18 November 2020. Key stages of the process are outlined in the '**GCCF 2020 ELECTIONS – KEY DATES**' document.

- Nominations open 30 September 2020
- Nominations close 12 October 2020
- Voting opens 2 November 2020
- Voting closes 16 November 2020
- Results declared 18 November 2020

5. Which positions are being voted for?

The 2020 elections include the following votes:

POSITION	POSTS AVAILABLE
CHAIR	1
VICE-CHAIR	1
BOARD MEMBER	5 & 2 reserves
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBER	5 & 2 reserves
INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE MEMBER	2 & 2 reserves
DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE MEMBER	1 reserve

6. Who is eligible to nominate/be nominated/stand?

Eligibility to nominate/be nominated is summarised below:

POSITION	Eligible for Nomination	Able to nominate
CHAIR	All Delegates	All Delegates
VICE-CHAIR	All Delegates	All Delegates
BOARD MEMBER	All Delegates	All Delegates
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBER	All Delegates	All Delegates

POSITION	Eligible to stand
INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE MEMBER	Anyone bound by GCCF rules (is registered with GCCF and/or has shown with GCCF)
DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE MEMBER	Anyone bound by GCCF rules (is registered with GCCF and/or has shown with GCCF)

7. How do I make a nomination?

Delegates can make a nomination via a link that will be emailed to you by takepart@cesvotes.com. Further instructions will be available on the nominations site.

Investigations committee and disciplinary committee will be available for self-nomination via a CIVICA link published on the GCCF website. Anyone bound by GCCF rules (e.g. registered with GCCF and/or has shown with GCCF) is eligible to self-nominate. Further instructions will be available on the nominations site.

8. Who is eligible to vote?

All eligible delegates as listed on the GCCF website:

<https://www.gccfcats.org/Portals/0/CouncilMeetings/Dels%202020%20.pdf?ver=2020-09-08-110906-110>

9. What happens with clubs needing dispensation?

Dispensation is needed by clubs who don't have the required number of members for entitlement to a delegate. After 28 September 2020 if all dispensations are approved those delegates will be entitled to nominate, be nominated, and to vote. This change to allow dispensation clubs (if approved) to nominate was approved by the majority of the board.

10. How do I vote?

Once the ballot has opened you will be invited to vote via a set of unique security codes that will be sent to you via email. Once logged in, further instructions will be available on the voting site. Three delegates without e-mail access will be written to so they are able to vote.

11. Do I need to vote for all the positions?

No – you only need to vote for the positions you want to.

12. How will the voting all be done at the same time?

These elections will be run using the single transferable vote method, details on this voting system can be found here:

<https://www.opavote.com/methods/ers97-stv-rules>

The results of the ballots will be compiled sequentially, starting with the Chair and Vice-Chair. Should a candidate be elected for Chair or Vice-Chair and also be standing for another position, that candidate will be withdrawn from the subsequent ballot and their votes redistributed according to later preferences.

13. Who do I contact if I have an issue?

You can contact CES customer services via email (support@cesvotes.com) or phone (020 8889 9203).