



Notts County Supporters Trust Board Elections 2006
Nomination Form

Candidate's Name.....

Candidate Trust Membership Number.....

Candidate's address.....

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Candidate's Phone number.....

Candidate's e-mail address.....

Candidate's Signature.....

***Nominator's name**.....

Nominator's Trust Membership number.....

Nominator's signature.....

***Nominator's name**.....

Nominator's Trust Membership number.....

Nominator's signature.....

The nomination paper must have the name and Notts Trust membership number of the candidate and be signed by the candidate.

* All candidates must be nominated by two other full members of the Notts Trust. A signed letter of nomination from a member is an acceptable substitute for a manuscript signature on a candidate's nomination form.

No member may nominate more than **five** candidates.

The election is for Board Members for a 2-year period from the AGM. The maximum Board Membership is eighteen. The number of vacancies is **nine**.

The completed form with an election statement of no more than 400 words should be returned to:

Elections, Notts County Supporters Trust, Notts County Football Club, Meadow Lane, Nottingham, NG2 2HJ by noon on the 26th September 2006.

Any nominations that arrive after this date will be invalid.

For any further guidance or assistance, please contact the EWG at the above address or election@nottscotrust.org.uk .

Notts County Supporters Ltd Election Rules

2006 Elections -

It is pointed out in addition to the rules below (Rules 61 and 74) that the board policy of the Society states in rule C8:

"No member shall be permitted to seek election to the Board if they are or are reasonably likely to during their 2-year term of office become an employee of the Club. If a Board member shall during his/her term of office fall into this category (s)he shall immediately notify the Board. In order for that person to continue on the Board they must specifically undertake not to abuse the potential conflict. The Board may issue such conditions as it sees fit to the Board member's continued service on the Board."

Introduction

This document constitutes the Election Rules, Regulations and Procedures and is drafted in accordance with existing constitution of Notts County Supporters Limited. The purpose of the Election Rules Policy is to ensure that the elections for Society Board members are conducted in a democratic and unbiased manner in accordance with these rules and the Constitution.

Definitions:

AGM: Annual General Meeting: **Notts Trust, "Society":** Notts County Supporters Ltd

EWG: Elections Working Group: **SB:** Society Board

Election Control

1. During the election period the EWG will ensure that the Election is run in accordance with the Election Rules Policy on behalf of the Notts Trust members.
2. The EWG will comprise of an odd number. It will include Trust members who are not standing in the election and an independent Chair; any decisions taken will be by majority vote and recorded.
3. Members serving on the EWG shall be eligible to nominate candidates and vote.
4. Counting for the election is to be performed under arrangements overseen by the Returning Officer who shall be the independent Chair.
5. Election details and these rules shall also be posted on the Notts Trust Website, "<http://www.nottscotrtrust.org.uk>".
6. Voting shall be on a first past the post system.
7. Members may vote for up to nine candidates on the ballot paper.
8. The nine candidates with the most votes will be deemed to have been elected.
9. Any ballot paper containing votes for more than nine candidates will be deemed to be spoilt.
10. The results will be announced at the AGM by the Returning Officer.
11. The EWG will verify that nominations are correct and check for too many nominations by any one member. If any member nominates more than five candidates then the first five candidate nominations received nominated by that member will be accepted and all other nominations received from that member be ruled ineligible.

Eligibility & Nomination

- a) Candidates must comply with eligibility and nomination procedure as set out in these rules.
- b) It is the Candidates responsibility to ensure their nominations are valid and submitted in accordance with the timetable. In the event of uncertainty, the decision of the EWG will be final.
- c) In signing the form, candidates are bound by the terms and conditions of the election rules and regulations.
- d) A signed letter of nomination from a member is an acceptable substitute for manuscript signature on a candidates nomination form.
- e) Specifically candidates are self-certifying that they comply with the following two rules of the constitution:

Rule 61: - No person can be a member of the SB who:

- a. is subject to a bankruptcy order or has in place a composition with their creditors; is subject to a disqualification order made under the Company Directors Disqualification Act;
- b. has a conviction for an indictable offence (other than a spent conviction as defined by the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974);
- c. is or may on the basis of medical evidence be suffering from mental disorder;
- d. fails to abide by any rules for the conduct of elections made by the SB.

Rule 74: Save for the exceptions referred to below, no SB member is to have any material financial interest personally or as a member of a firm or company or as a director or other officer of a business trading for profit or in any other way whatsoever in any contract or other transaction with the Society. For the purposes of this rule, an interest of a person who is connected with a SB member shall be treated as an interest of the SB member. The exceptions are that SB members may:

- a) buy tickets or season tickets for matches and use the facilities of any club in which the Society is interested;
- b) be paid expenses including travelling expenses;
- c) if they are co-opted members of the SB be employees of the Club;
- d) declare an interest in a particular contract or issue and:
 - i) not be present except with the permission of the SB in any discussion of the contract or issue;

ii) not vote on the contract or issue (and if by inadvertence they do remain and vote, their vote is not to be counted).

Nomination Rules.

1. All candidates must be nominated by two other full members of the Notts Trust.
2. The nomination paper must have the name and Notts Trust membership number of the candidate and be signed by the candidate.
3. The nominators must either sign and provide their names, membership numbers on the nomination paper or the nomination paper may be accompanied by a signed letter providing this information from the nominator.
4. No member may nominate more than five candidates.
5. All nomination forms and candidate statements must be received by the EWG by noon on 26th September at the Election address: **Elections , Notts County Supporters Trust, Notts County Football Club, Meadow Lane, Nottingham, NG2 2HJ**
6. Any nominations that arrive after this date will be invalid.

Election Rules

1. During the election the EWG or other SB members cannot provide advice to voting members as to the suitability of any candidates on behalf of the Notts Trust. Any opinion, or advice provided, should be taken as provided in a personal capacity.
2. Candidates/complainants have the right of appeal to the EWG at election@nottscotrust.org.uk , and then through the complaints procedure detailed in Notts Trust Constitution. Any complaints will be dealt with as speedily as possible through the EWG Chair.
3. Complaints after voting has closed shall be made in writing to the EWG not later than three working days after the close.
4. All communication regarding Election Rules Policy should be addressed to the EWG, via e-mail at election@nottscotrust.org.uk, or by letter addressed to the EWG at the Notts Trust registered address.
5. Should any Candidates contravene the election rules the EWG shall judge whether a disqualification shall apply. Notification will be to the elected SB.
6. The elected SB will decide what action, if appropriate, may be taken should disqualification or an unwillingness to finally stand occur.
7. Should the election process not produce nine elected SB members the casual vacancy rules shall apply.
8. All candidates shall leave their contact details with the EWG.

Manifestos and Campaigning

1. The EWG shall publish a Manifesto document based on Candidates' Manifestos submitted with the Nomination form.
2. The EWG will be responsible for circulation of manifesto document with ballot papers containing the names of the candidates in alphabetical order.
3. On a membership wide basis, campaigning will be restricted to this publication. No further election campaigning material will be circulated to all members. Other than this personal campaigning is allowable.
4. All candidates can submit an election manifesto to the EWG by close of nominations. The candidate's name need not appear in these 400 words. Acronyms, Pseudonyms, and slang will be at the discretion of the EWG.
5. All the Candidates Manifestos are to be received in written form and typed up using Microsoft Word and proof read before issue. The number of words counted shall be decided using this piece of software.
6. If a Candidate's Manifesto has more than the permitted 400 words. It will be truncated at 400 words and text will be inserted below stating: "The Candidate's Manifesto has exceeded the permitted 400 words and has therefore been truncated".
7. Candidates Manifestos written in the third person shall be accepted.
8. Candidates and Nominees can only put their real names on nomination documentation. No nicknames will be accepted.
9. A Candidate's Manifesto shall not contain the name of any of their nominators or any other candidate.
10. Candidates must not in their Manifestos make threats, insults, derogatory, abusive, racist, sexist, or homophobic statements or references towards other candidates generally.
11. The EWG shall have the right to edit or ask for changes. However, the Candidate is totally responsible for the contents of his/her manifesto and shall indemnify the Trust against any actions.

Election Timetable

1. Nominations forms will be sent to all full members of the Notts Trust.
2. Only members of the Trust on 31st August 2006 are eligible to stand in the election.
3. Nomination forms must be received by noon on 26th September 2006
4. Only members of the Trust on 26th September 2006 are entitled to vote in the election.
5. Ballot papers and manifestos will be sent out in the week of the 2nd October
6. Ballot papers to be returned by noon on 21st October 2006

Results of the election to be announced at the AGM on 26th October 2006.

Copies of rules are available in large print, contact details on form.