

# Overview of Changes to Athletics Ontario By-Laws

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Available on the Athletics Ontario website are the following:

1. the current By-Law Number 7;
2. the proposed new By-law; and
3. a blackline showing changes from the current By-law Number 7 and the proposed revised By-law.

## **General Changes:**

New title - the By-laws are now referred to as "the By-Law" rather than "By-law No. 7".

Headings - new headings have been introduced for every section of the By-law.

Detailed Table of Contents - a detailed Table of Contents has been populated to allow for quick reference and easier access to By-law content.

Defined Terms Consistency - all defined terms throughout the document have been capitalized or introduced in appropriate instances.

Organizational Changes - the By-law content has been re-organized to allow for a better flow of information - ex: Member Meetings coming before Member Voting etc.

## **Substantive Changes:**

New defined terms - Agent, AO-Member, Associate, Club-Member, Club, and Committee Member.

Annual Meeting - revised title from General Members' Meetings.

Notice of Meetings - inclusion of a reminder that members can vote by proxy.

Refunds - clarification that there will be no refunds.

Fees - changed so that fees and dues for AO-Members shall be determined by the Board.

Selection of Directors – increased the number of days from 30 to 60 for AO-Members to submit names of potential Director candidates.

Director terms - included the availability for elected Directors who have also served as a Director-at-Large to serve on the Board for 7 years.

Qualification of Directors - included the provision that Directors are not permitted to have criminal records.

Remuneration for Officers, Agents, and Employees - remuneration schedules have been changed so that they are fixed annually by the Board rather than only by special resolution.

Adjournment of Board Meetings - new provision to mirror AO-Member Meetings.