



The Jags Foundation – Election Rules and Guidance 2026

Approved by the TJF Board on Tuesday 5th May 2026

1. Background

- 1.1 The Jags Foundation (TJF) is a democratic members organisation. Elections are held annually, ahead of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) to fill any vacancies arising from the retirement or resignation of directors. TJF can have up to 12 directors but the default in recent years has been to operate with a board of 8 or 9 directors.
- 1.2 Under the current Articles of Association, elected directors serve a maximum term of office of three years (with the relevant term expiring at an AGM). For example, directors elected in the summer of 2023 serve to no later than the 2026 AGM.
- 1.3 However, elected directors may also relinquish office early, or their maximum term of office may be shorter than three years, where provided by either the Articles of Association or the Election Rules. Most recently, for example, those returned in the Special Election of February 2026 will serve until the summer 2027 AGM, a shorter term than the maximum permitted under the Articles of Association.
- 1.4 Members will be invited, at the summer 2026 AGM, to approve a resolution formally shortening the maximum elected term of directors from three years to two. This follows a steer in favour of this change in a consultation done in February 2026. This anticipated change means directors elected in the summer 2026 election will be expected to serve until the 2028 AGM, whereafter they must retire/seek re-election.
- 1.5 Co-opted directors serve until the next AGM following their appointment, whereafter they must retire or seek election.

2. The retiring directors

- 2.1 This year TJF will seek to fill **four vacancies**, due to the retirement of two elected directors and three co-optees either shortly before or at the 2026 AGM.
- 2.2 The retiring directors are: Lynsey Kane, Caitlin Rose, Sandy Fyfe, Andrew Holloway and Davie Brown.
- 2.3 The remaining elected directors are: Graeme Cowie, Jamie McDonald, Charlie Bowie and Robbie Morrison.
- 2.4 Those four remaining elected directors are expected to retire/seek re-election at the summer 2027 AGM, assuming that the aforementioned rule-changes are approved at the summer 2026 AGM.
- 2.5 For the avoidance of doubt, retiring directors are eligible to seek (re)election.

3. The election timeline

- 3.1 The election period will commence on **Thursday 7th May 2026 at 12.01am**.
- 3.2 Each member will have until **Thursday 21st May 2026 at 11.59pm** to submit their nomination to be a candidate in the election, or to withdraw their nomination.
- 3.3 All valid nominations will be announced on **Friday 22nd May 2026**.
- 3.4 Ballots for the election will be issued by **Sunday 24th May 2026**.
- 3.5 Ballots must be submitted by **Sunday 7th June 2026 at 10.00pm** to be valid.
- 3.6 The results will be announced within 48 hours of the completion of the ballot on TJF's website. The successful candidates will be formally appointed at the summer AGM (expected to be **Wednesday 10th June**).

4. Oversight of the election

- 4.1 The election will be administered by Graeme Cowie, Secretary of TJF (the "Returning Officer"). He will be responsible for ensuring the relevant rules are adhered to and will rule on any disputes that may arise about the rules or conduct of the elections.
- 4.2 The ballot will be conducted using [Balotilo](#), an online voting platform. It operates using a secret ballot, with a unique link and anonymous voter key being emailed to each member.

5. Standing for election

- 5.1 Only members of TJF can stand for election. A nomination will be rejected if the relevant individual is not a member of TJF at the beginning of the election period (i.e. on **Thursday 7th May at 12.01am**). Whether or not you are a member can be clarified by contacting the Returning Officer at contact@thejagsfoundation.co.uk.
- 5.2 A member is ineligible to stand for election if they are, or become, prohibited by law from becoming a director of the company. If the Returning Officer reasonably believes this applies to a member, he may reject the nomination or otherwise disqualify the individual from the elections.
- 5.3 All members will be sent an email link, shortly after the election period commences, to the nomination form, which they must complete if they wish to be a candidate. The form will include the opportunity to make a personal statement (of up to 200 words) and to provide a portrait-style photograph. These will appear on the TJF website from the close of nominations until polls close.

- 5.4 The Companies Act 2006 and the Articles regulate the conduct of TJF directors. By submitting the nomination form, a candidate acknowledges these legal obligations and agrees to abide by them if elected.
- 5.5 In February 2025, the TJF Board of Directors updated its [Social Media Policy](#), originally adopted in November 2022. The current policy governs the social media conduct of directors. By submitting the nomination form a candidate acknowledges and agrees to abide by the Social Media Policy if elected.
- 5.6 All members are reminded of the [Membership Rules](#).

6. The franchise and the voting system

- 6.1 All TJF members as of **Thursday 7th May 2026 at 12.01am** will be eligible to vote in the elections.
- 6.2 The electoral system used will be [Approval Voting](#). A maximum of four candidates may be endorsed on a member's ballot.
- 6.3 When the polls close, candidates will be ranked based on the number of votes received. The four candidates with the most votes will be duly elected and appointed as directors of TJF to serve until no later than the summer 2028 AGM. In the event of a tied vote, lots will be drawn to distinguish between the candidates.

7. Conduct in the election

- 7.1 Candidates may canvass support via social media. This should strictly be in support of their candidacy and should not include any derogatory comment about other candidates, anyone involved with TJF, or the Football Club.
- 7.2 In particular candidates must refrain from:
 - (a) defaming any candidate, the TJF Board, any TJF director(s) or any third-party;
 - (b) harassing, bullying, or unlawfully discriminating against any candidate, the TJF Board, any TJF director(s) or any third-party;
 - (c) making false or misleading statements; or
 - (d) impersonating any other candidate, TJF director(s) or third-party.
- 7.3 Reasonable criticism will, obviously, be permitted in the course of the campaign. However, the boundaries between reasonable criticism and personal abuse must be recognised and respected by all candidates.
- 7.4 If a candidate breaches the rules on election conduct, they may be disqualified from the election.