

The Partick Thistle Football Club Trust

Club Board Representative Election 2026

Election Rules

1. Background

- 1.1 The Partick Thistle [Club-Trust Agreement](#), signed in February 2024, and [Corporate Governance Manual](#), adopted in October 2024, commit to maintaining at least two directly elected fan representation on the Partick Thistle Football Club Board of Directors ("Fan Representative Directors").
- 1.2 In autumn 2025, Alistair Gray and Max Ramsey were duly elected as Fan Rep Directors, to serve until the late 2027 (or if relevant, early 2028 Club AGM). Subsequently, Max Ramsey stepped down from the Club Board, leaving a vacancy. Therefore, an election is being held to fill that vacancy. The successful candidate in the election will be nominated by the PTFC Trust for appointment to the Club Board, we anticipate in advance of the late 2026 Club AGM. These Election Rules set out the process by which the successful candidate will be chosen.
- 1.3 The individual that becomes a Club Board member as a result of this nominations process will serve in that role until no later than the 126th Annual General Meeting of the Football Club. Based on the previous pattern of AGMs, we expect this term of office to expire in late 2028 or early 2029.

2. The election timeline

- 2.1 The trustees [invited expressions of interest for the role](#) from among the beneficiaries, setting a deadline of **Sunday 30th August** for submissions. Prospective candidates were asked to submit, confidentially, a CV setting out their relevant experience and a statement of expression of interest. These were reviewed by the trustees to sense check eligibility and suitability for the role, judged against the [Role Description](#).
- 2.2 The trustees received two expressions of interest, from **Allan McGraw** and **John Kane**. The trustees decided, having reviewed the CVs and statements of expression of interest, to shortlist both candidates.
- 2.3 As more than one candidate was shortlisted, the nomination for Fan Rep Director will be determined by an election, in which beneficiaries of the PTFC Trust are eligible to vote.
- 2.4 Ballots for the election will be issued no later than **Friday 25th September 2026**.
- 2.5 All ballots must be submitted no later than **Wednesday 30th September 2026 at 10.00pm** to be valid and counted.

2.6 The results of the election will be announced on **Thursday 1st October 2026**.

3. Oversight of the election

3.1 The election process will be administered by the PTFC Trust's Election Management Committee.

3.2 The Election Management Committee will consist of three people:
(a) one nominee from TJF 1876 Limited (t/a The Jags Foundation)
(b) one nominee from the Partick Thistle Supporters Association (t/a The Jags Trust)
(c) one independent nominee, appointed by agreement of both trustees

3.3 The Election Management Committee will be responsible for ensuring that the Election Rules are adhered to. It will rule on any disputes that may arise as to the interpretation of the rules or the conduct of the elections.

3.4 The ballot will be conducted using TapVoter, an online voting platform. It operates using an automated secret ballot, generating and sending a unique link to each beneficiary via email.

4. Standing for election

4.1 To be eligible to stand for election (to be "a candidate") an individual must have been a beneficiary of the PTFC Trust at the beginning of the election period (i.e. on **Wednesday 29th July 2026 at 12.01am**). Whether or not someone is a beneficiary can be clarified by contacting the PTFC Trust at contact@theptfctrust.co.uk.

4.2 A person is ineligible to be a candidate if, at the beginning of the election period or subsequently, they are, or become, prohibited by Scots law, or by any rule of the Scottish Football Association or Scottish Professional Football League, from serving as a director of the Football Club. Potential candidates should have particular regard to the "fit and proper persons" test set out in [the Articles of Association of the Scottish Football Association](#).

4.3 If the Election Management Committee reasonably believes that a person is ineligible, under 4.1 or 4.2 above, to serve as a director of the Football Club, it may at its absolute discretion disqualify the individual, excluding them from any ballot.

4.4 The Companies Act 2006 and the Articles of Association of the Football Club regulate the conduct of Partick Thistle Football Club directors. By submitting the nomination form, an individual acknowledges these legal obligations and agrees to abide by them if elected.

5. The franchise and the voting system

- 5.1 Every individual listed as a beneficiary in the beneficiary database as of **Wednesday 23rd September 2026 at 12.01am** will be eligible to vote in the elections. Whether or not someone is a beneficiary can be clarified by contacting the PTFC Trust at contact@theptfctrust.co.uk.
- 5.2 The electoral system used will be First Past the Post and each beneficiary will be able to vote for no more than one candidate.
- 5.3 When the polls close the candidate with the most votes will become the nominee of the PTFC Trust. In the event of a tied vote, lots will be drawn to distinguish between the candidates.
- 5.4 If for any reason a nominee is unable to assume appointment as a Club Director following the beneficiary vote, the trustees may, at their discretion, agree to nominate the other candidate in the election for appointment.

6. Conduct in the election

- 6.1 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, the Trust, the trustees, or the Football Club.
- 6.2 In particular candidates must refrain from:
 - (a) defaming any candidate, the Trust, either of the trustees (or their representatives), or any third-party;
 - (b) harassing, bullying, or unlawfully discriminating against any candidate, the Trust, either of the trustees (or their representatives), or any third-party;
 - (c) making false or misleading statements; or
 - (d) impersonating any other candidate, the Trust, either of the trustees (or their representatives) or any third-party.
- 6.3 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.
- 6.4 If a candidate breaches the rules on election conduct, they may be disqualified by the Election Management Committee from the election.