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## VOTING BY YOUNG MEMBERS

The ASA Model Club Constitution provides for voting rights for young adults aged 16 years and over.

It is hoped that by empowering young people, they will become more interested in the important issue of “governance”. This also helps with succession planning, and has a wider collective value.

However, the above is not a mandatory provision and although some clubs incorporate this wholesale, other clubs adopt an alternative position. For example, some clubs only give voting rights for those members who are 18 years of age or over.

Please note that where a club has minor members, it is not possible for them to grant a proxy vote to their parents. That said, the ASA actively encourages parents into membership, as experience has shown us that this facilitates active and full participation in club life rather than simply attendance once a year at the AGM. Where a parent is a member, he/she would attract one vote on the basis that he/she is one, adult member.

The above notwithstanding, it is *always* the case that documents must be signed or countersigned by the parent or carer of the swimmer, if the swimmer is under 18 years of age (save in the case of Codes of Conduct etc which require an undertaking as to behaviour by the individual member.)