



Local Coaching Organiser Election Process

LCOs shall be elected by the procedures outlined in the following paragraphs, for a period of three years and will be eligible for re-election. The elected LCOs registered address would normally be within the political boundaries of the area concerned. If this is not the case, they must be seen as representative of the coaching area. After an LCO has been in post for three years, either a General Meeting of the Local Coaching Panel or a Postal Vote is initiated:

1. A general meeting of the local coaching panel¹ is called by placing a notice in CoDe announcing the election (or by sending such a notice in writing to each member of the Panel). At least 21 days notice shall be given of the date and venue of the meeting. At the general meeting of the Local Coaching Panel¹, the LCO may offer him or her self for re-election, and must ask for alternative nominations from the floor. Each candidate must be proposed and seconded by two current members of the Panel, and a short outline given of the candidate's credentials and involvements. Should alternative nominations be proposed and seconded, the meeting shall elect a temporary chair and tellers to conduct the election. Voting shall be by simple majority. Proxy votes will not be permitted. Where there is only one nomination, the candidate is announced elected. The accidental omission to give notice to, or the non-receipt of such notice by any person entitled to receive notice thereof shall not invalidate the election.

¹ The Local Coaching Panel includes all Updated Canoe England Coaching Service Members registered within the area.

2. Postal Vote: After an LCO has been in post for three years the English Coaching Manager shall, on behalf of the LCO, (unless they specifically resign the office), offer them for re-election by placing a notice in CoDe, subject to a nomination that is proposed and seconded by two current members of the Local Coaching Panel¹. The notice in CoDe shall incite alternative nominations that must be proposed and seconded by two current members of the Local Coaching Panel¹. Nominations must be sent to the English Coaching Manager by a stipulated date, which shall not be less than 21 days form the date on which the notice was circulated. If no alternative nominations are received, the English Coaching Manager will announce the LCO re-elected. If alternative nominations are received, the English Coaching Manager will obtain a pen portrait (maximum 200 words) for each candidate, including the LCO standing for re-election, and initiate a postal vote to those eligible to vote, stating a closing date for the receipt of votes, which shall not be less than 21 days following the publication date of CoDe. All members of the Local Coaching Panel involved shall be invited to vote by returning a written note to the BCU office stating, "I wish to vote for (name)". Such returns will not be valid unless they include the voting member's signature and BCU membership number. Voting returns received after the due date will also not be counted even if signed and including the BCU membership number. The English Coaching Manager will insert a notice giving the name and address of the successful LCO in the next available edition of CoDe.

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The decision to choose option 1 or 2 is made by the Canoe England Senior Development Officer and RCO for the region. In the case of a dispute the English Coaching Management Committee (ECMC) will make the final decision.

The SDO and RCO have the authority to appoint English LCOs on a temporary basis, where vacancies arise, until an election can be conducted (normally within 3 months).