

# VOTING RULES

1. Convention business will be conducted as mandated in the Policy for Governance of Junior Optimist Octagon International, Policy VIII, Section 4 as follows: **Number of Votes:** In the transaction of convention business requiring a vote, each Junior Optimist and Octagon Club in good standing and represented by an accredited delegate who is a member of the Club, shall be entitled at a convention of JOOI to one vote.
2. According to Policy VIII, Section 5. **Accredited Delegates:** No member shall be deemed to be an accredited delegate unless he has registered at the convention, paid the registration fee, belongs to a Junior Optimist or Octagon Club in good standing, and produced such credentials to the Credentials Committee as may be required by the JOOI Board of Directors.
3. According to Policy XV, Section 1. **How Made:** A policy may be amended at the JOOI Convention by two-thirds majority vote of the accredited delegates present and voting at the time such amendments are submitted to the convention, subject to the approval of the Optimist International Board of Directors.
4. According to Policy VII, Section 7-1. **Voting:** A majority of votes cast is required to elect the president. A delegate may vote for only one presidential candidate. If only one candidate has shown the intent to run, a ballot vote will be waived and replaced by a vote of acclamation.
5. According to Policy VIII, Section 7-2. **Voting:** In the case of voting for International Director, delegates may endorse one, two, three, or four candidates with their vote. No delegate may vote for more than four candidates for Director. The four candidates running for director positions who receive the most votes will be elected to the Board of Directors.
6. According to Policy VII, Section 3. **Qualifications:** .....In order to be listed on the ballot, potential candidates for the International JOOI Board of Directors must submit an official application and a signed letter from their school principal or equivalent, for those applicants who are still in high school or its equivalent, to the International Office by June 1 prior to convention. Candidates from the floor will be allowed to run for the International JOOI Board of Directors and International JOOI President. If elected from the floor, the election for that office will be contingent upon the submission of a signed letter from their high school principal or equivalent, to the Optimist International Staff. Those nominated from the floor will receive the same privileges as candidates, with the exception of their name being pre-printed on the ballot. Elected officers shall not be eligible to hold that same elected office upon completion of their term unless there is an insufficient number of qualified candidates after nominations from the floor are taken and the current officer remains eligible.
7. The Convention may have a parliamentarian present. In cases of disagreement, the Chair's ruling will be final.
8. In the absence of these rules, the Convention will be governed by the Policy for Governance of Junior Optimist Octagon International and Robert's Rules Of Order.
9. To make comments from the floor, accredited delegates must stand, (or raise their hands if handicapped) to be recognized by the presiding officer. If pro and con microphones are available, the presiding officer can request that accredited delegates be recognized there. All accredited delegates shall give their name and club name.
10. Debate will be limited to two minutes per accredited delegate. No accredited delegate will speak a second time, on the same question, if another accredited delegate who has not spoken asks for the floor or if anyone objects.
11. A representative of the Board of an appropriate Committee may be recognized on the floor for the purpose of answering questions and clarifications by engaging in colloquy with accredited delegates on the floor.
12. These rules will be adopted by a majority vote as the first order of business. They may be suspended, rescinded or amended after their adoption by a two-thirds majority vote.