

Voting Process

We see. We care. We act
39 WAGGGS
WORLD
CONFERENCE

On observe, on écoute, on agit
La 39e Conférence
Mondiale de l'AMGE

Vemos. Cuidamos. Actuamos.
39^a CONFERENCIA
MUNDIAL DE LA
AMGS

نحن نرى، نحن نهتم، نحن نتخذ إجراء
المؤتمر العالمي التاسع والثلاثون
للجمعية العالمية للمرشّدت
وفتيات الكشافة





Who Can Vote?

The Head Delegate casts the vote on behalf of each Member Organisation.

If the Head Delegate cannot attend, another Delegate or delegation member may be authorised to vote — notice must be given to the Procedural Team Coordinator **before voting opens**.

To be eligible, a Member Organisation must:

- Have paid its annual WAGGGS Membership Fee up to and including the financial year before the conference
- Be complying with any fee remission, postponement, or payment plan conditions **(if applicable)**

Cannot vote:

- Suspended Member Organisations
- Observers, Guests, World Board members





Speaking & Voting Rights

Who	May Speak?	May Vote?
Delegates	Yes — on any issue, when recognised by the Chair	Yes — one vote per Member Organisation, cast by the Head Delegate
Observers	Only if requested by their Head Delegate and approved by the Chair	No
World Board	Yes — on any issue, when recognised by the Chair	No
Other Attendees	May be invited to speak by the Chair	No

Proxy voting is not permitted under the WAGGGS Constitution.





Methods of Voting

General Consent

The Chair asks, "If there is no objection."

Silence = agreement. If an objection is raised, a counted vote is taken.

Electronic Voting

The Head Delegate votes via the conference platform.

Tellers verify and report results to the Chair. Used when a counted vote is required.

By Raising Country Card

Used at physical conferences. The Chair asks for those in favour, against, and abstaining to raise their country card.

Tellers count each group.

Paper Ballot

Used at physical conferences when electronic voting is unavailable or at the Chair's discretion, after consultation with the Procedural Team Coordinator.

Tellers count paper votes and report results.

Electronic voting results are displayed in detail, except for hosting bids and elections, where only the outcome is shown.





Voting Majorities

Issue	Who Votes	Required Majority
Ratification of opening items (Chair, Tellers, Programme, Rules of Procedure)	Full & Associate Members	General Consent or Simple majority
Constitutional changes; Policy, strategy & standards; Financial policy; Admission/cancellation of membership; Closed sessions; Changes to attendance permissions	Full Members only	75% majority
Election of the World Board	Full Members only	Simple majority
Bids to host the next World Conference	Full & Associate Members	Simple majority
All other Proposed Motions and Amendments	Full & Associate Members	Simple majority

A simple majority = more than half of the votes cast. Abstentions do not count as votes cast.





Voting on Motions & Amendments

The Chair decides the voting order. Before each vote, the Chair explains:

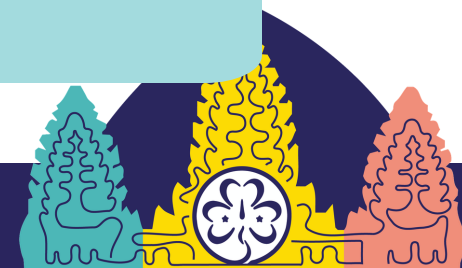
- What the vote is about
- Who is entitled to vote
- The order in which any Proposed Amendments will be voted on
- How the amended Proposed Motion looks, if a Proposed Amendment has been carried
- The majority needed
- How the vote will be taken
- The outcome of passing or defeating the proposal

Your options:

- **For** — you support the proposal
- **Against** — you oppose the proposal
- **Abstain** — you choose not to vote

If a vote is tied, the motion is **NOT** carried.

An abstention does not count as a cast vote when votes are counted.





Voting on Bids to Host the Next Conference

Round 1

All bids are voted on. A **simple majority** is required to win.

Round 2 (if no bid wins in Round 1)

A further round takes place between the **two bids** that received the highest number of votes in Round 1.

If there is only one bid, a vote is still held and a simple majority is required.





Voting on Elections

World Board

The process:

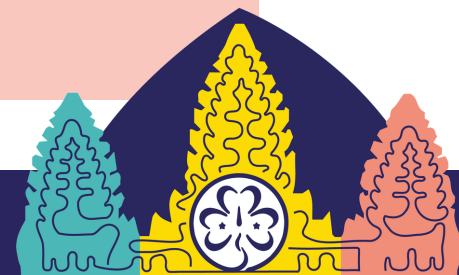
- Voting is by **secret electronic ballot**
- Candidates are displayed in **alphabetical order**
- You may cast one vote per candidate, up to the maximum number of positions available
- You do **not** have to use all your votes

Requirements in the final composition:

- At least **two young women under 30** among the Elected Trustees:
- If no continuing Trustee under 30: the two highest-scoring young women are elected
- If one continuing Trustee under 30: the highest-scoring young woman is elected
- If two continuing Trustees under 30: highest-scoring candidates elected irrespective of age
- For each **defined competency area**, the highest-scoring candidate for that competency is elected (if the Proposed Rules of Procedure are approved. Otherwise: not applicable).

Tied votes:

A new round of voting takes place between tied candidates. If still unresolved, candidates speak for up to 3 minutes, followed by another vote. If the tie persists, a name is drawn from a hat.



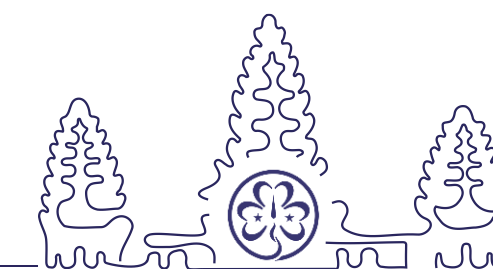
How to Vote

Platform Walkthrough

Key steps:

1. Navigate to the **Voting** section on the conference platform
2. Select the motion or proposal you wish to vote on
3. Choose **For**, **Against**, or **Abstain**
4. Confirm your vote

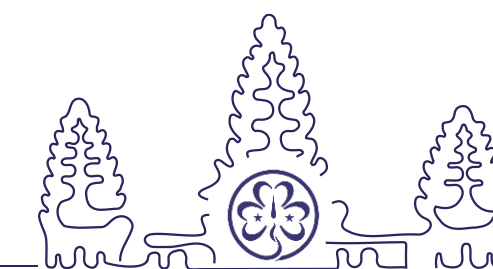
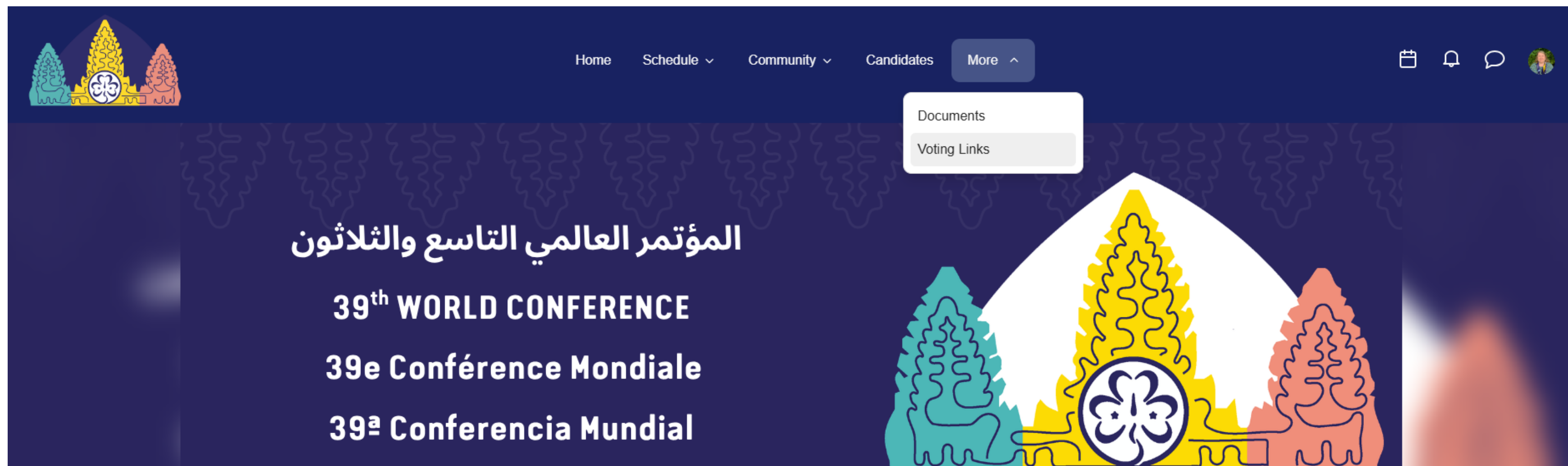
Only the Head Delegate (or authorised representative replacing her) can cast the vote. Tellers will verify all results.



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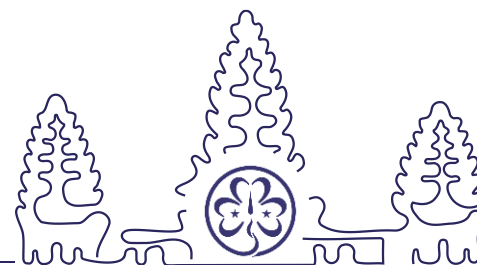
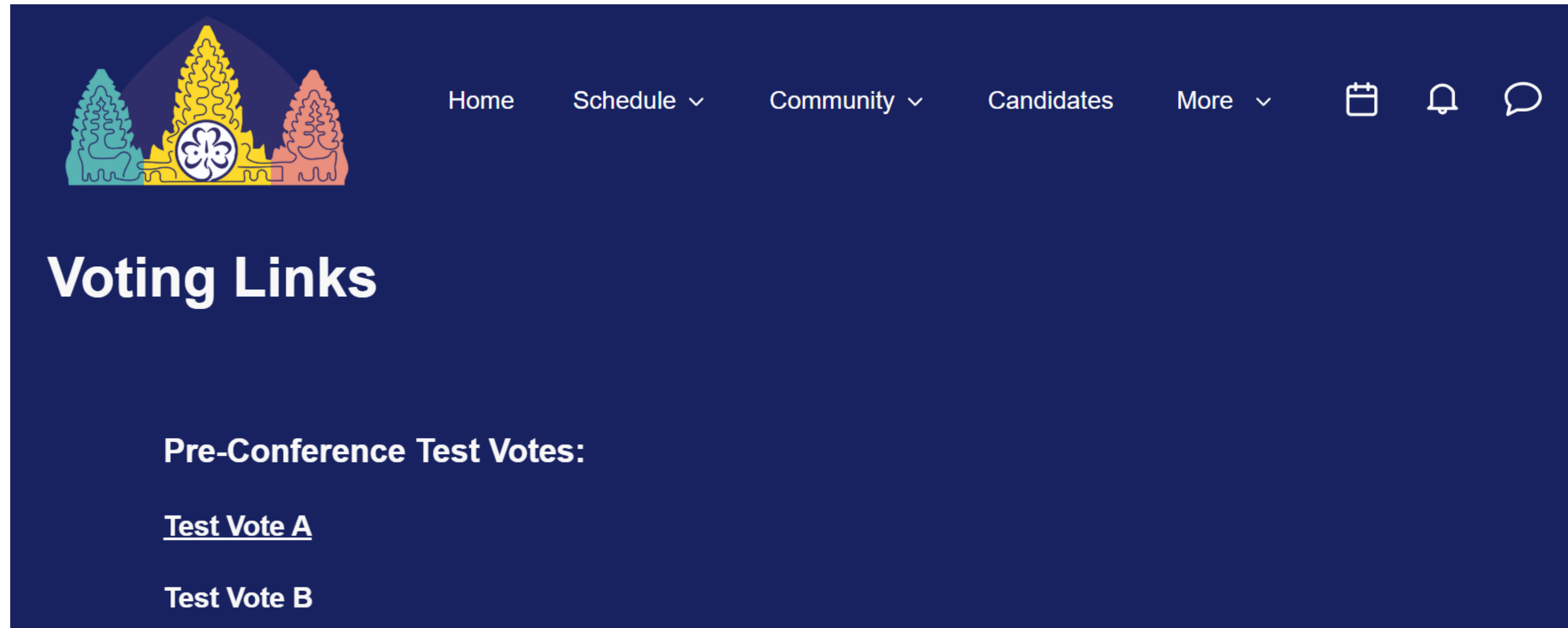
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Choose **For**, **Against**, or **Abstain**.

Pre-Conference Test Vote A

"Camping in the rain is fun"

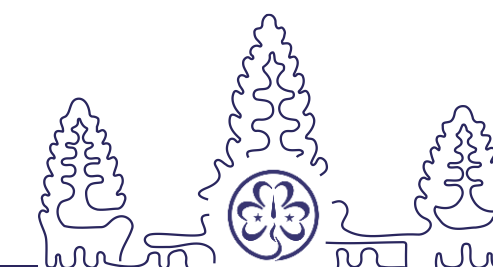
Please select For, Against or Abstain from the list below:

☐ For

☐ Against

☐ Abstain

Submit Vote



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Elections Walkthrough

Key steps:

1. Navigate to the **Election** section on the platform
2. Browse candidates listed in **alphabetical order**
3. Note indicators for candidates under 30 and competency areas
4. Select up to the maximum number of candidates available
5. Submit your votes

You do not have to use all your votes. The voting is secret.

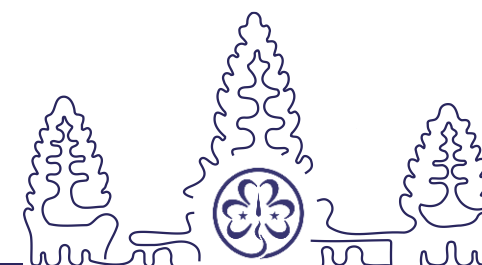


Pre-Conference Test Vote B

Select the six (6) superpowers you would most like to have:

- ☐ Flying
- ☐ Time travel
- ☐ Invisibility
- ☐ Speaking every language
- ☐ Perfect memory
- ☐ Super strength
- ☐ Breathing underwater
- ☐ Super speed
- ☐ Power to control the weather
- ☐ Making everyone laugh

Submit Vote



- After the election, the result will be **pronounced by the Chair**.
- The elected Trustees will be announced in **alphabetical order**.
- The Chair will then ask the Conference to confirm the elected Trustees by **voting yes/no/abstain** (50 % majority).
- The World Board will **elect the new World Board Chair and Vice Chairs** at the first World Board meeting and announce the result to the Conference





QUESTIONS?

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