



Voter Registration FAQs

Q: Why do I have to register to vote?

A: The Japanese nonprofit law requires a majority of Members to attend General Meetings and vote, whether electronically, in person or by proxy. This requirement of a 50 percent quorum is well above our previous Articles of Association's 20 percent requirement and significantly higher than the typical 10 percent reached at past General Meetings. In order to ensure a quorum, the current Articles of Association include a category of Member called Voting Member; only Voting Members are counted toward a quorum.

Q: Who is eligible to register?

A: Members from the following categories may opt to become a Voting Member: Resident Regular, Company Regular, Term Regular, Designated Spouse and Non-Resident Regular. Members with a desire to actively participate in the Club's governance and who firmly commit to exercise the right and privilege of voting should register as a Voting Member.

Q: How do I register?

A: The Primary Member, or Designated Spouse, must complete a registration form and submit it, in person, to Member Services (B1). Voting Member and Designated Spouse registration forms can be downloaded from this website (login required) or picked up from Member Services (B1), Management Office or Membership Office. Member Services will validate the application and issue a Registration Confirmation card.

Q: When can I register?

A: Members can submit registration forms at Member Services (B1) between 7:30 a.m. and 10 p.m.

Q: What happens if I don't register?

A: Members who do not register by the deadline announced in the notice of a General Meeting will be ineligible to vote in that General Meeting. Members who have not held Voting Member status for at least one year immediately prior to a General Meeting in which an election for the Board of Governors is being held will be ineligible to run in that election.

Q: What happens if I register and do not vote?

A: Once you have registered to vote, failure to vote will result in the loss of Voting Member status and you will not be able to reapply for 13 months following the missed vote. It will also result in a two year ineligibility to become a Governor as a candidate must have Voting Member status for at least one year immediately prior to assuming office.

Q: Are there any other consequences to not registering or not voting?

A: Aside from the consequences mentioned above, it should be noted that a Voting Member can only be expelled by a vote of the Membership, whereas a non-Voting Member may be expelled by a vote of the Board of Governors, and Members desiring to serve as a Standing Committee Chair must first be a Voting Member in good standing or the spouse of a Voting Member. There is no other impact on a Member's usage of the Club or rights of membership.