

POWA BY-LAWS PART 4 - ANIME SELECTION & VOTING RULES

These by-laws are written as outlined in the current POWA Constitution (V6.1) and noted in subrule 58.d.ii. If there are any inconsistencies in the rules outlined in this document and the Constitution, the Constitution will take precedence.

Division 1 - Selecting Anime for Nomination

1. A total of 5 shows must be nominated. The possibility of committees with fewer than 5 members means that finding a method of reaching 5 shows must be decided upon by the individual committee in question.
2. Nominations must be accompanied with a ~1-minute clip from the first episode of the show and a synopsis of the show with ~100 words to be shown/read during the voting process.
3. If a committee member suggests a show, that same committee member cannot nominate that show unless it is suggested by another club member.
4. Shows watched can be no longer than 52 episodes long.
5. Shows are watched on a season-by-season basis. A separate season of a show should be considered a separate show, being nominated and voted on separately. These seasonal breaks are dictated by MyAnimeList (MAL).
6. Shows can only be watched once they have finished their original airing (as dictated by MAL or a similar resource). Some exceptions can be made with shows that have unique release schedules with large gaps in between episodes.
7. Shows can be rewatched 4 years after the end of their previous run in the club, including if the show was dropped for any reason. This rule does not count Going Home Club shows or shows watched during club breaks.
8. OVAs attached to a show can be watched as part of that show. This will be decided on a case-by-case basis, concerning the relevance the OVA has to the narrative of the show. This can include episode 0s, watched before episode 1 if the nominator chooses to include it.
9. While shows have to be standard length to be watched (typically 22-26 minutes), an exception can be made for the individual episodes with non-standard lengths such as the first and last. These episodes will be split between as many weeks as needed. If an episode is not standard length, the nominator must decide the best time for this split.
10. Sequel seasons of a finished series will be automatically nominated at the conclusion of the series on top of the other nominated shows. The nominator

of the original series, or the president as a fallback, will fulfil the requirement for nomination as outlined in rule 2.

11. Committee members have the ability to veto the nomination of shows for any valid reason. A majority of the committee must agree to this veto in order for it to go through.

Division 2 - Voting for a New Series

1. The nominated shows are placed in a random order and presented to the POWA community. After all nominated series are presented, the voting process begins.
2. The chair of the screening will ask for a show of hands, going over the shows one after another, and asking whether the membership would like to watch a series. Every member can vote for as many series as they want.
3. If there is a clear winner in the tallies, this show is immediately declared the winner and becomes the newly screened series. There is only one round of voting in this case.
4. In the event of a tie for first place, a runoff vote is held. Eliminating every other series, the tied series are voted on once again - however, this time, the POWA membership may only vote once.
 - a. This process is repeated until there is a clear winner or all shows being voted on tie.
 - b. In the event of an unbroken tie, a game of chance will be undertaken to pick a show at random.
5. Only POWA members present in the room at the time of the vote reserve the right to vote. Voting in absentia is not permitted for these votes.

Division 3 - Voting on an Ongoing Series

1. POWA votes on each series every four screenings. Immediately after the end of every fourth screening, a show of hands is asked of the membership. This is a simple Yes/No vote - we ask for those who would like to continue the series, then for those who do not. So long as the "Yes" votes either match or outnumber the "No" votes, the series continues in the lineup.
 - a. A tie will mean the series continues to remain in the lineup.
 - b. POWA only votes on a series that has more than 6 screenings remaining in its season. Meaning that, as an example, a show with 15 screenings will only vote on its 4th and 8th screening, and not have a vote on its 12th screening.
2. Only POWA members present in the room at the time of the vote reserve the right to vote. Voting in absentia is not permitted for these votes.