

How to Set Up An Election

Plurality vs. Approval

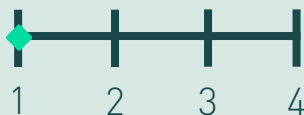


Plurality Voting

Vote for Mayor - One Winner



A voter is allowed to select:



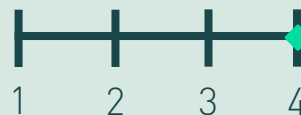
In a plurality single winner election, the administrator will tell the system to flag any ballot as having “overvoted” if they appear to make more than 1 selection.

Approval Voting

Vote for Mayor - One Winner



A voter is allowed to select:



In an approval voting single winner election, the administrator will set the max number of selections allowed to the number of candidates running (or set no limit at all).

Counting & Reporting: Plurality vs. Approval

Mayor		
Total Voters	100	
Selections Made	100	
NAME	Votes For:	Total %:
ANNE S.	25	25%
MATT K.	30	30%
TORI K.	35	35%
CARL C.	10	10%

Results are presented as:

$$\frac{\text{(Number of selections for a candidate)}}{\text{(Total number of selections made)}} = \text{(Percent of the vote)}$$

In a choose-one, plurality system the number of selections should equal the number of voters (unless there are undervotes).

Mayor		
Total Voters	100	
Selections Made	200	
NAME	Votes For:	Total %:
ANNE S.	40	40%
MATT K.	80	80%
TORI K.	50	50%
CARL C.	30	30%

Results are presented as:

$$\frac{\text{(Number of selections for a candidate)}}{\text{(Total number of voters participating)}} = \text{(Percent approval)}$$

In an approval system, each voter can make multiple selections. Despite this change in methodology and presentation the results, ***no additional costs or new systems are necessary.***