Overview:

With the DAO [expressing support in the temperature check](#) to improve predictability in the Arbitrum DAO's Operations, this post aims to ratify the common guidelines listed in the proposal as a social agreement across delegates and DAO contributors.

Guideline 1: Start all votes on Thursdays

By starting both Snapshot and Tally votes on Thursday, on top of increasing predictability for delegates, the DAO would also prevent the scenario where votes begin/end on weekends.

Create Onchain AIPs on Tally on Mondays

In order for a Tally vote to start on Thursday, it must be posted on Monday given the [3-day delay](#) from when a proposal is posted until voting begins.

Schedule Temperature Checks on Snapshot from Monday through Wednesday

Each batch of proposals ready to move to a Snapshot vote can be scheduled beforehand beginning on Monday and through Wednesday. We encourage delegates to post/schedule votes to begin before Thursday at 12 pm UTC. This can be achieved by setting the voting period to start in the future. While not a hard deadline, this will help ensure any votes start for a majority of delegates worldwide.

Weekly Update Post on Tuesdays

The Foundation (or Entropy Advisors) will be posting a weekly update on Tuesdays on the Forum's [Weekly Voting Reminders sub-category](#) with all the upcoming votes for the week, so delegates can easily refer to the post and know what upcoming votes there are for the week. Additionally, the Foundation will send this update on the [Arbitrum Delegate Announcements telegram channel](#) as well to maximize visibility of the voting pipeline.

Overall, this allows delegates who don't follow discussions as closely a few days to see what will be voted on and properly prepare. Additionally, with multiple opportunities each month to move a proposal forward to a vote, the incentive to rush the process is reduced.

Guideline 2: DAO Holiday Break: December 20 - January 6th

The DAO agrees to a holiday break, where no new votes will be created and/or voted on from December 20 - January 6 yearly.

This is to ensure delegates have a break and can return refreshed for the new year. During this time it is advised that no new proposals are posted to the forums, and only emergency proposals are put up to a vote.

These dates have been blocked out as an event on the [ArbitrumDAO Governance Community Calendar](#).

Emergency Proposals

In the event of an emergency proposal that is time-sensitive in nature, any guidelines can be waived for the proposal to be put up to a vote immediately. This would likely apply to only Constitutional AIPs that relate to security or treasury-related exploit matters that are potentially not in the scope of the Security Council.