DAO SCORING RUBRIC GUIDELINES (2025 Metrics)

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Each attribute is rated on a **1–5 scale**, where:

Score Interpretation

1   Very Poor / Non-existent

2   Weak / Incomplete Implementation

3   Moderate / Adequate

4   Strong / Well-Structured

5   Excellent / Fully Mature and Scalable

Attribute-Specific Scoring Guidelines

1. Governance Structure

- **1**: No formal governance process; ad hoc decisions.

- **3**: Defined governance flow, but limited modularity or transparency.

- **5**: Clearly documented, modular governance contracts (e.g., proposals, quorums, execution phases) with full public auditability.

2. Member Engagement

- **1**: <5% voter turnout; inactive forums or Discord.

- **3**: Medium engagement (~5–10% participation), irregular proposal discussion.

- **5**: Consistently high turnout (>15%), active delegate systems, responsive community participation.

3. Technical Transparency

- **1**: Contracts are closed source or partially documented.

- **3**: Most contracts are public, but audit trails or upgrade history is unclear.

- **5**: Fully open-source contracts, accessible on GitHub, with verifiable audit reports and version tracking.

4. Proposal Success Rate

- **1**: <25% of submitted proposals pass due to quorum failure or poor design.

- **3**: Around 50–60% success rate.

- **5**: >80% of proposals pass, well-informed by community input, often precede with temp checks.

5. Token Distribution Equality

- **1**: Extreme concentration (top 1–2 wallets hold >50%).

- **3**: Noticeable centralization, but partial mitigation through delegation.

- **5**: Broad, decentralized distribution; high Gini diversity, strong long-tail governance.

6. Voting System Type

- **1**: Only token-weighted voting without delegation or refinement.

- **3**: Includes delegation or supports off-chain voting.

- **5**: Implements quadratic, conviction, or reputation-based voting with sybil resistance mechanisms.

7. Quorum Achievement

- **1**: Most proposals fail due to unmet quorums.

- **3**: Inconsistent quorum success; only major proposals pass.

- **5**: Regular quorum achievement with dynamic or tuned thresholds to improve reliability.

8. Adaptability

- **1**: Governance contracts are immutable and outdated.

- **3**: Supports upgrades but lacks community responsiveness.

- **5**: Uses proxy patterns, parameterized modules, and responds to governance feedback with agile improvement.

9. Tooling Integration

- **1**: Minimal or fragmented tool use.

- **3**: Core tooling (Snapshot, Aragon, etc.) used, but limited analytics or UX integration.

- **5**: Rich ecosystem of integrated tools (e.g., Snapshot, Tally, Dune, Boardroom) with seamless UI/UX.

10. Treasury Size & Utilization

- **1**: Small, idle treasury; limited visibility on spending.

- **3**: Moderate size, with occasional disbursements but no clear strategy.

- **5**: Large, actively managed treasury with budgeting cycles, grants, and transparent disbursement logs.