

The Borda count method was designed to avoid some of the problems with the simple plurality method.

The idea is pretty simple: give the candidates points according to their places on each ballot. Give 1 point for last place, 2 for next-to-last and so on up to N points for a first place vote (if there are N candidates).

For our Math Anxiety Club election, recall the summary of the ballots:

Number of voters	14	10	8	4	1
1st choice (4 points)	A (56)	C (40)	D (32)	B (16)	C (4)
2nd choice (3 points)	B (42)	B (30)	C (24)	D (12)	D (3)
3rd choice (2 points)	C (28)	D (20)	B (16)	C (8)	B (2)
4th choice (1 point)	D (14)	A (10)	A (8)	A (4)	A (1)

So we will conclude that

A gets $56 + 10 + 8 + 4 + 1 = 79$ points

B gets $42 + 30 + 16 + 16 + 2 = 106$ points

C gets $28 + 40 + 24 + 8 + 4 = 104$ points

D gets $14 + 20 + 32 + 12 + 3 = 81$ points

So the winner with this method is B (Boris) -- a different result that will make Alisha unhappy!