

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR ELECTIONS

1. To follow Code of Conduct as mentioned in the Articles of Association & Rules Governing Campaigning

It is important that the elections of Delhi Gymkhana Club are conducted in a manner that upholds the dignity of this august institution. It is the duty of our members to ensure that the election process enhances the prestige of the Delhi Gymkhana Club, which is considered the best club of the country.

- a) Avoid indulging in criticism of other candidates in any manner, either verbal, electronically or written (e.g. Spreading rumors or gossiping, writing anonymous letters, sending in-discriminatory emails or making baseless and false allegations etc..)
- b) There will be **NO CANVASSING** of any kind within the Club premises on the day of election.
- c) Using of relatives or friends on the day of election as proxy canvassers is not permitted.
- d) The voting this year is through e-voting and physical ballot / instapoll at venue. It should not, therefore, be necessary to distribute chits or cards to voting members at the time of elections. Approaching voting members as they enter the voting area by candidates or their supporters is not permitted.

2. GC will appoint the following:-

- a) Chief Scrutineers - 1 Nos
- b) Returning Officer - 1 Nos
- c) Scrutineers - 9 Nos
- d) Observers - 2 nos

3. Further to Article 20, the following are the Guidelines for nomination of candidates for the GC.

4. **Eligibility/Qualifications for candidates**

(a) Any member who has been found guilty by duly constituted committee of the club for violation of code of conduct, anti club activity, has been under scrutiny in the past for misbehaviour or been suspended for any misdemeanour shall not be eligible to contest

(b) Members wishing to offer themselves for election as President and Members of the General Committee may apply to the Club between 20th to 30th August 2020 by 3.00PM and thereafter nominations were reopened between 12th Oct to 7th Dec 2020 with details of their background and file their nominations as per Companies Act rules. However, candidates can withdraw their nomination by 18th Dec 2020 by 5pm.

Under taking to be signed by Candidates contesting for the General Committee

**Members found indulging in what may be judged as unfair practise by the Chief Scrutineer in the period prior to filing of Nominations will not be permitted to file their nominations and contest

Along with filing of Nomination, the candidates shall sign a declaration that they

- 1) Shall abide by the Articles of Association, Bye Laws, rules regulations **and previous resolutions of the GC**
- 2) Have not been convicted for any criminal offence or been charge sheeted in any case.
- 3) Have not been found in arrears of payment of club bills for more than 3 months.
- 4) Have no direct business dealings with the DGC company or third party having any business dealing with the club
- 5) Undertake to File all compliances as required under the Cos act on being elected

**Guidelines for Appointment of Chief Election Commissioners
(Returning Officers) and Election Commissioners
(Scrutineers) and Observers**

The Chief Scrutineer (Returning Officer) Scrutineers shall be announced 30 days prior to the date of Elections

The Chief Scrutineer / Returning Officers shall be a Permanent member with a minimum **20 years of seniority**

The Election Commissioners (Scrutineers) and Electoral Officers / Observers who are the election officers shall be selected by the GC from among **Permanent members having at least 10 yrs seniority**

The Election Commissioners/ Returning Officers shall be responsible for overseeing the conduct of the elections and implementation of the election code as soon as the candidates file their nomination.

The electoral officers shall function under the Chief Scrutineer.

They will ensure that candidates adhere to the election code during campaigning period after filing of nomination prior to the AGM and on the day of the elections at the AGM

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Election would be conducted under the supervision of the Chief Scrutineer along with members appointed as Scrutineer and Observers along with members appointed as Election Commissioners and Observers (upto 5 members). The Scrutineers will be responsible for the code of conduct for campaign.

Chief Scrutineer (Returning Officers) and Scrutineers shall deal with any complaints against candidates for violations of code of conduct.

Chief Scrutineer and the GC shall accord approval to the final candidates list after due scrutiny.