



OFFICE OF THE ELECTORAL OFFICER

Punjab Cricket Association
(Affiliated to the Board of Control for Cricket in India)

Date: February 7, 2023

ELECTION MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT AND CAMPAIGNING STANDARDS

Model Code of Conduct to be observed during the Elections: (Based on Model Code of Conduct for BCCI Elections)

A code of conduct covering all the activities relating to elections is given below, which is to be mandatorily observed by all members.

The model code of conduct has come into force from the date of announcement of elections.

Instructions:

1. In order to ensure free and fair polls, as envisaged in Memorandum of Association and Rules and Regulations, candidates are expected to file the nomination papers, along with a declaration covering provisions mentioned therein. Nominations received without the declaration will be rejected at the time of scrutiny.
2. During campaigning, candidates will not use unfair means including bribery, or appeal to or use of religious symbols, nor distribute gifts of any kind to induce members for vote and support. They will strictly adhere to the provision of the Model Code of Conduct and Campaigning practices.
3. Candidates will not use any form of transport to bring voting members to the venue of voting on the date of polling.
4. Proxy voting shall not be allowed.
5. Pamphlets and posters, if circulated, should not appeal to religious, caste, or communal sentiments to entice for votes. If pamphlets/posters are put up, they should not be violative of the local law in force.



6. No pamphlets/posters/banners are allowed to be used and/or put up within 100 meters in or around the venue of the voting.
7. Candidates will maintain peace and calm in the voting venue during the polling period in order to maintain law and order.
8. Campaign office/platform will not be opened within 100 meters in and around the venue of voting.
9. All candidates are expected to cooperate with the Electoral Officer for smooth conduct of voting during the entire process.
10. In case of any violation, the decision of the Electoral Officer, as provided in Rule 40 of the Rules and Regulations of the Punjab Cricket Association shall be final and conclusive.


Campaign Practices:

- i) Electoral campaigns shall be carried out by the Candidates in a fair and reputable manner and, more generally, in a spirit of respect for fundamental ethical principles.
- ii) Candidates shall conduct all Campaigns with dignity and moderation and with due respect to other candidates, the Punjab Cricket Association (PCA) and its Members. A Candidate should not speak, write or make any representation of any nature which is likely to harm the image of other candidate(s) or cause his/her prejudice. Criticism of other candidates, when made, shall be confined to their policies and programmes, past record and work. Criticism based on unverified allegations or distortion shall be avoided. There shall be no appeal to caste or communal feelings for securing votes.
- iii) Each Candidate may present to the electoral college, His/Her plans and views for the post, in the form of a written document, whatever the means used to distribute it.
- iv) Candidates shall avoid excessive expenditure in campaigning, recognizing that it could become a factor of inequality amongst the candidates.



- v) The promotion of a Candidate shall exclude any form of publicity, including the use of social media and networks. No public meeting or gathering of any kind may be organised in the framework of promoting a Candidature. No use, free of charge or in return for payment, of the services of a journalist or the Media may be made in order to place a Candidate at an advantage or a disadvantage.
- vi) All candidates shall avoid scrupulously all activities that are “corrupt practices”, such as bribing of voters, intimidation of voters, impersonation of voters, etc.
- vii) Candidates may in no case and under no pretext give presents, offer donations or gifts or grant advantages of whatever nature, directly or indirectly, to voting members or their representatives.
- viii) As the voting is secret, Voting Members are prohibited individually or collectively, from announcing publicly in any form whatsoever their intention to Vote or not Vote for a Candidate.
- ix) The incumbent Punjab Cricket Association Office Bearers shall ensure that no cause is given for any complaint that they have used their official position for the purposes of their or others’ election campaign and in particular shall not (a) use official transport including, vehicles, machinery and personnel for furtherance of their campaign; (b) issue any advertisement at the cost of Association or its Members in the newspapers and other media or misuse the Association’s official media channels during the elections; and (c) sanction grants/payments out of discretionary funds from the time elections are announced;
- x) The Punjab Cricket Association’s Executive Team and Administration shall maintain a duty of Neutrality at all times. No support or service in relation to a Candidature be given by any member of the Punjab Cricket Association’s Administration or Staff.

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