

Code of conduct for IOA Elections

All the contestants are strongly advised to strictly adhere to the code of conduct to avoid forfeiting their candidature as decided and passed by General Body on 30.11.2018 at Coimbatore and ratified in GBM of IOA at IOACON 2019, Kolkata.

1. Duration of code of conduct will be from the first day of voting till the last day
2. Once voting is started ,every candidate is permitted a total of only three (3) appeals to any member including Whatsapp, sms or e-mail. He can choose one or more of any of these as long as the total number does not exceed 3.
3. Additional campaigning allowed include one hard copy of appeal posted by the surface mail and only one telephone call to an individual voter.
4. During whole Election Process, in case there is any written complaint by any member to the Election Officer with documentary evidence of harassment or nuisance by any contestant, and is found to be true by the election officer, the candidature of the accused contestant will be forfeited and final result declared without accounting for votes cast in his favour.
5. Any new Life member shall be permitted to contest for any post of IOA only after completion of 5 years of his memberships. Commencement of Date of the membership is from the date when the membership has been ratified in GBM
6. If any candidate writes derogatory or defamatory remarks in emails/ Whatsapp or any other social media, against the Association or any of its members, he will be disqualified from the election process and disciplinary action will be taken and he may be suspended from the Association by the General Body.
7. In case any contestant or his representative or assignee is found/proven to have used unfair means (including approaching candidates with laptops or to coerce them in any other way, ask them to vote for any particular candidate openly, or, infringing on anyone's privacy, attempting to cast illegitimate vote, usurp identity of any other voter to cast vote on his behalf or indulge in manipulation of any kind, his candidature will be cancelled and he will be debarred from contesting for any post in IOA for the next 5 years and additional strict disciplinary action will be taken against him.
8. Any member indulging in anti association/ anti national activities and/or smearing its image in public will not be eligible to apply for a constitutional/ organizational post in the very organization he has chosen to demean. Any member who indulges in these nefarious activities after the elections or apart from the elections shall also be recommended to be suspended/debarred from the IOA
9. The Election Officer shall conduct the election in complete secrecy and shall not disclose the voting details unless legally obligated to
10. No one should misrepresent IOA by using IOA in bulk messages.
11. Any member is permitted to contest for a particular post only 3 times
12. Any member is permitted to contest for one post only in a particular election
13. Code of Conduct is also applicable to the IOACON bidding state chapter and Dr. K. T. Dholakia CME bidding state chapter.
14. It is mandatory to submit signed code of conduct by a contestant/IOACON bidding state chapter, KTD CME bidding state chapter along with the nomination form /Bid

Date:/...../.....

Place:

Signature of Contestant/Bidding State Chapter Chairman and Organizing Sec: _____

Name of the Contestant/ Bidding State Chapter: _____

To be received by ioaelections2026@gmail.com