

VGN SFOWA ELECTION : CODE OF CONDUCT **02:2021**

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR THE GUIDANCE OF CANDIDATES (ELECTION 2021)

I. General Conduct

1. No candidate shall include in any activity which may aggravate existing differences or create mutual hatred or cause tension between different castes and communities, religious or linguistic.
2. Criticism of other candidates, when made, shall be confined to their policies and programme, past record and work. Candidates shall refrain from criticism of all aspects of private life, not connected with the public activities of the leaders or workers of other candidates. Criticism of other candidates or their workers based on unverified allegations or distortion shall be avoided.
3. All candidates shall avoid scrupulously all activities which are "corrupt practices" and offences under the election law, such as bribing of voters, intimidation of voters, impersonation of voters, canvassing within 100 meters of polling stations, holding public meetings during the period of 48 hours ending with the hour fixed for the close of the poll, and the transport and conveyance of voters to and from polling station.
4. The right of every individual for peaceful and undisturbed home-life shall be respected. Organizing demonstrations or picketing before the houses of individuals by way of protesting against their opinions or activities shall not be resorted to under any circumstances.
5. No candidate shall permit agents or his followers to make use of any land, building, compound wall of VGN STAFFORD etc., for erecting flag-staffs, suspending banners, pasting notices, writing slogans etc.
6. Every candidate and his agents shall co-operate with the Election officer on election duty to ensure peaceful and orderly polling.

II. Polling Day

All Candidates and Agents shall –

1. co-operate with the officers on election duty to ensure peaceful and orderly polling and complete freedom to the member voters to exercise their franchise without being subjected to any annoyance or obstruction..
2. agree that no slip supplied by them to voters to the voters hall in any form ;

3. not allow unnecessary crowd to be collected near the camps , if any, set up by the candidates near the polling booths so as to avoid Confrontation and tension among workers and sympathizers of the candidate.
4. ensure that the candidate's camps shall be simple .They shall not display any posters, flags, symbols or any other propaganda material.
5. co-operate with the authorities in complying with the restrictions imposed due to Covid protocols and adhere to the same.

III. Polling Booth

Excepting the member voters, no one without a valid pass from the Election Officer shall enter the polling booths.

IV. Volunteers

The Election Officer will take help of Volunteers . If the candidates or their agents have any specific complaint or problem regarding the conduct of elections they may bring the same to the notice of the Volunteer or Election Officer.

V. Guidelines on Election Manifestos

1. **(i)** The election manifesto shall not contain anything repugnant to the ideals and principles enshrined in the Constitution and the spirit of the Welfare nature of the Society and further that it shall be consistent with the letter and spirit of other provisions of Code of Conduct.
(ii) Candidates may frame various welfare measures for the members and citizens and can promise such welfare measures in election manifestos. However, candidates should avoid making those promises which are likely to vitiate the purity of the election process or exert undue influence on the voters in exercising their franchise.
(iii) In the interest of transparency, level playing field and credibility of promises, it is expected that manifestos also reflect the rationale for the promises and broadly indicate the ways and means to meet the financial requirements for it. Trust of voters should be sought only on those promises which are possible to be fulfilled.

Date : 11.02.2021

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Election Officer