



KOA ELECTIONS 2023

CODE OF CONDUCT

All the contestants are advised to strictly adhere to the Code of Conduct to avoid forfeiting their candidature.

Duration of Code of Conduct: From the last day of withdrawal of nomination till the last day of voting.

Code of Conduct:

- 1.** The Candidate or their representatives shall not indulge in Physical Campaigning by Personal Meeting / Mass Meeting / Get-togethers (Direct or Indirect).
- 2.** The Candidate or their representatives shall not indulge in Negative Campaign.
- 3.** The candidate is permitted to post their Bio - Data and Appeal on the KOA Google Group (KOAGooglegroups@googlegroups.com) once.
- 4.** The candidate is permitted a total of three (3) appeals to any member including WhatsApp (Individual / Groups), SMS or E-mail.
- 5.** The candidate can choose one or more of any of these as long as the total number does not exceed three (3).
- 6.** Additional campaigning allowed include one hard copy of appeal posted by surface mail and only one telephone call to an individual member.
- 7.** In case there is a written complaint by any member to the Election Officer with documentary evidence of harassment or nuisance by any contestant which is found to be true by the Election Officer, the candidature of the said contestant will be forfeited and the final result declared without accounting for votes cast in his favour.
- 8.** If any candidate writes derogatory or defamatory remarks in E-mails / 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 against him and his membership may be suspended from the Association temporarily by the Executive Committee and permanently if recommended by the General Body at its Annual General Body Meeting.
- 9.** In case any contestant or their representative 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 KOA for the next 5 years and additional strict disciplinary action will be taken against him.

- 10.** 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.
- 11.** 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 KOA.
- 12.** KOA Office shall maintain secrecy about the list of Voters and Non-Voters.
- 13.** No one should misrepresent KOA by using KOA in bulk messages.
- 14.** Any Life member is permitted to contest for one post only in a particular election.
- 15.** All contestants will be required to sign a statement promising to abide by these regulations along with their nomination form.
- 16.** Code of Conduct is also applicable to the KOACON bidding District Chapter and the proposed Organising Chairman and Organising Secretary.

Date:

Signature of the Candidate:

Proposed Organising Chairman:

Proposed Organising Secretary: