

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARER

Rule #	Rule
200	President, Vice President(s) and all the office bearers of a local Jama`at shall be elected by chanda paying members of the Jama`at concerned through a majority vote, except Secretary Rishta Nata who will be appointed by the National Amir at his own discretion.
201	It shall be necessary that in a local Jama`at at least three names are proposed for the office of local President. As far as the other offices are concerned, it shall be necessary that during the election at least two names are proposed for each office . It is not allowed to propose only one name for any office.
202	These elections shall be approved by the National Amir/the National President.
221	It should be kept in view that office bearers: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Have beard. In exceptional cases permission should be obtained from Hadrat Khalifatul Masih. Are God fearing (Muttaqi) persons to the best of one's knowledge.
222	<p>(a) Following persons should not be eligible to vote in any election:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A defaulter in payment of obligatory chandas. A person under the age of 18 years. Persons against whom Jama`at has taken disciplinary action. Office bearers suspended by Nizam Jama`at (for the period of their suspension). <p>(b) Such defaulters, as pay their chandas after the announcements of the date of election, shall not be permitted to participate in that election. Payment of chanda for the sake of participation in elections must be strongly discouraged.</p> <p>(c) A new Ahmadi shall be eligible to vote in any election one year after his Bai`at provided he fulfills all other conditions laid down in the rules.</p> <p>Note: A chanda paying member is one who is not in arrears of <i>chanda 'Am</i> or <i>chanda Hissa Amad</i> for more than six months whereas for chanda Jalsa Salana he should not be in arrears for more than one year. This condition shall not apply to those who have taken permission from the Markaz to pay up the arrears in installments or have been permitted to pay chanda at a reduced rate, however such persons shall not be elected to any office or membership of Majlis Intikhab except with prior permission of the Markaz.</p>
223	<p>(a) When elections of a local Jama`at are held, the quorum, for such a meeting shall be one half of the eligible voters.</p> <p>(b) If an election meeting is adjourned for lack of quorum, the quorum shall be one third of the eligible voters for the adjourned meeting.</p>
232	<p>(a) A regular employee of the Jama`at (whether honorary or paid) cannot be elected to any office without prior permission from the Markaz.</p> <p>(b) Names of Central Missionaries cannot be proposed for any office at local or national level without prior permission of Hadrat Khalifatul Masih. However they are eligible to vote in local elections where they are posted as well as in national elections.</p> <p>(c) The Qadis and Auditors appointed by the Markaz cannot simultaneously be elected to any other office. In exceptional cases, prior permission from the Markaz should be sought.</p>
233	The date and place of elections should be publicly announced in advance, at least 15 days before the appointed date. A genuine effort should be made that all members who are eligible to vote are informed.
234	For all election meetings of the local Jama`at, the Amir/ President or the General Secretary must inform all members of the Jama`at of the date, time and place of the meeting.
235	An election report shall be sent as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Total number of eligible voters.

- (ii) Number of eligible voters present in the election meeting.
- (iii) Number of voters cast in favour of a person.
- (iv) Brief introduction of persons elected along with their postal addresses and telephone numbers.

Note: All elections of local Jama`ats shall be conducted under the supervision of the National Amir and the reports concerning these elections shall be sent to him by the presiding officer along with signatures of two other persons who were present during the election but their names were not proposed for any office.

236 If a complaint is received about propaganda having been carried out in favour of a person and the complaint is substantiated in subsequent inquiry, the election shall be held null and void and those involved in propaganda will be held accountable and a fresh election shall be held and those involved in such propaganda shall not be permitted to participate in this subsequent election. For taking this action prior approval of Hadrat Khalifatul Masih will be necessary.

237 Any action, which is aimed at influencing opinion in favour of or against an individual, shall be considered propaganda. However, it is considered appropriate to say a few words in favour of a person during the election meeting. Adverse remarks against anyone are not permitted.

238 Whenever under the rules it is required to take some disciplinary action against a person, this disciplinary action can be taken only with the prior approval of Hadrat Khalifatul Masih.

To debar someone from participation in Jama`at's election, to remove him from an office or deprive him from serving the Jama`at' is also a disciplinary action. No office bearer had the right to take any disciplinary action on its' own.

249 All office bearers shall be elected for a term of three years. However, a mid-term change may be made with the approval of Markaz.

250 There shall be no restrictions on the re-election of any office bearer when he has completed one term of three years.

251 An Amir/President upon the recommendation of the secretary concerned, may appoint one or more persons as Assistant Secretaries. Preferably, young people should be appointed as Assistants so that they may be trained to shoulder future responsibilities. They may also attend Majlis 'Amila meetings, but shall not have the right to vote.

252 A defaulter in the payment of Chandas shall not be eligible to hold an office. A defaulter is one who is in arrears of obligatory Chandas (viz. Arrear of *chanda 'Am* or *chanda Hissa Amad* for more than six months whereas for *chanda Jalsa Salana* he should not be in arrear for more than one year).

Note: In exceptional cases, Markaz may be approached for relaxation.

253 Following persons shall not be eligible to hold any office in the Jama`at.

- a) A person not eligible to vote under Rule 222.
- b) A Musi, whose Wasiyyat has been cancelled by Sadr Anjuman Ahmadiyya.
- c) A Musi, whose Wasiyyat has been cancelled by way of disciplinary action.
- d) A person putting Jama`at funds into personal use (As explained in Rule 280) and also a person putting funds of an Auxiliary Organization into personal use. Such a person shall not be elected or nominated to any office for a period of three years after the reimbursement of used amount and pardon by Hadrat Khalifatul Masih. If such a person commits the same mistake a second time he shall never again be eligible to hold any office of the Jama`at.

Note: (1) If the Wasiyyat of a Musi is cancelled due to some reasons other than those mentioned in (b) and (c) and he is paying his obligatory Chandas regularly and he is not a defaulter as per Rule 252, there is no objection against his appointments or election as an office bearer.

(2) If a person is removed from an office a second time, by way of any disciplinary action, he shall never again be eligible to hold any office of the Jama`at.

254 Every election report shall be signed by the Presiding Officer along with two other persons who were present during the election but their names were not proposed for any office.

255 An existing office bearer shall continue to hold office until a new office bearer is approved.

256 The existing office bearers shall hand over the charge of their respective offices, along with relevant records, funds and inventories etc. to the new office bearers as soon as approval of the Markaz is received.

Please send the election report and recommendation forms to the office of National General Secretary



In the Name of Allah, Most Gracious, Ever Merciful

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ELECTION OF LOCAL JAMA'AT OFFICE BEARER

JAMA'AT:		OFFICE:	
TOTAL CHANDA PAYING MEMBERS:		CHANDA PAYING MEMBERS PRESENT:	
PRESIDED BY:		DATE OF ELECTION:	

Rules and regulations governing the election of local office bearers were read out before the election. Following are the results of this election:

NO.	CODE	PROPOSED NAME	BEARD	PROPOSED BY	SECONDED BY	VOTES
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Every eligible voter cast his vote and the election was held in accordance with the rules and regulations governing the election of office bearers of Jama'at. My personal recommendations are as follows:

Signature of Presiding Officer: _____

Name: _____ Title: _____

Please ensure to include member code for everyone and introductions of top 3 names