



## RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR ELECTION OF SHURA DELEGATES

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- 466 National Majlis Shura shall consist of the following members:
  - (a) The National Amir.
  - (b) The Central Missionaries.
  - (c) The Na'ib Amir and all the National office Bearers of the Jamā'at.
  - (d) The local Amirs / Presidents
  - (e) Representatives from the local Jamā'ats who will be elected as follows:
    - (i) Every local Jama'at that has 50 or less Chanda paying members shall elect <u>one</u> representative.
    - (ii) Local Jama'ats that has 51 to 100 Chanda paying members shall elect two representatives each.
    - (iii) Any local Jamā'at that has more than 100 Chanda paying members shall elect **one additional** member for every 50 Chanda paying members or part thereof.
  - (f) The Amir may at his discretion invite a member of the Jama'at to specially participate in the Majlis Shura. The number of such invitees shall not be more than five percent of total number of members of the Shura.
  - (h) All conditions (as per Rules 221,222, 232 (a), 252 and 253) which apply to all office bearers shall also apply to Shura members.
- 221 It should be kept in view that office bearers:
  - (a) Have beard. In exceptional cases permission should be obtained from Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh.
  - (b) Are God fearing (*Muttaqi*) persons to the best of one's knowledge.
- 222 (a) Following persons shall not be eligible to vote in any election:
  - A defaulter in payment of obligatory Chandas.
  - A person under the age of 18 years.
  - Persons against whom Jamā'at has taken disciplinary action.

Note: Such a person shall be permitted to vote in elections only when a period of three years has lapsed after his pardon by Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh.

- Office bearers suspended by Nizam Jamā'at (for the period of their suspension)
- (b) Such defaulters, as pay their Chandas after the announcement of the date of election, shall not be permitted to participate in that election. Payment of Chanda for the sake of participation in election must be strongly discouraged.
- (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.
- Note: (1) A Chanda paying member is one who is **not** in arrears of *Chanda 'Am Chanda Hissa 'Amad* 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.
  - (2) A person who is in arrears of Chanda Majlis for more than six months and of Chanda Salana Ijtima' for more than one year of his respective Auxiliary Organization (Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya/ Majlis Ansarullah) shall not be eligible to hold any office of the Jamā'at.
- 232 (a) A regular employee of the Jama'at (whether honorary or paid) cannot be elected to any office without prior permission from the Markaz.
- 235 An election report shall be sent as follows:
  - (i) Total number of eligible voters.
  - (ii) Number of eligible voters present in the election meeting.
  - (iii) Number of votes 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 Jamā'ats shall be conducted under the supervision of the National Amīr/President and the reports

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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.

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 Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh will be necessary.

**Note**: In an election a person can neither propose his own name for any office nor can he vote for himself. If his having done so is established, he will not be considered eligible for this office and also, he will be removed from any other office which he holds at that time.

- 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.
- 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 'Ām or chanda Hiṣṣa Āmad for more than six months whereas for chanda Jalsa Sālāna he should not be in arrear for more than one year).

A person who is in arrears of Chanda Majlis for more than six months and of Chanda Salana Ijtima for more than one year of his respective Auxiliary Organization (Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya / Majlis Ansarullah) shall not be eligible to hold any office of the Jamā'at.

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

- 253 Following persons shall not be eligible to hold any office in the Jamā'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 Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh. 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 Jamā'at.
- **467** Representatives shall be elected by majority vote at the general meeting of the Local Jamā'at.
- **468** The local Secretary Mal shall certify that the elected representatives are not in arrears.
- 469 If a person does not have a beard, he cannot be elected as a representative. In exceptional cases special permission should be obtained from Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh.
- 470 The National Amīr/President shall approve the membership of elected representatives to the Majlis Shūrā. In case any elected representative's membership is not approved by the National Amīr/President, he may appeal to the Markaz against the decision of the National Amīr/President.
- 471 Each member of the Majlis Shura shall hold office till the next Annual meeting of the Majlis Shura.



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## **ELECTION OF MAJLIS SHURA DELEGATES**

JAMA'A	Γ	OFFICE	DATE OF ELECTION		TOTAL CHANDA PAYING MEMBERS		CHANDA PAYING MEMBERS PRESENT		PRESIDED BY	
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<ol> <li>The Rules for Election were read in the meeting for the election and election was held in accordance to these rules.</li> <li>The Voters List has been prepared according to the format circulated.</li> <li>The Voters List has been signed by the Local Amir / President and Secretary Mal.</li> <li>All members marked eligible on the list are indeed eligible.</li> <li>Two other persons who were present during the election but their names were not proposed for any office have witnessed and signed the election results.</li> </ol>										
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