

General Gymkhana Election Rules 2022

Code of Conduct:

- As soon as the date for nominations ends, the CEO will organize one general debate between campaigning contestants and the General Body of students. The campaign may be recorded and shared electronically to the General Body of students.
- Campaigning by or for a contestant including by means of posters, pamphlets, chits or any other such sort of venture is not allowed.
- Only the Facebook group created by the Election Commission (EC) will be considered for campaigning. It is strictly advised that contestant names should not be mentioned in any of the mails/SMS except for those sent by the CEO during the period of election.
- Any contact with the first year UG students, except debates organized by EC is prohibited and can lead to cancellation of candidature. The case will also be forwarded to the anti-ragging committee.
- **In-campus campaign is allowed but door to door campaigning is not allowed.** Hostel debates will be organized by the EC for the contestants to campaign.
- Any event that the EC feels will be beneficial/partial to a particular candidate, will:
 - Either not be allowed to be attended for all the candidates contesting for that particular post on which the said candidate is contesting.
 - Such an event may be allowed by the EC depending on the availability of the volunteer(s) from the EC to accompany the candidates
- Residential life of campus residents should not be disturbed and they shouldn't feel any sort of inconvenience.
- Appealing for vote based on hostel, religion, creed, caste, race, gender, and personal attack on any other candidate are strictly considered as violations of code of conduct. Campaigning should solely be done on the basis of personal credentials.
- Any sort of unofficial financial/unethical dealings are strictly prohibited.
- Any individual, who is holding a post in current Gymkhana will not be allowed to use his/her post for any sort of campaigning. He/she will be barred from further involvement in the activities of Club/Board for which he holds the authority from the period of notification to the day of election. In case of any important work, one must consult the CEO, VP- SGC, ADoSA1 or DoSA. If the said individual is contesting for the election as well, in addition to suspension from club/board activities, his/her candidature is liable to be canceled.
- No member of the EC shall oppose or support any contestant.
- The election team reserves the right to cancel any candidature if the code of conduct or the rules of election are not followed. In such cases, the Dean of Students' Affairs will be the appellate authority. In case of cancellation of nomination by the EC, "3 working days" OR "one day prior to election, i.e., 21 April" will be provided to the contestant to appeal to DoSA, whichever deadline is met first. If the cancellation takes place one day prior to

election, and the contestant has less than 24 hours to appeal, the issue must be resolved before declaring the results.

- In case of cancellation of candidature, EC must send a detailed email to stud@iitg.ac.in, rs@iitg.ac.in. The mail should specify the name of contestant, the position contested for and the reason for cancellation of candidature.
- Assoc. Dean of Students' Affairs – 1 will be associated with the complete process of the Gymkhana General Election. All the Chairmen of various boards will be the observers during the complete election process, to whom students can immediately report for any unfair activity.

Right to vote:

- All Bonafide and currently registered students of the institute shall have the right to vote in Gymkhana Election.
- Voters who are present on the campus on the date of voting can cast their votes at the polling station during the prescribed hours. Instructions to the voters, if any, will be pasted at the polling station and shared from the official Facebook and Instagram pages.
- The Electronic Electoral poll form should have "None of the above" option depending on the cases mentioned in the Voting system.

Voting system:

The President, General Secretaries of various boards and the Senators respectively shall be elected from the General Body.

- **For President and General Secretaries:**

Voters can cast their vote for either of the candidates or None of The Above (NOTA). Winner will be declared by comparing the number of votes casted in favor of each candidate. If more than 50% of voters choose not to vote for any candidate, there will be a selection process for those posts after the elections.

- **For Senators:**

- If the voter is an UG student, he/she needs to select at most 7 members from the list of candidates contesting for the post of UG Senators. The Top 7 will be the winners.
- If the voter is a PG student, he/she needs to select at most 7 members from the list of candidates contesting for the post of PG Senators. The Top 7 will be the winners.
- If the voter is a Girl (either PG or UG), she needs to select at most 3 members from the list of candidates contesting for the post of Girl Senators in addition to UG/PG Senators. The Top 3 will be the winners.
- However the voter can have the option not to choose any of them. If more than 50% of voters choose not to vote for any candidate contesting for the post of senator then elections for those posts will be conducted again.

In case if any post is left vacant, the existing senate and the incoming senate will jointly take a decision finalized by the Dean, Student Affairs.

Declaration of results:

The CEO/Election Committee will submit the results to DoSA. The DoSA will forward the results to the Director for the necessary approval. On receipt of the approval from the Director, the result will be declared to the General Body of the Students.

System for amendment:

- For any amendments in the election rules pertaining to change in gymkhana structure and composition, eligibility criteria and rules for filing nomination, right to vote, and voting system, first it should be placed in the Students' Senate and subsequently approval is to be taken from the Student Affairs Council (SAC) for implementation.
- Such an amendment as mentioned above in the election rules after the Handing Over Ceremony, will not be applicable for the next immediate Gymkhana General Election.
- Amendments pertaining strictly to code of conduct can be made by the election commission in consultation with DoSA, and shall be valid with immediate effect.

Chief Election Officer (CEO), along with the Election Officers, will review the general election rules after completion of election procedure and propose improvements to be made from his experience to the Dean of Students' Affairs, if any, which will be placed in the immediate SAC Meeting for perusal and approval, before new Gymkhana assuming charge.