

Nepalese Society, Texas (NST)

Election Committee 2025

Est. 1998

Candidates and Voters Code of Conduct

Date: 11/28/2025

Election Committee (2025)

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Dear Candidates and Voters

To achieve a fair, transparent, and harmonious election, Election Committee 2025 issues following election code of conduct for candidates and voters:

- 1.No one should engage in using language that provokes hatred and harm social harmony of the Nepali community in Texas.
- 2. Candidates and voters shall not engage in any form of religious, caste-based, ethnic, political, or financial influence to secure or divert votes.
- 3. No one should intimidate or defame other candidates or voters.
- 4. No one should directly/indirectly express/publish/imply false information about other candidates or voters.
- 5.No one should abuse position, power, privilege, and/or influence with the intent to alter the outcome of this election.
- 6. Candidates and voters may use their personal social media channels to campaign and promote their cause, but shall not use any NST members' pictures/videos without their approval to promote negativity and spread rumors against other candidates, voters, NST officials, or the Election Committee.
- 7. It is strongly encouraged not to use paper advertisement materials on the day of the election around the election venue. None of the paper advertisement materials is allowed in the polling areas and other areas where the Election Committee prohibits them.
- 8. Cameras, cell phones or any kind of electronic/recording devices are not allowed in the polling areas and other areas where the Election Committee prohibits. "No recording allowed where prohibited".

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- 9. Campaigning is strictly prohibited inside the polling place and within the 500 ft restricted zone.
- 10.No lingering within 500 feet of the building with polling place and restricted area.
- 11. Group meetings are prohibited inside the polling area and within a 500-foot restricted zone on Election Day.
- 12. After casting the vote, you must leave the polling area so that other voters can be assisted.
- 13. Election committee reserves the right to suspend candidacy, request removal of candidates from polling place, if it finds the violation of NST bylaws or this code of conduct by any candidate.
- 14. Election committee reserves the right to deny ballot paper to any voter and/or request removal from polling place if it finds a violation of NST bylaws or this code of conduct by any voter.
- 15. If the election committee finds any violation, the election committee can act and take actions, including but not limited to: issuing a warning, removal from the polling area, denying voting, and other applicable legal action.

All decisions made by the Election Committee regarding the election process shall be final and binding.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions. Email: <u>election@ournst.org</u>

Thank you, Election Committee 2025 Nepalese Society of Texas (NST)

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