

VCA ELECTION 2019-2021

ELECTION RULES

1. Nomination forms will be available at VCA Office from **20.12.2018 to 23.12.2018** during the office hours of VCA.
2. As per the decision of the General Body in its Meeting dated 6th August, 2006, any member desirous of contesting for the post of an Office Bearer, Executive Committee Member or Selector shall deposit an amount of Rs.5000/- along with the nomination form by way of security deposit. Any candidate securing less than 20% of valid votes polled shall lose the security deposit and the same would be forfeited.
3. In case of a dispute relating to submission of nomination papers the acknowledgement shall be taken to be valid proof of submission of nomination paper.
4. In case of elections being necessary, the ballot papers shall be printed which shall be numbered and shall bear the seal and signature of the Election Officer.
5. The necessary certificate from the printers in respect of printing of ballot papers shall be obtained stating the numbers of ballot papers printed.
6. In case of a dispute relating to the identification of a member, the register of the Association bearing the photo of the member shall be referred to and in absence of a photo, the voter will have to be identified by at least one of the contesting candidate. It shall also be valid for the voter to produce any identification viz PAN Card, voter identity card or driving licence or any other valid document.
7. The two players rooms will be the voting booths. In one room, life members whose surnames start from A to J and all ordinary members and all authorized representatives of affiliated clubs will cast their votes. In the other room, life members whose surnames start from K to Z will cast their votes.
8. Inside the polling booths, there will be four tables each with privacy separators for voting. Inside the polling booth no canvassing will be allowed. Candidates or their representatives will not be allowed inside the polling booth except for the purpose of voting. The polling booths will be manned only by the Election Officer and / or the Polling Officer nominated by them.

9. Each ballot paper will carry the names of the candidates standing for election and a square box next to the name. The voter has to affix the rubber stamp in the square box next to the name of the candidate to whom he is giving the vote. In case more votes are given than the required number for a particular post, all the votes cast by that voter for that particular post will be treated as invalid. When the stamp is not affixed inside the box provided, it will be open to the election officer to look into the intention of the voter. The decision of the Election Officer in this regard will be final.
10. Before the voting begins, the Election Officer will display the empty voting boxes and will seal them in presence of all such candidates who choose to be present at that hour. The voters will have to put their ballot paper inside these voting boxes. There will be two separate ballot papers. One ballot paper will bear the names of the candidates standing for election for the post of Office Bearers and Executive Committee Member. The Second ballot paper will be in respect of candidates for election for the post of Selectors. Each ballot paper given to the voter will be of a different colour. The ballot paper after voting will have to be put in the ballot box bearing the same colour as the ballot. Each ballot will be serially numbered. Number will be on the ballot as well as on the counterfoil.
11. The voting will start from 10:00 am and will end at 5:00 pm sharp on 30.12.2018. At 05:00 pm people who are in line for voting will be allowed to vote. However, a person coming after 5:00 pm will not be allowed to vote even if the voting of the person who are present at 5:00 pm is not yet complete. Every voter will have to sign on a register / list outside the booth and will be given a slip by the person authorized by the Election Officer. On presentation of this slip inside the booth, the voter will be given the requisite ballot paper and will have to sign on the counterfoil as well as on the register maintained inside the booth in token of having received the ballot paper.
12. Counting of votes will begin at 5:30 pm sharp. As soon as the last ballot is cast, the Election Officer will seal all the ballot boxes in the presence of all such candidates who may choose to be present at that time.
13. The counting will be done by the Election Officer with the help of the Polling Officer and such other persons whose help the Election Officer seeks. There will be an official counting sheet which will be marked by the Election Officer / Polling Officer or such other person as the Election Officer may authorize. The sheet will be treated as the official count of votes.

14. After the counting is over, the Election Officer shall handover the results to the Chairman who then shall declare the results. Candidates desiring a recount must make an application to the Election Officer within thirty minutes from the declaration of the results. After that no application for recount will be considered. The Election Officer reserves the right to reject such an application where the difference of votes between the candidates seeking the recount and the last elected candidate is more than 25 votes.
15. After the entire counting (and recount if necessary) is completed, the Election Officer shall seal the entire election materials including the ballots, the counterfoils, the registers and all the other materials deemed fit by Election officer and shall keep them in their custody. The materials so sealed shall be destroyed by them after a period of Thirty days from the date of election unless such material is required for the purpose of deciding any dispute before any Court, Authority etc.
16. For all such things that are not provided for above, the decisions of the Election Officer shall be final and binding on everybody.

Election Officer

Note: The above procedure has been decided in consultation with the President and the Hon. Secretary of the Association.

President

Hon. Secretary