PROPOSED FINAL CODE OF CONDUCT FOR IAP DELHI ELECTION 2026

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR THE ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE BOARD & OFFICE BEARERS INDIAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS DELHI

Guidelines for the Code of Conduct

As per Clause 18 of the Memorandum of Association (MOA), once the elections are notified by the Election Committee, the **Code of Conduct**, as formulated by the Executive Board, shall apply to all contesting candidates from last date of filing of nomination until completion of the election process.

Prohibited Actions and Practices During the Election Process.

1. Members of the Election Committee, present Office Bearers of IAP Delhi State and IAP National, members of the Election Tribunal, and members of the Grievance Redressal Committee shall not campaign for or against any contestant.
2. No candidate shall issue advertisements in the lay press, press releases, or give interviews specifically relating to the IAP election.
3. The display or placement of cut-outs, banners, posters, hoardings, or other publicity material bearing the personal names, photographs, or campaign messages of contestants anywhere in the country is prohibited.
4. Negative propaganda, defamatory statements, personal attacks, or derogatory remarks against any contestant are strictly prohibited.
5. No candidate or their supporters shall use pressure, inducement, coercion, intimidation, or any other undue influence to obtain votes.
6. Impersonation of any eligible voter of the IAP is strictly prohibited.
   6.1 A Member contesting any post who holds a position in the Society, its Branches or Subspeciality Chapters; shall temporarily recuse from that position until the Election process is completed.
   6.2 A copy of the recusal letter shall be submitted to the Election Committee and to the Office of the Society through the member's registered email.
7. Contestants shall conduct their campaigns independently. Two or more contestants shall not jointly form a syndicate, campaign as a group, or formally campaign for or endorse one another.
8. Contestants shall not use any official IAP Delhi media or communication platforms for campaigning, including official WhatsApp channels or groups, Google Groups, websites, Facebook, X (formerly Twitter), Instagram, YouTube, Telegram, or any other official digital or social-media platform.
9. Contestants shall not use photographs, names, endorsements, or details of their association with any past or present IAP office bearer in flyers, appeals, campaign material, or other election-related communications.
10. Contestants shall not use their current designation, office, institutional position, or position of influence within IAP Delhi to obtain an unfair or undue advantage during the election campaign.