



Academy of Pediatrics, Gujarat

(Society Reg. No.: GUJ/13386/Ahmedabad)
Public Trust Registration No.: F/13148/Ahmedabad

AOPG Election for Year 2025 - Code of Conduct **for the Election of Executive Board & Office Bearers of AOP GUJARAT**

The code of conduct will come into effect from the date of the announcement of elections by the AOP Gujarat Office and will be in force till the declaration of final election results. A code of conduct will also be applicable for those candidates who are declared elected uncontested.

A. Once the code of conduct starts following actions are NOT Allowed by contestants:

- Advertisements in lay press, any kind of press release and interviews about election. Placement of banners with personal names anywhere in the state.
- Hosting of tea/lunch/dinner/cocktail parties for fellow members from AOPG, other than Weddings in Immediate Family for which the EC has to be informed before & written permission taken by EC, with submission of Proof (Eg Wedding Card).
- Negative propaganda about fellow contestants must not be allowed.
- Use of pressure, inducement or coercion to get votes from fellow AOPG members. Impersonation of an eligible voter of AOPG.
- To be a faculty/ speaker/ panelist/ moderator or Chairperson/ Organizing team member/ coordinator of any IAP/ AOPG / Pharmaceuticals and equipment manufacturing companies including webinars.
- Use of official social media handlers of the society.
- Any assistance or Sponsorship from Pharmaceutical, equipment manufacturers or any Industry or Association or Person is disallowed for contestants, for posting / personal distribution of electioneering material such as letters and pamphlets or travel or accommodation etc. for self or family in or outside country for Academics or Pleasure. Ethics code of conduct of MCI will be applicable.

B. Once the code of conduct starts following actions are ALLOWED by contestants:

Appeals are allowed: in the form of emails/ print /electronic media like election letters/ brochures / SMS / Telephone

Contestants can be delegates at academic programs organized by Pharmaceutical Industry (except the Infant Milk Substitutes Industry) but must pay for their travel, accommodation and registration



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They will not be a part of the organizing team hosting dinners or any other social programs. Their official position in such conferences will also not be publicized in any biodata posted on Academy today or elsewhere. Their names should not come on any official communications sent for that event or in brochure

Coordinators/Conveners of any IAP Program should recuse/withdraw themselves from the program till the elections are over. Their names should not come on any official communications sent for the IAP program.

The contestant must disclose his involvement in such activity along with the nomination form; failure to disclose this may disqualify the candidate.

The election commission will get verification of no due from AOPG office. Any breach of this guideline should be brought to the attention of the EC. All decisions regarding this will solely rest with the EC.

C. RULE FOR USE & CONDUCTION OF ELECTION DATABASE: For election if needed current year's central IAP database of Gujarat used in EB election will be used. No changes or corrections are allowed in that database.

D. Breach of Code of Conduct; will be considered if:

A written / email complaint is received about the conduct of a contestant from a member of AOPG and confirmed by the EC after investigation. Complaint will be considered only if complainant declare his/her name, CIAP + AOPG number & all relevant details needed to identify him/her as a legitimate member of AOPG.

A breach of code of conduct is observed by any of the Election Committee Members. The breach is proved with 'documentary' proof (audio/ visual/ print/ electronic). A documented breach of code of conduct by a contestant may be punishable by disqualification of his / her candidature by the EC, with 2/3rd majority.

Any impersonation or other fraud will be reported to the Police / Medical Council of India / other appropriate authority within the Jurisdiction of the suspected fraud.

The decision of the EC will be final & binding. Any member who has any complaint about the election shall give the same in writing addressed to the president of AOPGP within 21 days of the declaration of the result. Grievance should be submitted by individual and not by group of people. If there are more than one complainant, each complainant will separately deposit Rs. 25 thousand at the time of complaint. The complaint regarding the election will be first addressed to the Grievance Redressal Cell, which will give its report within 3 weeks to the Office Bearers. If the complainant is not satisfied with the report of the Grievance Redressal Cell, then the matter will be referred to the Election Tribunal. The Tribunal will submit its report within 3 weeks to the office bearers for ratification. The judgment of the tribunal once ratified will be final. Any dispute shall be subject to Ahmedabad jurisdiction. (Grievance Redressal Cell consists of)



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E. All contestants will give in writing their acceptance to abide by the above code of conduct along with the nomination forms submitted.

FROM: Election Committee

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Chief Elect. Commissioner

Dr. Nirmal Choraria
Elect. Commissioner

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Elect. Commissioner

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