

CANDIDATE CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Introduction

1. This code of conduct has been produced for all candidates in the elections for places on the Young Labour National Committee in order to assist the smooth running of all stages of the process.

2. The Code

1. Candidates must be validly nominated by the deadline indicated on the timetable.
2. No candidate or persons acting on behalf of a candidate will use their own material or access to publicity to disparage any other candidate.
3. Canvassing is specifically allowed after a nomination has been accepted, and from this period onwards candidates may approach members eligible to vote personally or by telephone to seek their support. Contact with members eligible to vote in the elections must not be carried out in a manner likely to cause offence or be seen as applying pressure to any member.
4. No financial inducement may be offered to attempt to secure support.
5. Candidates are reminded of their obligations under the Data Protection Act which strictly prohibits the use of contact details for purposes other than those for which they were collected.
6. Only officers designated by the NEC will be authorised to issue statements to the media about any aspect of the election procedure. This does not preclude candidates undertaking press, Radio or TV interviews, though under no circumstances should any candidate disparage any other candidate.
7. No candidate or members acting on her/his behalf will interfere with or put under duress any member in regard to how they vote at any stage during the process.
8. Party staff will not use or abuse their position, Party resources or time in the process of an internal selection or election so as to further the interests of themselves or their personal preferred candidate(s). This does not preclude normal contact or general conversation undertaken in their capacity as a member of the Party. The General Secretary is answerable to NEC for the conduct of staff in all-internal elections.
9. Any member breaching this code of conduct or knowingly allowing others to do so on her/his behalf will be liable for disciplinary action. The NEC will not hesitate to use its powers of disqualification and suspension to impose sanctions to enforce the code.

Any questions regarding the Code of Conduct should be directed to the Returning Officer, Stephen Donnelly, at Stephen_Donnelly@labour.org.uk or on 0207 783 1080.