

ICQC Elections 2021

Etiquettes and Responsibilities

Dear ICQC Ameer/Shura Candidates,

In order to conduct 2021 ICQC election fairly the election commission has mandated the following rules for all candidates and for their surrogates.

- **Your Responsibility** – The importance of serving the ICQC community through the organization of the Masjid cannot be over emphasized. It may be considered as a "high moral responsibility" and above all to please and gain the mercy, goodness, benevolence, and blessings of the Almighty Allah (SWT). Any motive, attitude, or outlook towards any objectives of social, political or financial gain may therefore be shunned and avoided. The sole purpose should merely be to avail His (SWT) blessing and seek refuge and protection from His (SWT) wrath. This effect needs to be clearly borne in mind, practiced and ensured by all members of the ICQC community and more eminently by the Ameer, and the members of the Shura.
- **Election Manifesto** – Candidates nominated for elections should submit one-page document. This document should highlight their involvement in Masjid affairs, with other organizations, and what they desire to accomplish if elected as Shura member or Ameer. This document, after reviewed by the election commission, will be posted on Masjid bulletin board and may be published on the ICQC website.
- **Photographs** – All candidates should submit a passport size photograph along with the election manifesto.
- **Meet the candidate** sessions will be held on Monday Nov. 29, 2021, and Sunday December 5, 2021 after Isha. All candidates are requested to make sure to attend these sessions.
- **House of Allah** – The sanctity of the Masjid should be always persevered (before, during and after the election process is complete).
- **Provocative Actions** – Actions such as loud noises, slogans, loud debates, or heated arguments, jokes between candidates or their acquaintances will not be tolerated on or around the Masjid premises.
- **Violation** – Based on the severity of violation, Election commission may issue a warning or in some case can disqualify the candidate.

- **Election Campaign –**
 - Campaigning of any sort for any “candidate” or “position” on the Masjid premises will not be allowed at any time. Candidates shall not use any IQCC resources and facility for election related activity or campaign.
 - No placards, papers, flyers, banners, or badges are allowed to be distributed or posted on the Masjid premises.
 - Negative campaigning, backbiting, bashing of any other candidates, current/previous Shura members will NOT be allowed at any time.
 - Suggestions for or the deficiencies of the election commission can be submitted via email listed below. Please refrain from unnecessary criticism of the election commission, it will not help your candidacy.
 - Neither candidates nor any surrogate of the candidates is allowed to solicit/campaign within the perimeter of IQCC property.
 - Be positive and focus on future programs, define your vision on how to build a better Muslim community.
 - If candidates are directly involved in violation of above-mentioned rules, the commission has the right to disqualify their candidacy.
- **Voting –** During early voting on December 07 and on December 10 after Isha, and general voting on December 12, 2021 between Zuhur and Maghreb, candidates should not be present in the vicinity of the polling areas.
- Elections shall be conducted as per the final voter(member) list provided by IQCC members committee. Candidates and their surrogates are not allowed to intervene in the voting process in Masjid premises on behalf of other community members. Any candidate or their surrogates found in violation of this rule may result in their disqualification.
- One representative per candidate request will be allowed to observe the counting process on December 12, 2021.