

THE MULTAN TAX BAR ASSOCIATION
MULTAN

ELECTION RULES

In these Rules the words standing in the first column of the table next hereinafter contained shall bear the meaning set opposite to them respectively in the second column therefore if not inconsistent with the subject or context.

<u>Association</u>	Multan Tax Bar Association.
<u>Defaulter</u>	Defaulter under Article 3(b) of the Articles of Association.
<u>Election Commission</u>	Election Commission appointed under the rules.
<u>Executive Committee</u>	The Executive Committee of the Multan Tax Bar Association as constituted under Article 4 of the Articles of Association.
<u>President</u>	President of the Association.
<u>Vice President</u>	Vice President of the Association.
<u>General Secretary</u>	General Secretary of the Association.
<u>Finance Secretary</u>	Finance Secretary of the Association.
<u>Joint Secretary</u>	Joint Secretary of the Association.
<u>Library Secretary</u>	Library Secretary of the Association.
<u>Member</u>	Member of the Association.
<u>Voter</u>	A member having completed one year period of membership on the date of Election.
<u>Memorandum and Articles of Association</u>	Memorandum and articles of the Association.

- 1) The Executive Committee shall appoint an Election Commission consisting of one or more members of the Association who, on appointment, shall not be eligible to contest for any office of the Association.
- 2) If the Election Commission consists of more than one member.
 - a) The Executive Committee shall designate the Chairman of the Commission and
 - b) the decision of the Election Commission shall be taken by majority and in case of a tie the Chairman shall have a second and casting vote.
- 3) If the Election Commission consists of only one member, it shall be authorized to appoint any other member of the Association who is not a candidate in the election, to act as the election Commission in the temporary absence or inability of the Election Commission.

- 4) The secretariat of the Association shall provide all Assistance required by the Election Commission in the discharge of its function.
- 5) The Election Commission shall prepare a schedule for Election inviting Nomination papers and giving dates and timings for filing of nomination papers, objections thereto, scrutiny of papers, withdrawals of candidatures and final list of contesting candidates for various offices as per article 4 of the Articles. The notice of Annual General Meeting to the members shall be accompanied by the Election Schedule.
- 6) The General Secretary shall cause to display on the Association's Notice Board at least 2 days before the last day fixed for filing of nomination papers, a list of members entitled to vote. On demand by a candidate, the General Secretary shall supply on payment of ¹Rs. 100/- a copy of the list of members entitled to exercise the right of vote.
- 7) Except as otherwise provided, the invitation as per Rule 5, List as per Rule 6 hereof and other communications, letters, memos, declarations, etc, for and in respect of the election to be conducted by the Election Commission shall be displayed on the Association Notice Board and shall be deemed to be a sufficient notice to all members. However, any notice or communication relating to a candidate shall be communicated to him.
- 8) The nomination paper shall be in the Form appended hereto as schedule.
- 9) Subject to the provisions of Article 4 of the Articles of Association, nomination for an office of the Association shall to be proposed by a member and second by another member.

Provided that both the proposer and seconder must be member eligible to vote as per list under Rule 6 supra.

²Provided further that no member will contest for more than one office of Executive Committee of the Bar.
- 10) The Ballot paper shall be in the Form appended hereto as schedule 'B'.
- 11) The Election Commission shall declare a candidate as elected un-opposed if he be the only candidate for that post.
- ³11-A) If the Election Commission will reject the nomination papers of any candidate, the matter may be referred to the Review Panel comprised of three Ex-Presidents as appointed by the Election Commission.
- 12) Detailed lists of candidate for various posts along with the names of proposers and seconders, rejection on scrutiny, withdrawals, Final contestants and duly elected office bearers, signed by the Election Commission shall be displayed on the Association's Notice Board on the Final dates fixed therefore respectively as per Election schedule.
- 13) A candidate shall not be entitled to with draw from the Election after the final date fixed therefore nor shall be deemed to have withdrawn in favour of another contestant but shall be deemed to have contested the election.

¹The words "Rs. 10/-" substituted as approved in the General Meeting dated 16-02-2016.

²Proviso added vide General Meeting dated 16-02-2016.

³Inserted vide General Meeting dated 16-02-2016.

- 14) Unless otherwise declared by the Election Commission in the Election schedule, the polling on the appointed day of election shall start at 11:00 hours and continue up to 14:00 hours.

Provided that the Election Commission shall not reduce the time of 3 hours allowed for polling.
- 15) Subject to the provisions of Rules 16 hereof every member who is not a defaulter as per Article 3(b) of the Articles of Association shall be entitled to cast his vote in person. Voting by proxy shall not be allowed.
- 16) A defaulter member shall, however, be entitled to cast his vote on production of an official receipt or certificate from the General Secretary or Finance Secretary towards payment of the up to date arrears against him before the close of polling.
- 17) A member present in the Bar Room before the close of polling for exercising his right to vote and otherwise entitled to vote, shall be entitled to cast his vote even after the scheduled closing time.
- 18) The balloting shall be secret and the Election Commission shall arrange and provide a suitable place within the Bar Room for making of the Ballot papers by the members.
- 19) The Ballot Box displayed and declared empty by the Election Commission before the start of voting shall then be locked and placed at a conspicuous place in the Bar Room and every voter shall after marking his Ballot paper, personally deposit the same in the Ballot Box.
- 20) A candidate may, by a letter under his signatures, addressed and delivered to the Election Commission, against his Polling Agent to act on his behalf.
- 21) A Polling Agent or any member entitled to vote may lodge a written protest to the Election Commission against any grievance or irregularity noticed by him and the Election Commission shall take immediate notice thereof and shall take such remedial steps as the circumstances demand.
- 22) Soon after the closing of elections, the Election Commission shall proceed to count the vote's cast in favour of the candidates for various posts in the presence of polling Agents or members desirous to be present.
- 23) A Ballot paper having " ✓ " or " ✕ " mark against more than one candidate for the same office shall be treated as invalid in respect of each office.
- 24) Any mark other than the two specified in Rule 23 shall also invalidate the Ballot paper for and in respect of the office for which it is used.
- 25) A Ballot paper not bearing the signature of the Election Commission shall be invalid.
- 26) Any mark, sign or signature placed anywhere other than the place preserved for vote mark, shall invalidate the Ballot paper as a whole.
- 27) On the basis of tabulation of valid votes cast, the candidate securing highest votes for a particular office shall be declared by the Election Commission as duly elected to that office and not notified accordingly.

- 28) In case two candidates secure equal number of votes, the Chairman of the election commission shall have a casting vote.
- 29) The election commission shall communicate under his signatures the final results of the election to the General Secretary and a thereof shall be displayed on the Notice Board.
- 30) All the votes cast, including the invalid votes, along with a copy of the results of election duly signed by the Election Commission as well as the candidates or their polling Agents, shall be placed in any envelopes and sealed. The sealed envelope shall be destroyed by the Election Commission 7 days after the date of election. The results declared by the Election Commission shall be final, and not subjected to be questioned before any court.