



RICHMOND JETS MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

ELECTIONS POLICY

1. PURPOSE:

- a. The purpose of this document is to describe the policies and procedures governing Richmond Jets elections.
- b. Elections will be carried out in accordance with the Richmond Jets Bylaws. If any part of this document is in conflict with the Bylaws, the Bylaws shall prevail.

2. DEFINITIONS:

“Campaign Materials” means biographical information and a statement prepared by the candidate for the Richmond Jets, focusing on their philosophy, priorities and goals for Richmond Jets, presented in a PDF attachment not exceeding two pages to a maximum of 500 KB, with no embedded links and no candidate endorsements.

3. RICHMOND JETS WEBSITE:

- a. The Richmond Jets will include the Campaign Material submitted by candidates on its website provided that such material is compliant with this policy and the candidate agrees to abide by this policy.
- b. The Richmond Jets will not link its website or social media account to any candidate’s website or social media accounts. The Richmond Jets takes no responsibility for information posted on Candidate’s own websites or social media accounts.
- c. No candidate endorsements or links to candidate endorsements are permitted on Richmond Jets website.

4. CAMPAIGNING GUIDELINES:

- a. All candidates and their supporters are expected to abide by the following campaigning guidelines, which are intended to encourage a fair and open process while informing voters about a candidate’s experiences and views.
- b. Candidates must state their own positions on issues directly and positively without making personal attacks against their opponents or making remarks about the Richmond Jets that are inflammatory in nature in the sense that they are not reasonably based on fact nor constructively critical;
- c. Candidates and their supporters must use their own resources for election activities and fundraising is not permitted;
- d. Use of Richmond Jets resources for campaigning, including list servers and personnel, is prohibited unless specifically permitted in this policy;
- e. Any e-mail correspondence used for campaign purposes by either a candidate or their supporters must comply with the intent of these guidelines regarding content
- f. The Richmond Jets will not provide e-mail addresses or other personal information of members to candidates or their supporters;

5. PRIVACY:

The Richmond Jets respects the privacy of individuals and is committed to protecting personal information of its members in accordance with Richmond Jets Privacy Policies and the *BC Personal Information Protection Act*. No candidate will be provided with contact information for any member for the purpose of distribution of campaign or election materials. No candidate, who by their position on the Board may use their access to email lists to campaign for their own or any other individual's election.

6. COMPLIANCE:

Each candidate will receive a copy of this Elections Policy and will certify that he/she has read and agrees to abide by it.