

Candidate Selection and List Ranking Procedures - AJP

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The Executive Committee is responsible for approving and amending the Procedures. The Executive Committee may also appoint a sub-committee, known as the Candidacy and List Ranking Committee (CLRC), to assist with implementing the Procedures.

Candidacy and List Ranking Committee: The CLRC/Executive Committee is responsible for:

- Reviewing the Procedures & recommending changes to the Executive Committee.
- Implementing the Procedures as approved by the Executive Committee.
- Evaluating candidates' qualifications, skills, and suitability for the role.
- Admitting candidates into the candidate pool.

The CLRC will work closely with the Executive Committee to ensure that selection of candidates aligns with the strategy and goals of the party.

The Candidate Selection and List Ranking Procedures: (or "Procedures") are the process for selection of electorate candidates and the selection and ranking of party list candidates for elections, as provided to the Electoral Commission under the Electoral Act. The purpose of the Procedures is to identify and select high-quality, representative candidates who will form a strong and electable party list.

The **General Secretary must lodge the Procedures with the Electoral Commission within one month of their approval.** The Procedures must include but are not limited to:

- **Criteria for evaluating candidates'** qualifications, skills, & suitability for the role.

These procedures will include review of the Application Form, and an interview by at least two members of the Executive, as well as due diligence and reference checks as deemed necessary by the CLRC/Executive Committee.

- **A process for admitting candidates** into the candidate pool.

Candidates will be formally admitted to the Pool by email / written confirmation, after a decision by the CLRC / Executive Committee, with an intent to involve the democratically expressed preferences of the members if time allows, and at the discretion of the CLRC/Executive Committee.

Admission to the Candidate Pool makes a candidate eligible to be considered for selection as an electorate candidate, a list-only candidate, or both.

- **A process for selecting electorate candidates.**

Electorate candidates will be selected from the Candidate Pool by decision of the CLRC / Executive Committee, having regard to the candidate's suitability for the electorate, campaign readiness, and the Party's electoral strategy, with an intent to involve the democratically expressed preferences of the members if time allows.

- **A process for ranking candidates** on the party list.

A list of candidates eligible for the Party List will be provided to current financial members, who will be invited to provide their preferences on the ranking of candidates.

The Executive Committee will consider the preferences expressed by members, together with the skills and suitability of candidates and the strategic needs of the Party, and will determine the final Party List ranking.

- **A process for removing candidates** from the candidate pool.

The CLRC / Executive Committee has the authority to remove a candidate from the Candidate Pool if they are found to have violated the party's constitution, the Electoral Act, or the Candidate Selection & List Ranking Procedures. The removal process must be fair, transparent, & non-discriminatory. Candidates have the right to be informed of the reasons for removal & to have the opportunity to respond before a decision is made.

- The candidate has the right to appeal the decision to the Dispute Resolution & Complaints Committee under Article XII of this constitution.
- The CLRC / Executive Committee must provide written documentation of the reasons for removal and the process followed to the Complaints Committee for review during the appeal process.
- The Complaints Committee will review the evidence and decide on the removal.