

Electioneering rules

Election stage



What is Electioneering?

Electioneering is essentially how a candidate or their supporters' campaign for votes during the election stage.

Of course, it's essential that voters understand who they are voting for and what they stand for. Many forms of campaigning are not only legitimate but welcome and below sets out how to remain compliant with our electioneering rules.

What do I need to do as a Candidate?

Candidates should:

- abide by the IOSH Code of Conduct, being particularly mindful of the Code Points about 'integrity' and 'respect'.
- restrict campaigning to making comments, statements or answering questions:
 - ✓ at Network meetings.
 - ✓ on the dedicated Members' Forum. This forum (hosted on the IOSH website) and can be accessed via this [link](#) (you must be signed into the discussion forums before clicking on the link). Please note that if a candidate is contacted through this forum, they are allowed to communicate directly (either by phone or email) with the voter concerned.
 - ✓ on official IOSH-managed or endorsed social media (if it not listed below its not IOSH-managed or endorsed);
- Twitter - if tweeting on any IOSH official branch or group account or your own account you must use **#IOSHCouncilElection** to connect to the official IOSH thread. Here's an [example](#) of how this is displayed.
- LinkedIn – there is only one [IOSH official page](#) where you can reply to any post made by IOSH relating to the Council election. There are also a number of groups that you can post on. These are the only groups that are officially IOSH-managed or endorsed: [IOSH Group](#), [Railway Group](#), [International Group](#), [Construction Group](#), [Health and Social Care Group](#), [Education Group](#), [Sports Ground and Events Group](#).

- not use uninvited contact, including emails, to communicate with voting members.
- not circulate leaflets or fliers or communicate electronically except as outlined above.
- take steps to ensure that their supporters do not compromise their submission by breaching these rules on their behalf.

What happens if the electioneering rules are breached?

All alleged breaches of electioneering must be reported by emailing governance@iosh.com.

All alleged breaches will be investigated by the Governance Team and if deemed necessary will be put forward to a panel (approved by Council) to consider. If there is a breach of electioneering rules the candidate may be withdrawn from the election.