

GLOBAL YOUNG GREENS ELECTIONS

Code of Conduct

- All GYG members should commit to the principles of free and fair* elections held by secret ballot. (***Free** - all those entitled to vote have the right to be registered and must be free to make their choice. **Fair** - All registered members have an equal right to contest in the elections, campaign and hold meetings.)
- Any official GYG member can stand for elections. Each Member Organisation has one vote.
- People should not be put under any pressure or inducements to vote in a particular way (e.g. trade-offs, undue pressure, the promise of favours).
- Anyone administering a central communication platform (e.g. administrator/creator of a Federation whatsapp group, Facebook page etc.) cannot be a candidate/must abdicate these responsibilities during the candidacy period.
- The OC will publish a list of GYG Member Organisations that are eligible to vote prior to voter registration.
- We encourage all candidates and members to communicate and share information freely. (E.g. On the GYG Slack group → globalyounggreens.slack.com)
- No money should be spent in promoting a campaign.
- Existing Steering Committee (SC) members who are running for re-election will stop being an official member of the GYG SC one week prior to the voter registration period.
- GYG is supportive of open internal debates in order to select a candidate, under the principle of free and fair elections.
- SC Members are expected to maintain solidarity with SC decisions. While individuality is recognized and encouraged, campaigning against SC decisions and ignoring attacks on them in a public setting violates SC solidarity.
- We believe in constructive and fair criticism. Criticism of GYG should first be addressed to the SC, or criticism of the SC's work to the Oversight Committee.
- GYG Code of Conduct must take priority over an individual federation's or a political party's/organisation's code of conduct.

Anyone found to be behaving in ways that act outside of these principles may be issued a warning or will be deemed ineligible to stand for election or to vote for a minimum of 3 years.**

**** The OC can, after reviewing evidence and according to the severity of the misconduct, choose to issue a personal or a public formal warning to a member.** The OC also has the right to disqualify the member from voting and/or standing for elections. The OC has the right to keep evidence unpublished for protecting whistleblowers. If evidence is disputed, counter evidence is required to contradict it.

