

Coolhurst AGM: Candidate Statements and Electioneering

Candidates who are standing for election are encouraged to submit an election statement of no more than 500 words stating their reasons for standing. Such statements should preferably accompany the nomination or may be submitted to me later. Statements should focus on the positive reasons as to why they would be well qualified to help to run the club, rather than disparaging the conduct or character of others and must not include defamatory statements. These statements are then posted on the Club's noticeboard and will be available on the website. Similar provisions will apply to the promoters of resolutions or proposals for their amendment. These arrangements will give the candidates or promoters ample opportunity to put across their case. Members are of course at liberty to ask candidates or promoters questions at any time before or indeed at the AGM. The aim is to keep a level playing field on which elections and voting can be held and to avoid the club becoming a battleground for factional infighting.

Candidates and the promoters of resolutions should not send out or allow to be sent out unsolicited email shots or other communications to members for the purpose of electioneering. Apart from anything else, this is specifically prohibited by the club's data privacy policy that aims to ensure that the contact details of members can only be accessed for purposes relating to club and sporting activities, such as inviting other members to play, and cannot be used for marketing products or services, supporting political parties, charities or the like. Breach of this rule or other restrictions on electioneering may endanger the fair conduct or outcome of an election. Allowing the election of a candidate who has broken this rule to stand as valid while his or her opponent has not, could potentially result in an outcome that might be seen as unfair.

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