

Section – XVI: ELECTION AND VOTING:

- i. Elections shall be held once in four years at General Assembly meetings or at such Special General Assembly Meetings specifically called for the purpose to elect office-bearers and members of the Executive Board as per the provisions of the these Rules and Regulations, from amongst representatives of the member units present.
- ii. Prior to holding elections, the Executive Board of the Council shall approve the election schedule and also appoint a Returning Officer.
- iii. The Council shall notify all the member units then having valid affiliation of the proposed elections. A clear notice of at least 30 days along with proforma/prescribed form for nomination for the use of member units shall be given for summoning General Assembly Meetings.
- iv. On receipt of election notification, members units shall submit:
 1. Names and designations of their representatives/delegates authorized to participate in General Assembly Meeting of the Council to the General Secretary of AISCD within 14 days of the notification.
 2. Nomination Form/Forms duly completed in all respects to the Returning Officer.
- v. Both the above documents shall be authenticated by the Honorary General Secretary/President of the Member Unit and shall reach the Council at least 10 days before the scheduled date of elections. The nomination-forms shall be double sealed and marked 'Nomination Form'. Change in names of representatives/nominations shall generally not be allowed. In exceptional cases, if warranted by circumstances, changes can be permitted by President/Returning Officer on a written request to that effect.
- vi. Member units shall nominate such persons for various posts only, who are their members/office-bearers/representatives at the General Assembly Meeting. This restriction shall, however, not apply to nominations for the post of Chairman and Vice Chairman who shall be elected from amongst prominent sports personalities or national leaders who have contributed to sports promotion among the deaf, unanimously through consensus.
- vii. Every nomination form shall have consent of the candidate nominee to contest the post for which nominated as also an undertaking that in the event of his/her election, he/she shall work whole heartedly to further the cause of the Council and on failure to do so forgo claim for the post to which elected.
- viii. While a member unit shall be at liberty to file multiple nominations for its representatives for different pots of its choice simultaneously, the contestant shall be permitted to contest only one post of his/her choice and shall have to apply to the Returning Officer to withdraw his/her nomination from posts which he/she does not wish to contest. On his/her failure to do so, his/her nomination shall be rendered invalid.
- ix. List of candidates on the basis of nominations received will be prepared by the Returning Officer and circulate for the information of member units/contestants to enable withdrawal on proper written application wherever necessary.
- x. The final list of contestants after the expiry of time for withdrawal will be displayed and voting where necessary will be done through secret ballot.
- xi. The duly accredited representatives of the affiliated units shall constitute the Electoral College and shall elect office-bearers/members of the Executive Board and amongst the list of Final Contestants. This shall, however, not apply to the post of Chairman/Vice Chairman who need not be members of Electoral College.
- xii. The right to vote shall vest in the representative duly accredited by the member unit for the purpose. Each member unit shall have only two votes. The person accredited to vote shall be associated with the affiliated unit and produce his authorization before being allowed to vote.
- xiii. In case of tie, re-poll for the post involved only shall be held.
- xiv. After completion of election process, results shall be announced by the Returning Officer.
- xv. Persons not associated with any affiliated unit (excepting Chairman and Vice Chairman) shall not be eligible to contest election for any post in the Council.
- xvi. In case there is not quorum at the General Assembly Meeting called for elections, the Assembly may adjourn to an agreed dated and hold elections at a subsequent date where elections shall be held even if there is no quorum.
- xvii. The election shall be held as per guidelines issued by National Sports Development Code of India 2011 (NSDCI 2011).
- xviii. In any case, No proxy voting will be allowed.