



Regulations Governing the Nomination of Candidates for the 2022 BC NDP Leadership Election Campaign

These regulations were duly approved by the BC NDP Provincial Executive on July 14, 2022.

Part I – Eligibility

1. Any member of the Party in good standing for at least 90 days prior to the Leadership Election Date (having joined on or before September 4, 2022) who demonstrates a genuine interest in seeking the leadership and serving as the Leader, and who is eligible to stand for election to the BC Legislature, is eligible to seek approval to stand as a candidate for Provincial Leader (“leadership candidate”).
2. In the event that an individual’s membership lapses within the 90 day period immediately prior to the Leadership Election Date (September 4-December 2, 2022), that individual must renew their membership and then will be deemed eligible as though their membership had not lapsed.

Part II - Application Process

1. An eligible member who wishes to seek approval to stand as a leadership candidate must file their completed nomination package with the BC NDP Chief Electoral Officer (“CEO”) no later than the 60th day prior to the Leadership Election Date (Tuesday, October 4, 2022).
2. A completed nomination package consists of:
 - A. A completed and signed *Candidate Personal Disclosure Statement* form including:
 - a. The name and contact information of the candidate’s appointed Financial Agent, as prescribed in the *BC Election Act*,
 - b. The name and contact information of the single individual to be the candidate’s Designated Representative with the CEO (if not the Financial Agent),
 - c. Public contact information for the candidate’s campaign,

- d. The candidate's email address for the purpose of receiving notices from the CEO ("Campaign Email Address"). Emails sent by the CEO to the Campaign Email Address will be deemed received by the candidate, their Financial Agent, their Designated Representative and their campaign.
- B. A completed and signed *Declaration of Candidate Responsibilities*,
- C. A completed and signed *Membership List Use and Confidentiality Agreement*,
- D. A *Protection of Personal & Confidential Information Agreement* ('BC NDP Non-Disclosure Agreement') if one is not already on file with the BC NDP,
- E. An initial, non-refundable, registration fee of \$15,000, which must be fundraised, and must be transferred by the candidate's Financial Agent to the BC NDP,
- F. A brief biography, and
- G. A completed and signed letter of intent to seek the BC NDP leadership, signed by at least 250 members of the BC NDP who have been in good standing for at least 90 days prior to the Leadership Election Date (having joined on or before September 4, 2022).
 - a. These members shall include a minimum of ten (10) members from each of at least six (6) of the eight regions identified by the BC NDP Provincial Council (see Appendix A).

3. Upon filing a complete nomination with the CEO, the member shall be considered a "Proposed Leadership Candidate."

Part III - Candidate Approval

1. The CEO or their designate shall review and vet all Proposed Leadership Candidates.
2. Candidates must comply with all agreements signed and submitted as part of the completed nomination package.
3. All information provided to the BC NDP by candidates must be complete and accurate. Candidates are responsible for providing updated information regarding their application on an ongoing basis, including following their approval. Such information is to be provided as soon as possible in the circumstances.
4. A candidate found by the CEO to have breached agreements in their completed nomination package or to have provided inaccurate, false or incomplete information may face penalties up to and including disqualification from the Leadership Election, or having the Provincial Executive's approval revoked.
5. The final determination of whether or not a Proposed Leadership Candidate will be approved or an Approved Leadership Candidate's approval will be revoked rests with the Provincial Executive which shall consider the recommendations of the CEO.

6. If the CEO decides to make a recommendation to the Provincial Executive that a Proposed Leadership Candidate not be approved, or that an Approved Leadership Candidate's approval be revoked, the CEO will notify the candidate. Notification shall include oral reasons provided by the CEO.

- a. If the candidate disagrees with the CEO's recommendation, they may request an oral hearing with the Table Officers in writing. By requesting an oral hearing with Table Offices, the candidate understands that information in their *Candidate Personal Disclosure Statement* and information collected by the CEO or their designate as part of the vetting process may be confidentially shared with Table Officers.
- b. The oral hearing shall be conducted in accordance with the Provincial Executive's *Procedure for Leadership Election Campaign Appeals* (Appendix B).
- c. Following the oral hearing, if the Table Officers decide to make a recommendation to the Provincial Executive that does not favour the candidate, the candidate will be provided with the opportunity to withdraw from the leadership race prior to the Provincial Executive's consideration of the Table Officer's recommendation. By not accepting the opportunity to withdraw, the candidate understands that the Table Officers may confidentially share information obtained during the oral hearing process with the Provincial Executive.

7. Immediately after the Provincial Executive has approved the candidacy, a candidate is deemed an "Approved Leadership Candidate" and is eligible for any services provided to leadership candidates by the BC NDP as outlined in regulations or by the CEO.

Part IV - Final registration

1. A second, non-refundable registration fee of \$25,000, which must be fundraised and transferred by the Candidate's Financial Agent to the BC NDP shall be due from each leadership candidate, proposed or approved, by the 45th day (Wednesday, October 19, 2022) prior to the Leadership Election Date.

Part V - Candidate Withdrawal

1. A leadership candidate that fails to meet any deadline set out in these regulations shall be deemed to have withdrawn.

2. A leadership candidate may withdraw by providing a dated, written confirmation of their withdrawal to the CEO.

Appendix A: **Regions of British Columbia as defined by the BC NDP Provincial Council**

Burnaby-Fraser Valley

Abbotsford-Mission
Abbotsford South
Abbotsford West
Burnaby-Deer Lake
Burnaby-Edmonds
Burnaby-Lougheed
Burnaby North
Chilliwack
Chilliwack-Kent
Coquitlam-Burke Mountain
Coquitlam-Maillardville
Langley
Langley East
Maple Ridge-Mission
Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows
New Westminster
Port Coquitlam
Port Moody-Coquitlam

Richmond-Surrey-Delta

Delta North
Delta South
Richmond-Queensborough
Richmond-Steveston
Richmond North Centre
Richmond South Centre
Surrey South
Surrey-Cloverdale
Surrey-Fleetwood
Surrey-Green Timbers
Surrey-Guildford
Surrey-Newton
Surrey-Panorama
Surrey-Whalley
Surrey-White Rock

Kootenays

Columbia River-Revelstoke
Kootenay East
Kootenay West

Nelson-Creston

Interior

Boundary-Similkameen

Cariboo-Chilcotin

Fraser-Nicola

Kamloops-North Thompson

Kamloops-South Thompson

Kelowna-Lake Country

Kelowna-Mission

Kelowna West

Penticton

Shuswap

Vernon-Monashee

Northern BC

Cariboo North

Nechako Lakes

North Coast

Peace River North

Peace River South

Prince George-Mackenzie

Prince George-Valemount

Skeena

Stikine

Vancouver-North Shore

North Vancouver-Lonsdale

North Vancouver-Seymour

Vancouver-Fairview

Vancouver-False Creek

Vancouver-Fraserview

Vancouver-Hastings

Vancouver-Kensington

Vancouver-Kingsway

Vancouver-Langara

Vancouver-Mount Pleasant

Vancouver-Point Grey

Vancouver-Quilchena

Vancouver-West End

West Vancouver-Capilano

West Vancouver-Sea to Sky

Vancouver Island South

Esquimalt-Metchosin

Langford-Juan de Fuca
Oak Bay-Gordon Head
Saanich North and the Islands
Saanich South
Victoria-Beacon Hill
Victoria-Swan Lake

Vancouver Island North

Courtenay-Comox
Cowichan Valley
Mid Island-Pacific Rim
Nanaimo
Nanaimo-North Cowichan
North Island
Parksville-Qualicum
Powell River-Sunshine Coast

Appendix B: **Procedure for Leadership Election Campaign Appeals**

Where the Campaign Regulations or the Nomination Regulations provide for an oral hearing to appeal a recommendation or decision of the CEO to the Table Officers, the following procedure shall be followed.

1. The candidate's written request for an oral hearing must include the following:
 - a. The candidate's specific points of disagreement with the CEO's recommendation or decision;
 - b. Relevant documents, if any, the candidate wishes the Table Officers to review prior to the hearing; and,
 - c. The candidate's requested outcome.
2. The candidate's written request must be received by the CEO no later than the 3rd day following the day on which the CEO's oral reasons were provided.
3. A 30 minute oral hearing with Table Officers shall be convened as soon as possible. The hearing may be conducted by telephone, videoconference or in-person, provided a quorum of Table Officers can attend.
4. The candidate and/or their financial agent must make themselves available to attend at the time and in the manner determined by Table Officers. If the candidate or the financial agent does not attend the oral hearing, the Table Officers may rely on the candidate's written request to make a recommendation to the Provincial Executive or a final decision as required by the Regulations.
5. The oral hearing shall proceed as follows:
 - a. The candidate or financial agent will have up to 10 minutes to explain why the CEO's recommendation or decision should be replaced by the candidate's requested outcome;
 - b. The CEO or their designate will then have up to 10 minutes to explain why their recommendation or decision should be upheld;
 - c. The Table Officer will have up to 10 minutes to ask questions of the candidate/financial agent and the CEO/CEO's designate.
6. The Table Officers will consider the information provided in accordance with this Procedure *in camera* and make a recommendation to the Provincial Executive or a final decision as required by the Regulations.