

ELECTION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN
BYE- ELECTION IN CANTONMENT BOARD-2025
(CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEDIA)

NOTIFICATION

Islamabad, the 24th September, 2025.

No.F.24(1)/2025-LGE(C)-Vol-I:- In exercise of its powers under Articles 140-A & 219 of the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan read with sub-section (5) of Section-58 of the Cantonments Ordinance 2002 (as amended from time to time) and all other powers enabling it in that behalf, Election Commission issues the following **Code of Conduct for Media**, which shall be obligatory for all media representatives covering the Cantonment Board Bye-Election to be held on **5th October, 2025**, in Ward No. 08 of Rawalpindi Cantonment Board, to follow in letter and spirit:

- (1) No Radio or Television Channel shall broadcast/telecast or print media shall publish anything that adversely affects the public opinion against a particular political party or a candidate.
- (2) The print and electric media shall refrain from disseminating any information about a political party or a candidate, which is not supported by cogent evidence about any election related activity. Due care shall also be exercised by them to ascertain veracity of any information or news relating to a political party or a candidate before its telecast, broadcast or publishing.
- (3) The print and electronic media shall broadcast, telecast or publish only authentic election results officially issued by the Presiding Officer, Returning Officer or the Election Commission.
- (4) Any remarks about personal life of any candidate shall be avoided in print and electronic media.
- (5) All political parties and candidates shall be provided balanced coverage time on National Radio/TV channels during their election campaign.
- (6) PEMRA will monitor the coverage given to political parties and candidates for their election campaigns through public/private Radio/TV channels and for that purpose will obtain the transmission certificates, details of payments made by the political parties and candidates and copies thereof shall be forwarded to the Election Commission.
- (7) The Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority ("PEMRA") shall ensure the compliance of this Code by each and every Radio/TV channel.
- (8) Representatives of print and electronic media must obtain Accreditation Card from the Election Commission or its authorized officer for observation of polling process and if a serious violation is found to have been committed, the concerned representative may have his/her accreditation withdrawn. The Authority to determine whether any violation has occurred or not rests with the Election Commission of Pakistan.

- (9) Representatives of print and electronic media must not obstruct any element of the election process and must display their identification provided by the Election Commission whenever required by the Presiding or Returning Officer.
- (10) If candidate makes an allegation against another candidate, the media as far as possible should seek comment from both sides before publishing or broadcasting/telecasting such allegations.
- (11) Allegations and statements which may harm national solidarity or may create law and order situation shall be strictly avoided.
- (12) The print and electronic media shall not use language in reporting events which may incite violence on any grounds, including race, sex, language, religion.

By order of Election Commission of Pakistan.


(Aaber Farooque)
Deputy Director (LGE-P/Cantt.)

To,

The Manager,
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(CODE OF CONDUCT FOR ELECTION OBSERVERS)

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- (i) Every person being a member of any Local or International Organization from Election observation mission may observe the election process on poll day with the permission of the Election Commission.
- (ii) No person will be permitted to observe the Election process unless he/she presents accreditation card issued by the Election Commission or its authorized officer.
- (iii) Observers shall display their official identification badges, issued by the Election Commission of Pakistan all the time and shall present it to the election officials and other security officials when requested.
- (iv) Observers shall respect sovereignty of Pakistan as well as fundamental rights and freedom of its people.
- (v) Observers shall maintain good behaviour, respect others including exhibiting sensitivity for culture and customs of the country and shall observe the highest level of professional conduct throughout their job.
- (vi) Observers shall adhere to the laws of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and respect the authority of the Election Commission and its Election officials.
- (vii) Observers shall follow instructions issued by the Election Commission and the State Authorities including security officials and shall maintain and respectful attitude towards them.
- (viii) Political impartiality shall be maintained by observers at all costs while observing the election process. They shall not exhibit any bias or preference with regard to local authorities, political parties and candidates as well as any issue related to the process of election.
- (ix) Observers shall not conduct or participate in any activity that may generate an impression of favouring or opposing any political party or a candidate.
- (x) Observers will have right to task any question and to clear any query but they will not obstruct directly or indirectly election process.

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- (xi) Observers shall ensure that all their observations are impartial, objective and depict highest standard of accuracy.
- (xii) Individual observer shall not make personal comments about his/her observation or conclusion on the election process to the media.
- (xiii) Observation organization or group shall ensure that only their nominated persons give comment about the election process.

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No.F.24(1)/2025-LGE(C)-Vol-I- In pursuance of Article-220 of the Constitution read with Section-58(5) of the Cantonments Ordinance, 2002 (as amended from time to time), the Election Commission of Pakistan is pleased to hereby issue and publish **Code of Conduct for Security Personnel** deployed for election duty and to be deployed for security on polling day outside the polling stations:

**CODE OF CONDUCT
FOR SECURITY OFFICIALS**

A. The Security Personnel¹ belonging to Law Enforcement Agencies including police deputed on election duty for Cantonment Board Bye-Election to be held on **5th October 2025**, in Ward No. 08 of Rawalpindi Cantonment Board shall:-

- i. Perform their duties in accordance with the law and within the confines of mandate assigned by the ECP to the Police Personnel, deployed outside all the polling stations in conduct of free, fair and transparent bye-election.
- ii. Perform their functions under Article-220 of the Constitution of Pakistan and sub-section (5) of Section-58 of Cantonments Ordinance, 2002 (as amended from time to time).
- iii. Cooperate with the concerned District Returning Officer, Returning Officer under Article-220 of Islamic Republic of Pakistan.
- iv. Cooperate with the Presiding Officers and Polling Staff as required under section 83(4) of the Elections Act, 2017.
- v. Assist Presiding Officer in smooth and effective discharge of his lawful duties as it is the responsibility of the Presiding Officer to keep order outside the polling station and may remove and cause to be removed any person who misconduct himself / herself outside polling station or fails to obey any lawful orders of the Presiding Officer.
- vi. Remain impartial and neutral throughout the election process in general and during the voting process in particular and shall not act in favour of or against any political party or candidate in any manner whatsoever and render their fullest cooperation to the Presiding Officer for maintenance of order and for ensuring un-interrupted voting on the polling station.
- vii. Observe politeness, display immaculate behavior during dealing with voters and Polling staff, while remaining firm and just in dealing in accordance with the law while addressing any situation and assist in guiding them (outside polling station) in case of any confusion. Ensure that peaceful, friendly, safe and conducive environment is

¹Law Enforcement Agencies employed for provision of security and maintenance of law and order situation.

provided to the voters outside the polling stations and voters are neither intimidated nor hampered from voting in any manner whatsoever.

- viii. Check each voter before entering premises of the polling station to ensure that no person can bring with himself/herself any weapon / explosive or undesirable item including mobile phones which could sabotage the polling process.
- ix. Facilitate voters and ensure that they are properly queued. Elderly, transgender, pregnant women, women with infants and voters with disabilities are entitled to have prioritized dealing.
- x. Exclusively concentrate on ensuring peaceful and transparent polling process while performing duty outside the polling station and shall follow directions of the Presiding Officer to perform their duties.
- xi. Report to the Presiding Officer any irregularity/ malpractice, they observe outside of the polling station and act according to the instructions issued by him in that regard. In case, the Presiding Officer does not act to prevent the commission of any reported irregularity/malpractice, the security staff will immediately bring the matter to the notice of the their officer-in-charge /District Returning Officer/ Returning Officer concerned, who shall take action in light of the powers delegated to him and also immediately inform the Returning Officer.
- xii. Acquaint themselves with the fact that one polling agent of each contesting candidate is by law allowed to perform his/ her duties at each polling booth, however, only one polling agent of each candidate will be allowed by the Presiding Officer to observe counting process and tabulation of results.
- xiii. Be aware of the fact that polling agent of each candidate who observed the counting process is, by law, allowed to take copy of Form-XII (Statement of the Count) and Form-XIII (Ballot Paper Account) from Presiding Officer. Similarly observer, if any who is present at the time of counting may also receive the aforesaid copies of the forms from the Presiding Officer.
- xiv. Abide by all the relevant laws and continuously work to gain general public's trust by ensuring safe environment and maintaining law and order during election process.
- xv. Acquaint themselves that the District Returning Officers / Returning Officers may at any time visit the polling stations.
- xvi. Allow the accredited observers and media persons to enter a polling station. Media persons shall be allowed along with camera for making footage of the voting process or counting process.

B. The police deputed on election duty for elections shall:-

- i. Not ask the voters to produce their "Perchees" or prove their identity as it is the duty of polling officer.
- ii. Not disallow any eligible voter to enter the polling station as entering a polling station to cast his/her vote is an inviolable right of the voter who has been assigned to that polling station.
- iii. Not act in such manner which may draw an impression of their being partial or biased.
- iv. Not in any case assume the duties of polling staff.
- v. Not take into their custody any election material including ballot papers, marking aid stamps, official code mark stamps, electoral rolls, ballot boxes etc.

- vi. Furthermore, not allow any person other than polling staff to take into his/her custody the aforesaid election material.
- vii. Not enter into arguments/ altercations with any candidates, election agent, polling agent, observer or media person in any manner.
- viii. Not interfere in any manner whatsoever in the function of Presiding Officer, Assistant Presiding Officer or Polling Officer.
- ix. Not respond at their own to an apparent irregularity outside polling station rather they shall bring the matter to the knowledge of Presiding Officer and take necessary direction from him in the matter. In case irregularity or malpractice continues, they shall inform their Officer In-Charge through the fastest means available, who shall take action in light of the powers delegated to him and also immediately inform the Returning Officer.
- x. Not arrest any person at the polling station unless explicitly instructed by the Presiding Officer to do so, and
- xi. Not interfere in the counting process in any manner rather shall continue to only provide peaceful environment outside the polling station for completion of counting process.

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