

## **NST Executive Committee Election 2021 Candidates' and Voters' Code of Conduct**

**To achieve a fair, transparent, and harmonious election, Election Committee issues following election code of conduct for candidates and voters:**

- 1. No one should engage in using language that provokes hatred, and harm social harmony of DFW Nepali community.**
- 2. Candidates and voters shall refrain from appealing to cast, ethnicity, religion or political affiliations for securing/diverting votes.**
- 3. No one should intimidate or defame other candidates or voters.**
- 4. No one should directly/indirectly express, publish and/or imply false information about other candidates or voters.**
- 5. No one should abuse position, power, privilege and/or influence with an intent to alter the outcome of this election.**
- 6. Candidates and voters may use their personal social media channels to campaign and promote their cause but shall not use social media channels to attack and spread rumors against other candidates, voters, NST officials or Election Committee.**
- 7. Quite period starts at midnight 12/23/2021, (Dec 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021, 23:59) US Central Standard time. After midnight Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> 2021 all election campaign activities from candidates and voters shall be suspended.**
- 8. Election committee reserves the right to suspend candidacy, request removal of candidates from polling place, if it finds the violation of NST bylaws or this code of conduct by any candidate.**
- 9. Election committee reserves right to deny ballot paper to any voter and/or request removal from polling place if it finds violation of NST bylaws or this code of conduct by any voter.**
- 10. Decision of Election Committee is final in all election related matters.**