

Young Greens of Canada Council Election Rules

Adopted by Young Greens of Canada (YGC) Council on March 14th, 2018. Amended on February 7th, 2019; February 26th, 2020; January 25th, 2021; March 26th, 2021; January 6th, 2022; July 19th, 2023; August 19th, 2024; and July 13th 2025.

These rules govern the nomination and election of members to the YGC Council.

1. General

- 1.1. All nominations and elections related communication will take place via elections@greenparty.ca for the duration of the election cycle.
- 1.2. All necessary information for members to participate in the nominations and elections processes will be made available on the Party's website.
- 1.3. Calls for nominations will include a message encouraging diversity.
- 1.4. In the case that any issue is not addressed in these Rules, but is addressed in the Federal Council Election Rules, the relevant provision from the Federal Council Election Rules applies.

2. Nominations

- 2.1. Candidates for YGC Council positions must be members of the YGC at the time of their nomination, and remain members in good standing until the close of voting.
- 2.2. Candidates may run for only one position per election cycle.
- 2.3. An incumbent Councillor in a position that would not otherwise be up for election who wishes to apply for election to a different position must have advised the Executive Director and the YGC Governance Committee to include their position in the upcoming elections.

- 2.4. Candidates must be between the ages of 14 and 29 (inclusive) as of the close of the voting period.
- 2.5. Regional Representative candidates must reside primarily within the regions they are seeking to represent.
- 2.6. Candidates must submit a completed, legible nomination package by the close of the nomination window. The nomination package must include:
 - 2.6.1. A candidate profile of 350 words or less if writing in English, or of 425 words or less if writing in French, which promotes their candidacy and outlines any relevant experience and qualifications. Profiles may be submitted in English and/or French. Profiles received in only one language will be translated by the Party.
 - 2.6.2. One high resolution digital colour photo.
 - 2.6.3. A complete nomination form with the correct number of nominators required for the position being sought.
 - 2.6.4. Contact information for communication with YGC Council and Party staff.
 - 2.6.5. Optional: any contact information that the candidate would like to share with the YGC membership (phone, email, website, social media, etc.).
- 2.7. Applicants will be vetted via a social media check and a criminal record check.
- 2.8. Candidates must not have shown, within reasonable recency, a pattern of actions, and must not have published statements, that would be considered to be in breach of the Members' Code of Conduct, or in violation of the six core principles of the Global Greens.
 - 2.8.1. A "published statement" is a statement formally made public or prepared and printed for distribution and sale by the person who

made the statement.

- 2.9. Candidates for Regional Representative must provide the names and contact information of two (2) nominators residing in the Region they are seeking to represent pursuant to YGC Bylaw 4.2.
- 2.10. Candidates for Finance Coordinator, Engagement Coordinator, or Advocacy Coordinator must provide the names and contact information of five (5) nominators.
- 2.11. Candidates for Co-Chair positions must provide the names and contact information of eight (8) nominators representing at least two (2) Regions.
- 2.12. Nominators must be YGC members in good standing on the date they nominate, and remain in good standing until the close of voting.
- 2.13. Applicants must provide written confirmation from each of their nominators (either via email or via signature on a nomination form) of their agreement to nominate the candidate, along with the necessary contact information to allow Party staff to verify their membership status.
- 2.14. Nominator names will be published.
- 2.15. Applicants will be informed by staff when the applicable minimum number of nominators have been verified, and/or when a nominator is found to be invalid.
- 2.16. An applicant will be notified by email of errors/omissions in their application within 2 business days of receipt. If this notification is received less than 48 hours before the close of nominations or after nominations have closed, applicants will be given 48 hours to submit any revisions.
- 2.17. An application will be rejected if it is late or remains incomplete after the notice given and the time allowed to correct, or if the applicant is not eligible.

- 2.18. Before voting begins or any candidate information is made publicly available, the YGC Governance Committee must approve each candidate application.
- 2.19. Before an application can be approved, Party staff must verify the membership and residency (where applicable) of applicants and their nominators, and verify that nominators have given permission to the applicant to list them as nominators.

3. Campaigns

- 3.1. Candidates will not have, and are not to have, direct access to YGC membership lists in order to promote their campaign.
- 3.2. Candidates will be provided with the following opportunities to communicate directly with members in good standing in their respective constituencies during the election period:
 - 3.2.1. The Party will email (and may publish to the website) one message from each candidate in addition to the candidate profile.
 - 3.2.1.1. Each message can be no longer than 250 words if submitted in English or 300 words if submitted in French. Messages may be submitted in English and/or French. Messages received in only one language will be translated by the Party. The word limits do not apply to translations provided by the Party.
 - 3.2.2. contact information for the EDAs and campus clubs in their constituencies; and
 - 3.2.3. a Party email address in their name (valid until the close of the election period).
- 3.3. The Party will support and publicise at least one public YGC members Town Hall with all candidates for members to listen to brief statements

from candidates and ask questions. Any such town halls must be recorded and made available to members.

- 3.4. No campaign spending or donations, either by candidates or members on behalf of a candidate, are permitted as part of the YGC nominations and elections processes. Individuals must pay their own membership fees.
- 3.5. Candidates must not utilise any resources or information to which they have access by virtue of their official position in the Party, in a Unit of the Party, or in the GPC Fund in support of their campaign.
- 3.6. Candidates and their campaigns must adhere to the GPC Members' Code of Conduct at all times.
- 3.7. Personally attacking other candidates is not permitted.
- 3.8. Suspected breaches of the YGC election rules must be reported to the YGC Governance Committee via elections@greenparty.ca. Confirmed breaches of the election rules by a candidate may result in disqualification. Complaints must be submitted and will be processed in accordance with Section 3 of the Federal Council Election Rules, with the YGC Governance Committee taking the place of the Federal Council Election Oversight Subcommittee.
- 3.9. Candidates must accept the results of the YGC elections as final.

4. Voting

- 4.1. All YGC members between the ages of 14 and 29 (inclusive) are eligible to vote in the election of Co-Chairs and Project Coordinators to the YGC Council.
- 4.2. All YGC members between the ages of 14 and 29 (inclusive) are eligible to vote for the Representative of the Region in which they reside.
- 4.3. Voting rights for new YGC members commence once an individual has

been a member of the Green Party of Canada for thirty (30) days and has provided the necessary information to the Party to confirm their eligibility for YGC membership.

- 4.4. Instructions for how to vote in the Council election shall be emailed out at least fourteen (14) days prior to the start of the voting period.
- 4.5. The vote for all Council positions shall require “None of these options” to be a candidate, and shall be by Single Transferable Vote.
- 4.6. In the case that both Co-Chair positions are up for election, the first-placed candidate will be elected to a two-year term and the second-placed eligible candidate will be elected to a one-year term.
- 4.7. Only one Co-Chair is permitted to be a cisgender man at any given time (Bylaw 3.3).
 - 4.7.1. In the case that both Co-Chair positions are up for election, if the first-placed candidate is not a cisgender man, the second-placed candidate will be elected to the second Co-Chair position, regardless of gender identity. If the first-placed candidate is a cisgender man, all other candidates who are cisgender men will be excluded from the vote and the remaining candidate with the highest number of votes will be elected to the second Co-Chair position.
 - 4.7.1.1. Pursuant to YGC Bylaw 3.3.1, in the case that all candidates are cisgender men, then the top two candidates will be elected regardless of gender identity.
 - 4.7.2. Pursuant to YGC Bylaw 3.3.1, in the case that only one Co-Chair position is up for election, and the Co-Chair whose position is not up for election is a cisgender man, then cisgender men may apply to run for the open Co-Chair position, but their applications may be approved only if there are no non-cisgender-male candidates approved.

- 4.7.3. In the case that only one Co-Chair position is up for election and the Co-Chair whose position is not up for election is not a cisgender man, then the successful candidate will be elected to the open Co-Chair position regardless of gender identity.

Règles d'élection du Conseil des Jeunes Verts du Canada

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Ces règles régissent la mise en candidature et l'élection des membres au Conseil des JVC.

1. Généralités

- 1.1. Toutes les communications relatives aux candidatures et aux élections auront lieu via elections@greenparty.ca pendant toute la durée du cycle électoral.
- 1.2. Toutes les informations nécessaires à la participation des membres aux processus de mise en candidature et d'élection seront disponibles sur le site Web du Parti.
- 1.3. Les appels à candidatures comprendront un message encourageant la diversité.
- 1.4. Dans le cas où une question n'est pas traitée dans le présent règlement, mais est abordée dans les Règles d'élection du Conseil fédéral, la disposition pertinente des règles du Conseil fédéral s'applique.

2. Candidatures

- 2.1. Les candidat.e.s doivent être membres des JVC au moment de leur mise en candidature et le rester en règle jusqu'à la fin de la période de vote.
- 2.2. Il n'est permis de se présenter qu'à un seul poste par cycle électoral.
- 2.3. Un.e conseiller.ere en poste souhaitant se présenter à un autre poste doit en

informer la direction générale et le Comité de gouvernance pour inclure son poste dans l'élection à venir.

2.4. Les candidat.e.s doivent avoir entre 14 et 29 ans (inclusivement) à la date de clôture du vote.

2.5. Les représentant.e.s régionaux doivent résider principalement dans la région qu'ils ou elles souhaitent représenter.

2.6. Les candidat.e.s doivent soumettre un dossier complet avant la date limite comprenant :

2.6.1. Un profil de 350 mots (anglais) ou 425 mots (français), en lien avec leur candidature.

2.6.2. Une photo couleur numérique haute résolution.

2.6.3. Un formulaire de candidature avec le nombre requis de mises en nomination.

2.6.4. Coordonnées pour les communications avec le Parti.

2.6.5. Facultatif : coordonnées à partager avec les membres.

2.7. Les candidat.e.s feront l'objet d'une vérification des médias sociaux et du casier judiciaire.

2.8. Les candidat.e.s ne doivent pas avoir montré récemment un comportement ou des propos contraires au Code de conduite ou aux principes des Verts mondiaux.

2.9. Les mises en nomination doivent inclure :

2.9.1. 2 noms pour les représentant.e.s régionaux.

2.9.2. 5 noms pour les coordonnateur.trice.s (finances, engagement, revendication).

2.9.3. 8 noms pour les coprésident.e.s issus d'au moins deux régions.

2.10. Les proposeurs doivent être membres en règle au moment de la mise en nomination et jusqu'à la clôture du vote.

2.11. Une confirmation écrite (courriel ou signature) des proposeurs est requise.

2.12. Leurs noms seront publiés.

2.13. Le personnel informera les candidat.e.s une fois le minimum atteint ou lorsqu'un proposeur est invalide.

2.14. Tout dossier incomplet ou tardif sera rejeté.

2.15. Le Comité de gouvernance approuvera les candidatures avant publication.

2.16. Le personnel vérifiera les adhésions, la résidence et le consentement des proposeurs.

3. Campagnes

3.1. Aucun accès direct aux listes de membres n'est permis.

3.2. Chaque candidat.e pourra :

3.2.1. Envoyer un message additionnel de 250 mots (anglais) ou 300 mots (français).

3.2.2. Recevoir les contacts des ACÉ et clubs de campus.

3.2.3. Utiliser une adresse courriel du Parti jusqu'à la fin de la période électorale.

3.3. Le Parti organisera au moins une assemblée publique avec tous les candidat.e.s.

3.4. Aucun financement ou don n'est permis. Les frais d'adhésion doivent être payés individuellement.

3.5. L'utilisation de ressources internes du Parti est interdite.

3.6. Les candidat.e.s doivent respecter le Code de conduite.

3.7. Les attaques personnelles sont interdites.

3.8. Toute violation doit être signalée à elections@greenparty.ca et traitée selon la procédure de la section 3 des Règles du Conseil fédéral.

3.9. Les résultats sont définitifs.

4. Vote

4.1. Les membres des JVC entre 14 et 29 ans peuvent voter pour les coprésident.e.s et les coordonnateur.trice.s.

4.2. Les membres peuvent également voter pour leur représentant.e régional.e.

4.3. Le droit de vote commence après 30 jours d'adhésion.

4.4. Les instructions de vote seront envoyées 14 jours avant le scrutin.

4.5. Le scrutin utilisera le vote transférable unique avec option "Aucun de ces choix".

4.6. Si deux coprésident.e.s sont élu.e.s, le premier aura un mandat de 2 ans, le second 1 an.

4.7. Un seul coprésident peut être un homme cisgenre (article 3.3).

4.8. Si le premier élu est un homme cisgenre, les autres hommes cisgenres sont exclu.e.s et la personne admissible suivante est élue.

4.9. Si tous les candidat.e.s sont des hommes cisgenres, les deux en tête sont élu.e.s.

4.10. Si un seul poste est en jeu, et que l'autre coprésident est un homme cisgenre, aucun autre homme cisgenre ne peut être approuvé, sauf en l'absence d'autres candidat.e.s.

4.11. Si le ou la coprésident.e en poste n'est pas un homme cisgenre, l'identité de genre ne sera pas un facteur limitant.