

Frequently Asked Questions regarding GJC COA Election 2020

1. Who is the Returning Officer and how can a member contact him?

Returning Officer is an independent person appointed by GJC to conduct a fair and transparent elections for COA. His name is Adv. Bankim Mehta. Member can contact him directly at gjcelection2020@gmail.com.

2. How can I check if I am the eligible voter member?

For checking the eligibility a member firm/company can check if the firm is an Ordinary Member of GJC and the member has renewed his membership for the year ended 31st March, 2020. If the firm/company is an Ordinary Member then the details will be displayed in Zone Wise / Panel wise Voter List circulated by Election Authority on the website of GJC.

3. Who is eligible to vote and contest?

As per clause 9.1 of the Election Rules, an Ordinary Member who have completed all the formalities of membership and paid their full subscription of applicable membership fees, and membership application are approved by COA within time frame of 3 months as prescribed in AOA, on or before the end of the cut-off date declared by the EC, shall be called eligible members and they shall have the right to vote and contest the election of Committee.

4. How many votes an eligible voter member can cast?

Eligible voter of the GJC shall have one vote each for every Panel While the ZC shall have one vote from the members of the respective Zone, as opted at the time of admission. There would be no election for Small Manufacturer Jewellery Panel since there is no vacancy under this Panel, however members belong to said panel have the right to vote for their respective Zone only. For example, a member can cast one vote for his respective Zonal Chairman and one for his respective panel.

5. Can the voting process be done in phased manner?

Please note that you will have to cast your votes in one attempt. You CAN NOT do it in phased manner. Once you click on I confirm button the link in your mail box will be deactivated and you cannot use the same again.

6. Does a member have to cast his vote for Zonal Chairman and Panel Member mandatorily?

Ideally, the member is eligible to vote for Zonal Chairman for his particular Zone and for Panel Member for his particular Panel. However if the member wishes to cast his vote to either of the two option he may do so. Once the member has given his vote and confirmed on the page, the system won't allow the member to change his decision thereafter.

7. Can anybody cast more number of votes?

NO. The system will not allow you to cast more number of votes than admissible.

8. Can a member registered under a particular panel vote for candidate from other panel?

NO. A member registered under Large Retailer Panel can vote only for the candidates standing for Large Retailer Panel vacant seats but they cannot vote for candidate standing for Medium Retailer Panel. However, for the seat of Zonal Chairman, a member from the zonal voter list irrespective of any panel can vote for the candidate for Zonal Chairman. For example, All the Members from Chennai Voter list can vote for the one seat of Zonal Chairman South Seat.

9. What is an OTP and upto what time the same will be valid?

One Time Password (OTP) is the code which will be received by voter member during the process of e -voting on the registered mobile number. The OTP will be valid for 30 mins once the same is received in Mobile / E-mail. If the member does not get OTP then there is an option of requesting for OTP through the system.

10. Is it possible to change the details such as E-mail ID and Mobile number?

As per the schedule of elections, members can change their E-mail ID and Mobile number upto 7th December, 2020. Changes received after 7th December, 2020 will not be accepted.

11. When the Elections to the CoA are held? And where will the information be available?

The elections to the CoA are held after every two years. The next election for the vacant seats to the CoA of GJC should get completed before December 2022.

12. Can I contest or vote for the COA Election on behalf of somebody?

NO. The contestant and voter has to be the registered member of GJC from the same entity.

For example: Mr. Vijay Rathod is registered as a member of GJC for his entity M/s Rathod Gold Jewellers. Only Vijay can contest and vote for the GJC Election.

13. What are the roles and responsibilities of the GJC office staff?

GJC office staff can respond to the queries asked by the members for Election Process and Voting System. GJC office staff is not authorised to fill/collect the nomination forms from the members, promote any particular

contestant. GJC office staff will only act as a help desk wherein they have no direct involvement in the online voting process.

14. How can a member get his queries clarified?

There are two options wherein a member can raise the query: i. Write an e-mail at memberships@gjc.org.in. ii. You can directly contact at 022 - 67382700.

15. How and where do I send the nomination form?

Members are required to send the complete filled nomination form, affidavit, enrolment fees & security deposit as mentioned in GJC Election Rules at GJC Registered Office located at Unit No. 4, Ground Floor, Windfall, Sahar Plaza Complex, Andheri Kurla Road, JB Nagar, Andheri East, Mumbai-400059 in a sealed envelope by email before 15th Dec 20 by 5pm. Sealed applications in envelopes must be received after 16th December, 2020 shall be rejected. Members must e-mail all the duly filled documents as required for a candidate's application by email addressed to the Returning Officer on gjelection2020@gmail.com with proof of payment of fees and refundable security deposit. The email must be received on or before 15th December, 2020 by 5 pm.

16. Where will the GJC COA voting takes place?

The voting process will "NOT" be on the GJC website but it will be conducted online by e-voting by an audited independent Election Agency on a different portal. The details of the portal will be provided to the members soon.

17.How authentic the electronic voting module is?

A third party auditing firm which will audit the entire voting process by election agency and provide the authenticity certificate for the same which will be displayed on the election website.

18.How do I cast my vote on the voting portal?

In coming days, GJC will send a tutorial manual to all eligible members which will contain the voting process in detail.