



## NSSSA Provincial Cabinet Election Campaign Rules

**IMPORTANT: Applicants may not begin their campaign until the President & Provincial Advisor have verified that they meet the requirements of the position(s) they seek candidacy for.**

1. Applications are due to the President, Zac Foran or Provincial Advisor, Lorne "ABE" Abramson **no later than Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup>**.
2. Applicants will be notified of their application approval, once it has been verified that you meet the criteria outlined in the Nomination Package. This will occur in the week leading up to the Provincial Conference.
3. Candidates will then be asked to submit a small write up (**100 word maximum**) introducing themselves and why they wish to run for the position, to be used by the NSSSA for election promotion.
4. A meeting of all candidates and the current Provincial Cabinet will be held the **Thursday night (May 17<sup>th</sup>)** of Provincial Conference, where the Provincial Cabinet will review the position descriptions, how Provincial Cabinet functions and answer any questions about the position.
5. Applications may be removed by the candidate anytime leading up to this meeting, and immediately afterwards should they decide not to run for the position(s).
6. At the end of the meeting, candidates must receive a signature from a member currently holding to position for which they are running, or in the case of candidates for Regional Co-Premier – the regional advisor.
7. Candidates who wish continue running for a position(s), following this meeting will then be placed on the ballot. Elections will take place following speeches on the respective nights.
  - a. **Presidential Elections:** Friday Night
  - b. **Vice Presidential Elections:** Saturday Morning
  - c. **Co-Premier Elections:** Saturday Night
8. All candidates must follow the campaigns rules outlined below. Failure to do so may result in disqualification from elections.



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| <b>Social Media</b> (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter) <i>All campaign content will be monitored and must be appropriate.</i> | <b>Do not start promotion until after your application has been verified.</b>              |
| <b>Word of Mouth</b><br>(Talking to people in SB groups, at mealtimes or other events)                                    | <b>Posters</b><br>(Including anything posted around the conference, residences, meal hall) |
| <b>Promote Yourself!</b><br>Your experience & ideas you have to bring to the position                                     | <b>Promotional Material</b><br>(Pamphlets, stickers, buttons, food, pens, etc.)            |
| <b>Prepare your Speech</b><br>You will have a maximum of <b>4 minutes</b> (Dependant on number of candidates)             | <b>No Negative Comments Against other Candidates</b><br>(Verbally or on Social Media)      |

### Election Process

1. The President and the Provincial Advisor shall serve as the Chief Electoral Officers of elections. Should there be a conflict of interest, the Past President will replace the party with the conflict as a Chief Electoral Officer.
2. Candidates for the positions of President and Vice Presidents shall be elected by a Preferential Balloting system by **all voting members<sup>i</sup> of the NSSSA (Nova Scotia Secondary School Students)<sup>ii</sup>** in attendance at the election. (Each student, not school, will receive one [1] ballot)
3. The Regional Co-Premiers shall be elected by a Preferential Balloting system by **all voting members<sup>iii</sup> of the NSSSA (Nova Scotia Secondary School Students), from their respective Region, in** attendance at the election. (Each student, not school, will receive one [1] ballot)
4. A preferential vote ranks all of the candidates in order of preference – if there are 5 candidates, students will rank the candidates 1-5.
5. Unsuccessful candidates running for **Presidency**, or either **Vice Presidency**, may opt to run for **Co-Premier** without new nomination form should they meet the criteria outlined in the NSSSA By-Laws.

<sup>i</sup> Membership is open to all full-time students currently enrolled in a secondary school in Nova Scotia who have attended an NSSSA event. (NSSSA By-Laws 2015)

<sup>ii</sup> The President, the Provincial Conference Co-Chairs, the Inclusion Conference Co-Chairs ... shall be considered voting members of the NSSSA throughout their term in office. (NSSSA By-Laws 2015)