

RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE ELECTION OF THE BC CONSERVATIVE PARTY LEADER

(Adopted by the Leadership Election Organizing Committee on January 14, 2026)

(Revised February 27, 2026)

SECTION 1: INTERPRETATION

- 1.1 These Rules and Procedures (herein called the “Rules”) are made pursuant to Article 12 of the Conservative Party of British Columbia Constitution (herein called the “Constitution”) in respect of the Leadership Election that will be held to elect a new Leader of the BC Conservative Party of British Columbia, following the resignation of John Rustad.
- 1.2 Any term not defined herein that is defined in the Constitution has the meaning given to it in the Constitution.
- 1.3 If there is any conflict between these Rules and the Constitution, the Constitution will prevail.
- 1.4 In these Rules, whenever the words and phrases set out in quotation marks in this section are used, they shall have the meanings given to them set out in this section unless there is something in the context inconsistent therewith:
 - (a) “**Applicant**” means a person who has applied to the LEOC for approval to become a Leadership Contestant;
 - (b) “**Application**” means an application in a form approved by the LEOC to become a Leadership Contestant that may include a questionnaire to be completed by the Applicant;
 - (c) “**Application Fee**” means \$5,000.00;
 - (d) “**Business Day**” means each day other than Saturday, Sunday or a day that is prescribed as a holiday in British Columbia;
 - (e) “**Candidate Fees**” means the Second Fee, Third Fee, Fourth Fee and Final Fee;
 - (f) “**Returning Officer**” means the Returning Officer appointed by the Party Board of Directors pursuant to Article 12.07 of the Constitution;
 - (g) “**Compliance Deposit**” means the amount or amounts payable to the Party as a compliance deposit or to replenish a compliance deposit pursuant to Section 4 of these Rules;
 - (h) “**Election Act**” means the British Columbia *Election Act*, RSBC 1996, c.106, as amended;
 - (i) “**Deputy Returning Officer**” means that Deputy Returning Officer or officers, if any, appointed by the Board of Directors;
 - (j) “**Fourth Fee**” means that amount payable pursuant to section 4.1(c) of these Rules;

- (k) **“Leadership Contestant”** means an eligible Applicant who has been approved by LEOC to become a candidate for election as the Leader in accordance with the Constitution and these Rules and has paid the Second Fee;
- (l) **“Leadership Convention”** means an event to be held to announce the results of the Leadership vote;
- (m) **“Leadership Events”** means an event or events to be held or sanctioned by the LEOC for the Leadership Election;
- (n) **“Leadership Vote”** or **“Leadership Election”** means votes by ballots submitted to and counted by LEOC to determine the election for Leader pursuant to Section 7 of these Rules.
- (o) **“LEOC”** means the Leadership Election Organizing Committee appointed by the Party Executive on December 30, 2025 to administer the next Leadership Vote and to which the Party Board of Directors has delegated the power to determine the Rules and Procedures for conducting the Leadership Vote, including the Candidate Review Committee, pursuant to Article 12.04 and 12.05 of the Constitution;
- (p) **“Members”** and **“Membership”** means a member of the Party in good standing;
- (q) **“Membership Deadline”** means 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time on April 18, 2026;
- (r) **“Nomination Deadline”** means 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time on February 15, 2026;
- (s) **“Party”** means the Conservative Party of British Columbia;
- (t) **“Party Leadership Events”** means those events described in Section 9;
- (u) **“Permissible Loan”** has the same meaning as in section 1 of the *Election Act*.
- (v) **“Political Contributions”** means as defined in Part 2, Division 10 of the *Election Act* as it applies to Leadership Contestants;
- (w) **“Province-Wide Count”** means that counting for each Leadership Contestant of the aggregate number of points allocated to the 93 electoral districts pursuant to Section 7;
- (x) **“Rules”** means these Rules and Procedures as may be amended from time to time;
- (y) **“Second Fee”** means that amount payable pursuant to section 4.1(a) of these Rules; and,
- (z) **“Third Fee”** means that amount payable pursuant to section 4.1(b) of these Rules.

SECTION 2: ROLE AND DUTIES OF THE LEOC

- 2.1 The LEOC will administer the Leadership Vote which shall include, without restriction, the following:
 - (a) preparing the Application form;
 - (b) determining whether an Applicant is eligible for election as the Leader in accordance with these Rules and the Constitution and approving eligible persons to become

Leadership Contestants;

- (c) establishing, conducting or making procedures, enquiries and investigations to enable the LEOC to determine whether a Leadership Contestant or anyone involved in their campaign has complied with these Rules, including receiving and considering any complaints of non-compliance;
- (d) taking such action and sanctions as it determines is advisable and necessary to enforce compliance with these Rules;
- (e) with respect to any veto or disqualification of any Leadership Contestants at anytime, LEOC shall make a recommendation to the Board of Directors of the Party and the Board of Directors of the Party shall decide pursuant to Article 12.04 of the Constitution;
- (f) at any time, and from time to time, amending the Rules or waiving their enforcement;
- (g) LEOC may suspend or cancel at any time the Leadership Election and the Party may retain any Application Fee, Candidate Fees and amounts received by the Party set-out in Section 10 of the Rules; and
- (h) deciding what events or activities will be Party Leadership Events, including the nature of such events and the date, time and manner in which they will be held or conducted.

2.2 LEOC will provide regular reports to the Board of Directors of the Party regarding its administration of the Leadership Vote.

2.3 All decisions of LEOC, Returning Officer, and the Board of Directors of the Party (with respect to the veto or disqualification of a Leadership Contestant) are final and not subject to any appeal or judicial, or any process of any court or tribunal or other body or authority.

2.4 Members of LEOC must conduct themselves in an entirely neutral fashion in all respects in relation to the Leadership Vote and in the administration of the Leadership Vote.

SECTION 3: NOMINATION PROCESS

3.1 To be eligible to submit an application and become a Leadership Contestant, a person must:

- (a) be a Member in good standing;
- (b) be eligible under the *Election Act* for election to the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia;
- (c) not be a person whose approval to become a Leadership Contestant would likely bring the Party into disrepute;
- (d) deliver to the President a written nomination, which may be in one or more counterparts, signed by at least 250 Members that must include at least one signatory member from each of at least five different regions listed in the nomination form;
- (e) pay the Application Fee to the Party;
- (f) deliver to LEOC an Application that has been fully completed and signed by them;
- (g) deliver to LEOC the written undertaking signed by the Applicant required by Section 11 of these Rules; and

- (h) comply with the Constitution and these Rules.
- 3.2 In order to become a Leadership Contestant, a person must deliver a completed Application and Application Fee to Party Headquarters before the Nomination Deadline.
- 3.3 As soon as practicable after a completed Application and Application Fee have been delivered to Party Headquarters, LEOC will review that Application and determine whether the Applicant is eligible to become a Leadership Contestant.
- 3.4 After LEOC has determined whether an Applicant is eligible to become a Leadership Contestant, they will inform the Applicant whether their Application to become a Leadership Contestant has been approved or not.
- 3.5 An Applicant will become a Leadership Contestant after their Application has been approved when they have paid the Second Fee to the Party as required by these Rules.
- 3.6 Application Fees paid by Applicants are not refundable and shall not form part of any of the Candidate Fees payable by an Applicant or Leadership Contestant.
- 3.7 All approved Leadership Contestants are required to submit Memberships, data and campaign information as directed by the Party or LEOC, including the use of the Party website and BCGO, the database of the Party.
- 3.8 All approved Leadership Contestants are required to exclusively use the personalized Party website link for the purposes of selling and processing of Memberships.

SECTION 4: CANDIDATE FEES AND COMPLIANCE DEPOSIT

- 4.1 Subject to section 4.4, every Leadership Contestant and every Applicant who the LEOC has approved to become a Leadership Contestant must pay the following non-refundable Candidate Fees to the Party at or before the following times in order to be on the election ballot:
 - (a) \$10,000.00 not later than the third Business Day immediately following the day on which an Applicant has been informed by the LEOC that their Application to become a Leadership Contestant has been approved (herein called the “Second Fee”);
 - (b) \$40,000.00 on or before the later of April 1, 2026 and the third Business Day immediately following the day on which an Applicant has been informed by the LEOC that their Application to become a Leadership Contestant has been approved (herein called the “Third Fee”); and
 - (c) \$60,000.00 on or before the later of April 18, 2026 and the third Business Day immediately following the day on which an Applicant has been informed by the LEOC that their Application to become a Leadership Contestant has been approved (herein called the “Fourth Fee”); and
- 4.2 Every Leadership Contestant must pay \$20,000.00 to the Party as a Compliance Deposit within 21 days after the day on:
 - (a) which they were informed by the LEOC they have been approved to become a Leadership Contestant; or
 - (b) the day immediately before the first Party Leadership Event is held after they were so informed by the LEOC,whichever is earlier.

- 4.3 If the Party uses all or any part of the Compliance Deposit made pursuant to section 4.2 to pay or partially pay a fine imposed pursuant to Section 5, the Leadership Contestant in respect of which the Compliance Deposit is held must not later than the seventh Business Day immediately after they are informed that all or a portion of their Compliance Deposit has been used to pay or partially pay a fine, pay to the Party that amount of monies which is required to restore their Compliance Deposit to \$20,000.00 .
- 4.4 LEOC may at any time, and from time to time, extend a deadline for payment of the Compliance Deposit, or any replenishment of a Compliance Deposit as the LEOC determines is appropriate and subject to any conditions that the LEOC may impose.
- 4.5 The Party will refund to each Leadership Contestant the balance of the Compliance Deposit held for them after that Leadership Contestant has paid all unpaid fines, Candidate Fees, remittances and withholdings levied against them pursuant to these Rules, met all filing requirements of Elections BC, provided copies of those filings to the Party, and all reviews or audits have been successfully completed showing no further violations of these Rules.

SECTION 5: COMPLIANCE WITH THE RULES

- 5.1 Every Leadership Contestant must comply with these Rules, including:
 - (a) make every payment required by Section 4 within the time limited for making such payment;
 - (b) not obtain access to, or use, any credentials issued to a Member enabling that Member to participate in the Leadership Vote or take any action that would allow them to obtain any information that would allow that Leadership Contestant, or anyone involved in their campaign, to use a Member's voting credentials or otherwise vote for or on behalf of a Member in the Leadership Vote and must ensure that no one in their campaign does any of these things or acquiesces in them being done or permits them being done;
 - (c) not obtain access to, or use any data that does not belong to them;
 - (d) not use proprietary Party data for any other purpose than pursuant to this specific Leadership Election and these Rules;
 - (e) Ensure to destroy any exported proprietary Party data after the race has concluded;
 - (f) not spend or incur liability for, any expenses that exceed those permitted by section 10.1 of these Rules;
 - (g) Adhere to Party and LEOC mandated rules concerning the permitted volumes, time-frames, frequency and methods of contacting Members.
 - (h) not take advantage of public resources, including travel budgets incurred by or available to them as a member of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, for purposes of pursuing their campaign;
 - (i) comply with the provisions of the *Election Act*, including those concerning election financing and interactions with third party organizations;
 - (j) comply with and ensure that those involved with the Leadership Contestant's own campaigns comply with these Rules, whether those involved are volunteers or otherwise;
 - (k) comply with and perform each of those undertakings made by them described in Section 11 of these Rules; and,

- (l) comply with the Rules and Procedures for Membership as set out in Appendix A.
- 5.2 Leadership Contestants or the Returning Officer may deliver to LEOC a written allegation that a particular Leadership Contestant or a person involved with a Leadership Contestant's campaign team has contravened these Rules.
- 5.3 If an issue of compliance with these Rules comes to the attention of the LEOC as a result of a complaint made pursuant to section 5.2 or otherwise, LEOC may, but will not be required to, conduct an investigation to determine whether there has been a breach of these Rules.
- 5.4 Subject to section 5.5, if LEOC determines either that a Leadership Contestant or a member of a Leadership Contestant's campaign team contravened these Rules then it may impose any penalty it deems appropriate, including but not limited to one or more of the following:
- (a) issuing a letter of caution or reprimand to the Leadership Contestant, including making such letter public;
 - (b) directing the Leadership Contestant to take immediate and specified actions to ensure compliance with these Rules and to promptly remedy any consequences of the breach;
 - (c) imposing a fine payable to the Party by the Leadership Contestant in an amount which does not exceed \$75,000.00 for each contravention of these Rules and such fine shall immediately be paid or partially paid by applying that Leadership Contestant's Compliance Deposit and the amount so paid from the Compliance Deposit shall be forfeited by that Leadership Contestant;
 - (d) suspending or restricting the Leadership Contestant from participating in some or all future Party Leadership Events;
 - (e) suspending or restricting the Leadership Contestant's access to BCGO;
 - (f) recommend to the Party Board of Directors to disqualify the Leadership Contestant and, if applicable, instructing the Party and the Returning Officer to remove such Leadership Contestant's name from all ballots; or
 - (g) recommend to the Party Board of Directors that the Leadership Contestant be disqualified from seeking a future Party nomination as a candidate in any British Columbia general election or bi-election or Leadership election.
- 5.5 LEOC and the Party is not required to provide reasons for any of the foregoing sanctions.
- 5.6 In any case where there is uncertainty, LEOC will determine whether someone is a Leadership Contestant, or someone who represents or acts for or on behalf of either a Leadership Contestant or is otherwise a member of a Leadership Contestant's campaign team.

SECTION 6: LEADERSHIP CONVENTION

- 6.1 If the Party Board of Directors calls a Leadership Convention to be held in connection with the Leadership Vote that Leadership Convention will be held on May 30, 2026 and the results of the Leadership Vote will be announced at the Leadership Convention. The actual voting period will take place sometime between May 9 and May 30, 2026 as directed by LEOC.

SECTION 7: MEMBERSHIP DEADLINE/LEADERSHIP VOTING PROCEDURES

- 7.1 The Leadership Vote will be conducted on a one Member, one vote preferential secret ballot system.
- 7.2 In order to be eligible to vote, an individual must be an active Member by the Membership Deadline (forty-two (42) days prior to the Leadership Convention date). For clarity, an active Member is a person who has purchased a Membership but is not yet a Member in good standing. The ballots for the Leadership vote will be sent to Members in good standing no later than May 9, 2026 (at least 21 days prior to the date of the Leadership Convention) and notification as to voting being open will follow thereafter.
- 7.3 Each Electoral District will be given equal weight in the balloting, and in particular, each Electoral District will be allocated 100 points, except Electoral Districts with less than 100 votes shall be allocated the number of points that is equal to the number of ballots received for that Electoral District.
- 7.4 If there is only one Leadership Contestant at the Nomination Deadline, then that Leadership Contestant will be named Leader and no Leadership Vote will be held.
- 7.5 If there are two Leadership Contestants, then each Member who has a right to vote will have the opportunity to vote for their preferred Leadership Contestant.
- 7.6 If there are three or more Leadership Contestants, then each Member who has a right to vote may vote by a preferential ballot on which the Member may indicate the order of their preference for the Leadership Contestants.
- 7.7 The ballots will be counted under the direction and supervision of the Returning Officer, in accordance with the following procedure:
 - (a) Each Electoral District will be allocated 100 points, except Electoral Districts with less than 100 votes which shall be allocated the number of points that is equal to the number of ballots that is received for that Electoral District.
 - (b) On the first count:
 - (i) For each Electoral District, the first choice or preference votes recorded in favour of Leadership Contestants on the ballots cast by the Members who ordinarily reside in that Electoral District will be counted and then the 100 points allocated to the Electoral District will be allocated to each Leadership Contestant on the basis of the ratio the number of the first preference votes received by that Leadership Contestant bears to the total number of votes counted for such Electoral District; and
 - (ii) The total number of points allocated to each Leadership Contestant from all Electoral Districts in British Columbia will be added to produce a total for the Province-Wide Count.
 - (c) On the second count, the Leadership Contestant who received the fewest points on the first Province-Wide Count is eliminated and that Leadership Contestant's first preference votes are distributed in each Electoral District among the remaining Leadership Contestants according to the second preferences indicated and counted according to the procedure set out in the previous section as if they were first

preference votes.

- (d) On each subsequent count, the Leadership Contestant who receives the fewest points in the preceding Province-Wide Count will be eliminated, and that Leadership Contestant's subsequent preference votes will be distributed among the remaining Leadership Contestants according to the next preferences indicated.
- (e) On each count round, both the weighted results of points allocated on a Province-Wide Count and the results by Electoral District shall be made public.
- (f) The first Leadership Contestant to receive more than 50% of the points allocated on any Province-Wide Count is selected as the Leader.

- 7.8 Leadership Vote balloting will take place through a secure voting system starting on May 9, 2026 and ending on May 30, 2026 at such times as the LEOC sets. The voting system will include a voter registration process, requiring eligible Members to register and verify their identity in order to receive voting credentials.
- 7.9 Members must not allow another person to use their voting credentials or otherwise vote in their place.
- 7.10 Further rules and procedures related to Membership can be found in Appendix A. Each Applicant Leadership Contestant and each person involved in any Leadership Contestant's campaign must strictly adhere to the rules and procedures set-out in Appendix A and such rules and procedures form part of these Rules.

SECTION 8: RETURNING OFFICER

- 8.1 The Returning Officer will be responsible for arranging the conduct of the Leadership Vote and together with LEOC will oversee and ensure the integrity of the Leadership Vote.
- 8.2 Representatives of LEOC, each of the Leadership Contestants or a representative for them, the Returning Officer and deputy Returning Officers designated, if any, are entitled to monitor the vote to ensure compliance with these Rules and the integrity of the vote.
- 8.3 Decisions of the Returning Officer with respect to voter eligibility are final and not subject to review, including any court or tribunal.
- 8.4 Anything the Returning Officer is directed or empowered to do by these Rules (which include Appendix A, Membership Rules and Procedures) may be done by a deputy Returning Officer designated by the Returning Officer.

SECTION 9: PARTY LEADERSHIP EVENTS

- 9.1 Unless their failure to participate is authorized by LEOC, all Leadership Contestants must attend and participate in all Party Leadership Events.
- 9.2 LEOC will determine what events or activities, or both, will constitute a Party Leadership Event and the dates, times and places at which the Party Leadership Events will take place and how Leadership Contestants, Members and other persons who are permitted to participate in a Party Leadership Event may participate in a Party Leadership Event.

SECTION 10: CAMPAIGN FINANCES

- 10.1 Leadership Contestant expenses are limited to a maximum of \$2,000,000.00. Leadership

Contestant expenses will include personal contestant expenses described in subsection 184(4) of the *Election Act*, but will not include those things described in subsections 180(5) and 184(6) of the *Election Act*, the Application Fee, the Candidate Fees, the Compliance Deposit, and the amounts payable to the Party pursuant to section 10.2. For certainty, expenses incurred by a Leadership Contestant Expense includes an expense incurred by a future Leadership Contestant or by individuals acting on behalf of a future Leadership Contestant before that individual became a Leadership Contestant. Calculation of expenditures by a Leadership Contestant pursuant to these Rules will commence on the date that these Rules come into effect and will end immediately after the Leadership Election.

- 10.2 In order to partially offset expenses incurred by the Party in arranging and overseeing the Leadership Election process Leadership Contestants must report to the Party the amount of all leadership campaign contributions that are received either before or after the Leadership Vote is held and remit to the Party an amount equal to 20% of those Political Contributions:
 - (a) on or before the 5th day of each and every month for Political Contributions received the previous month; and
 - (b) for clarity, the initial remittance due on the 5th day of the month immediately following the Leadership Contestant's approval shall include Political Contributions received by the Leadership Contestant raised before commencement of the Leadership Election and issuance of these Rules.
- 10.3 Leadership Contestants are prohibited from selling any kind of advertising as a mechanism to raise money for their campaigns.
- 10.4 Membership fees collected by the Party between the date these Rules and Procedures come into effect and the Membership Deadline will be retained by the Party.
- 10.5 Each Leadership Contestant must deliver to the Party a copy of the Leadership Contestant's written finance report as required by the *Election Act*.
- 10.6 Each Leadership Contestant personally guarantee any and all debts arising from or related to the Leadership Election. The Party will not be liable for any debts incurred by the Leadership Contestants and their election campaign teams.
- 10.7 Leadership Contestants are permitted to obtain a Permissible Loan. Any Leadership Contestant who obtains a Permissible Loan must report to the Party the information recorded under s 211(2)(c) of the *Election Act*. Further, any Leadership Contestant who obtains a Permissible Loan in excess of \$100,000 must remit an amount equal to 20% of the Permissible Loan in excess of \$100,000 within five (5) business days after such a Permissible Loan is obtained, which will be held as part of the Leadership Contestant's Compliance Deposit.

SECTION 11: PARTY UNITY

- 11.1 All Leadership Contestants must undertake in writing to the Party that they will:
 - (a) pledge their support for the Leadership Contestant who is ultimately elected as the Leader;
 - (b) commit to publicly campaigning for the Party in the first provincial general election that occurs after the Leadership Vote;
 - (c) neither make, or permit their supporters to make, disparaging personal remarks concerning other Leadership Contestants, the Party, its employees or members of the

Board of Directors or LEOC;

- (d) provide the Party with all data and email addresses of persons or entities which have contributed to their campaigns;
- (e) participate in fundraising activities organized by the Party, both before and after the Leadership Vote;
- (f) support the Principles of the Party set out in Article 3.01 of the Constitution and will not advocate any policies that are not guided by those Principles;
- (g) accept all decisions of LEOC and the Board of Directors of the Party related to the Leadership Election, and not appeal any decision to a court, tribunal or other body or authority; and
- (h) conduct themselves and their campaigns in a manner so as not to bring the Party into disrepute.’

11.2 Failure to comply with 11.1 may result in sanctions as set out in Section 5.4 of these Rules.

SECTION 12: PRIVACY

- 12.1 All Leadership Contestants must comply, and must ensure that their campaigns comply, with all the applicable privacy laws and also the Conservative Party of British Columbia Privacy Policies.
- 12.2 With the approval of the LEOC, the Party may put in place such conditions or restrictions as they deem necessary on the use of Party data by Leadership Contestants and their campaigns.

SECTION 13: INVESTIGATIONS AND AUDIT

- 13.1 LEOC, the Returning Officer and their designates may conduct investigation audits and reviews and retain an auditor to carry out oversight or reviews to ensure the integrity of the Leadership Election, and in particular, compliance by all interested parties with these Rules.
- 13.2 In making such investigations, LEOC, the Returning Officer and their designates have the authority to compel disclosure of documents and records from a Leadership Contestant and their campaign team, or require such persons to give answers to such investigations.
- 13.3 All Leadership Contestants must comply with and facilitate such investigations, audits and reviews, random or otherwise, as may be conducted by the LEOC and the Returning Officer or their designates.
- 13.4 At any time following the Leadership Vote, LEOC is authorized to destroy the ballots and all electronic records related to the ballots.

APPENDIX A
RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE
CONSERVATIVE PARTY DURING THE LEADERSHIP ELECTION

(Adopted by the Leadership Election Organizing Committee on January __, 2026)

SECTION 1: MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA

1.1 All of the following criteria are as described in Article 2 of the Constitution of the Party;

- (a) Membership is open to Canadian citizens and permanent residents who reside in British Columbia, Members must be 14 years of age or older, support the Party's Constitution and Bylaws, are not a member of another provincial political party and are individuals who have personally paid the Party's Membership fee.
- (b) A person becomes a member in good standing twenty-one (21) days after payment of a Membership fee and Members may renew their Membership within the grace period of 90 days of expiry of their Membership to retain their "good standing" status.
- (c) The Party will maintain a listing of each Member's name, address, contact information, and Membership dates; and
- (d) Membership lists are confidential and are to be used only for Party purposes. They will not be sold or used for any purpose other than required by the Party as authorized by the Board of Directors. Membership lists are not subject to inspection under the *Societies Act*.

SECTION 2: MEMBERSHIP PROCESSING

2.1 To uphold the integrity of the voting process and the authenticity of Memberships, the Party will adhere to strict criteria for processing Memberships. Such criteria are as follows:

- (a) All Memberships must be purchased with money belonging to the individual purchasing the Membership and a Member cannot be reimbursed for purchasing a Membership;
- (b) All Memberships must be purchased personally by the individuals listed as the Membership holder;
- (c) All Memberships must be purchased either by a credit card personally belonging to the individual named as the Member, or by a personal cheque;
- (d) Purchasing of Memberships via prepaid credit cards, cash, or corporate cards are prohibited;
- (e) Purchasing a Membership on behalf of someone else is prohibited; and
- (f) Notwithstanding sections 2.1(b), (c) and (e) above, a Member may purchase Memberships for immediate family members (spouses, children and parents entitled to be Members) ordinarily resident in same household of the purchasing Member which can be verified to the satisfaction of the Returning Officer, if otherwise in compliance with sections 2.1(a) and (d) above.

- 2.2 To further ensure the validity of Memberships, all Memberships must meet the requirements that verify identity and provide the Party with required contact information:
- (a) All Memberships must be purchased with the following valid and current personal information:
 - i. Full name;
 - ii. Email address;
 - iii. Phone number; and
 - iv. Residential address, including the postal code corresponding to the payment method used when different and applicable; and
 - (b) All Members and their addresses must be precisely matched to the official voter file of Elections BC, as applicable.
- 2.3 Memberships purchased under the alias of a VPN are strictly prohibited.
- 2.4 Members who fall within the “grace period” must renew their Membership before the Membership Deadline.
- 2.5 International students are not entitled to be members.
- 2.6 Verification of Memberships shall be at the discretion of the Returning Officer and by any means the Returning Officer shall chose.
- 2.7 Any challenges to the validity of Memberships by Leadership Contestants shall be delivered to the Returning Officer no later than 3 days after the delivery of the Membership lists to Leadership Contestants.

SECTION 3: VOTING

- 3.1 In order to vote in the Leadership Election, a Member must meet the criteria described in the Constitution and these Rules.
- 3.2 Members must verify their identity before receiving a ballot. This verification will mandate that government-issued identification matches the Member’s information provided to the Party.
- 3.3 If a Member is found to be in contravention of these procedures, the Returning Officer reserves the right to deny their vote.
- 3.4 The Party will mandate strict adherence to proving identity via government-issued identification, prior to any Member being entitled to vote.

SECTION 4: BULK MEMBERSHIPS & GENERAL PROCESSING

- 4.1 All Leadership Contestants and their respective teams are required to use a Membership portal provided to them by the Party. This website portal will permit campaigns to process Memberships in bulk. However, all Memberships must strictly adhere to the rules to ensure validity.
- 4.2 Memberships processed in bulk through the general membership page of the Party will be immediately flagged and prohibited at the discretion of the Returning Officer.

- 4.3 The onus for ensuring the information provided in these Memberships is wholly accurate and compliant rests with the Leadership Contestants and their campaign teams. Strict verification criteria to access the ballot for the Leadership vote will be used.
- 4.4 If any Membership processed, whether in bulk or otherwise, contains inaccurate or incomplete information, LEOC reserves the right to impose the sanctions set out in Section 5 of the Rules and Procedures of the Leadership Election, including to deny a vote to the Member(s) in question. This is also the case if campaigns process bulk Memberships near or at the Membership deadline, leaving the Party with a limited window to verify identities.
- 4.5 Leadership Contestants submitting large numbers of memberships near or at the deadline are at risk that Memberships will not be processed in time for delivery of a ballot for the Leadership Vote.
- 4.6 Leadership Contestants shall, in addition to ensuring the accuracy of Membership information, make their best efforts to process Memberships as early as possible.
- 4.7 Should LEOC determine that a Member or Members are ineligible to vote, this decision shall be final and binding and not subject to appeal of any court or tribunal.

SECTION 5: INCOMPLETE OR UNVERIFIED MEMBERSHIPS

- 5.1 Inaccurate or incomplete Memberships will be rejected, and no ballot will be issued to such Members.
- 5.2 Notwithstanding section 5.1 above, should any Memberships be found to be incomplete or otherwise unverified within the period prior to ballots being sent out for the Leadership Vote, the Party may, but shall not be required to, contact the Member(s) by any available means to attempt to reconcile any discrepancies in their profile and information. Such discrepancies may include, but are not limited to:
 - (a) Members who have recently moved and are thus not matching the address found in the Elections BC Voter File;
 - (b) Members who do not appear in the Elections BC Voter File; and
 - (c) Members who attempt to register using the same email address for multiple people.

SECTION 6: INFRACTIONS

- 6.1 Any Member and/or participating Leadership Contestant and their campaign team members found to violate these Membership Rules and Procedures or participating in such infractions, will be subject to the sanctions set out in Section 5 of the Rules and Procedures of the Leadership Election, including possible disqualification.