

## **Election Procedures and Regulations**

The following election protocol and regulations will be strictly enforced. A candidate will be disqualified from the election if he/she, or individuals acting on his/her behalf, violates these procedures and regulations:

1. Formal campaigning in any form, both prior to and during AirVenture at the Aviation Exploration Base, is prohibited except as noted below.
2. A designated location at the Aviation Exploration Base will be available during specific times for the candidates, and/or their representatives, to discuss and promote the leadership qualities, experience and other positive attributes of their respective candidates to other Explorers. The candidates may display promotional posters in their booth and distribute promotional brochures.
3. Adults are strictly prohibited from promoting or endorsing, in any manner, any of the candidates. Additionally, adults are not permitted to be in, or assist with the promotional booth of any candidate.
4. Each candidate will be introduced at the opening ceremony and will be allowed no more than three minutes to address the Aviation Exploring Base participants as to why they should be elected as the next National Youth Representative. Each candidate's statement must be reviewed and approved by the Youth Elections Committee before the conference.
5. Each candidate is permitted to prepare an information brochure, as well as posters, to highlight his/her background, leadership skills and experience. The information brochure and poster must be reviewed and approved by the Youth Elections Committee upon arrival at the Aviation Exploration Base before campaigning can begin.
6. Each Post attending the conference will be provided access to a ballot and is authorized three votes for National Youth Representative; therefore, the votes should represent the majority decision of the Post members. Voting will be conducted at the conference on Monday evening at the location and time to be announced at the opening orientation meeting on Saturday evening.
7. The Youth Elections Committee will receive and count the ballots. The candidate with the highest number of votes will become the National Youth Representative, and the candidate with the second highest number of votes will become the Vice National Youth Representative.
8. The 2023-2024 National Youth Representatives will be announced at the end of the election where they will be administered the oath of office and assume their leadership positions.

9. The Youth Elections Committee shall be made of Aviation Explorers that are in a Post that does not have a candidate running in the election. The Youth Elections Committee will have one adult who will serve as a resource for them for any questions that may arise. The candidate must attend and participate in the programs of the Aviation Exploration Base and in good faith plan on attending the Aviation Exploration Base in the second year of their election term as well.
10. The National Aviation Exploring Committee is responsible for providing a mentor to the National Youth representative and the Vice National Youth Representative who will provide guidance and contacts in the aviation community.
11. Commercial airfare and some other associated costs for required appearances will be in part provided by the National Aviation Exploring Committee.