

## **CANVASSING GUIDELINES**

**Canvassing, that is asking for votes, is FORBIDDEN, whether by letter or any other means, and will result in the disqualification of the candidate concerned.**

It has been noted that a number of countries are having difficulties relating to the interpretation of canvassing for votes.

### CANVASSING INCLUDES:

1. Writing letters of introduction to bring the name of a candidate or prospective candidate for office to the attention of other members.
2. Giving gifts to an unusually large number of members.
3. Hosting Parties/Dinners/Receptions etc., for the direct purpose of networking with potential voters.
4. Visiting countries, Districts, Clubs with the intention of becoming more widely known, and speaking at such a gathering.
5. Asking a friend to promote you in order to seek votes.
6. If seeking nomination, it is important that members do nothing that might be interpreted as canvassing as this will result in the member being disqualified from standing for office.
7. If nominated, Canvassing is forbidden between 15<sup>th</sup> January and 31<sup>st</sup> March. It is important that members do nothing which might be interpreted as canvassing, as this will result in the member being disqualified from standing for office

The rules above apply to the nominated member who is standing for office and should not be confused with Club members, Districts, National Governing Bodies asking for further information on the nominated members, which is permitted.

