

Inspired by NFTY's policies for North American Board elections

Before the Election

1. Candidates must submit an "Intent to Run" form to his/her TYG advisor no later than 2 weeks before the election is scheduled to take place. Each candidate must submit a list of qualifications (1 page maximum) and the Intent to Run form.
2. No campaigning or electioneering of any type is allowed.
 - a. Any candidate who publicizes, or has friends publicize for him or her, shall be disqualified at the discretion of the TYG advisor and president. This includes oral, written, or social media campaigning.
3. Host a Meet the Candidates session (if appropriate) to give delegates the chance to ask questions of the candidate.
 - a. [Check out NFTY's guide to Running a Meet the Candidates session](#)

Election Procedures

- Elections will occur in gavel order as expressed in your TYG's constitution.
 - Example: President, Programming VP, Social Action VP, Religious and Cultural VP, Membership VP, Communications VP, Chair Positions, etc.
- The particular position shall be announced before the candidates speak. If there are multiple candidates for a position, all candidates for the position will be asked to leave the room and go to the isolation room. Have an adult in the isolation room as supervision and support for the candidates.
- Candidates will be called in alphabetical order (by last name) to deliver their speeches.
 - There should be no noise, including clapping, after each speech.
 - Each candidate will have 3 minutes to address the delegates. Presidential candidates will have 4 minutes each.
 - At the conclusion of the first candidate speech, that candidate will go to the isolation room and the next candidate will give their speech. This process will continue until there are no more candidates for a particular position. At the conclusion of the speeches, ballots will be passed out.
- Once the ballots are collected, the President and TYG advisor will count the votes in private.
- Special circumstances that may arise:
 - If there are three or more candidates running for a position, a primary election will be held in which each delegate may vote for any one candidate, abstain from voting, or vote "no". If one candidate gets a majority that that person shall be elected to that office. In a case of more than two candidates, where no majority is reached, the two candidates with the most votes shall enter into a run-off.
 - In any run-off, voting delegates shall not be held to their previous votes.
 - In the event that there is a tie in a final election, the chair (President) will cast the deciding vote.
 - If a candidate does not win, he/she may drop down but only once. Candidates must indicate to which position they would possibly drop down on their Intent to Run form. This information is not made public to the voting delegates.

- In the event that an office is not filled at elections, the newly elected Board along with the President will appoint the officer.