

# United Conservatives

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## MEMBERSHIP RULES AND PROCEDURES

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## APPLICATION

1. These Rules are supplemental to the provisions of Article 4 of the Bylaws.

## DEFINITIONS

2. In these Rules:
  - a. **“Board”** means the Board of Directors of the Party;
  - b. **“Bylaws”** means the bylaws of the Party;
  - c. **“Cause”** includes compliance with Article 4.1 of the Bylaws, unethical conduct, proven engagement in activities or groups that promote hatred or violence, or any other act or omission that causes harm to the Party or a Member or brings the Party into disrepute and shall not include reasonable adversarial debate or respectful disagreement on issues;
  - d. **“Code of Conduct Committee”** means the Code of Conduct Committee established by the Board;
  - e. **“Constituency Association”** means a constituency association affiliated with the Party;
  - f. **“Executive Director”** means the executive director of the Party;
  - g. **“Leader”** means the leader of the Party;
  - h. **“Member”** means a member of the Party as defined in Article 4 of the Bylaws and whose name appears:
    - i. on the Party’s official membership list, or
    - ii. on the roll of honorary and lifetime members;
  - i. **“Party”** means the United Conservative Association and the United Conservative Party; and
  - j. **“Rules”** means the Membership Rules and Procedures.
3. Other terms defined in the Bylaws shall have the same meaning in these Rules.

## PERSONS REQUIRED TO BE MEMBERS

4. The Leader, every member of the Board, every member of a Constituency Association board, every member of Caucus, every Party officer, every person who serves on a committee of the Board, Party or a Constituency Association, every contestant in Party nomination contests, every contestant for the leadership of the Party, and every nominated candidate of the Party shall maintain a current membership in the Party.
5. The membership of a person is deemed to be continuous where the membership of that person has lapsed or expired and the person applies for and is accepted as a member within 30 days.

## **HONOURARY AND LIFETIME MEMBERS**

6. The Board may grant honorary or lifetime memberships to persons who have provided distinguished service to the Party, the Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta, the Wildrose Party, the Progressive Conservative Party of Canada, the Reform Party of Canada or the Conservative Party of Canada.

## **SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF MEMBERSHIP**

7. The Executive Director may suspend or revoke the membership of any Member for Cause.
8. During an election campaign, the Leader may suspend or revoke the membership of any Member for Cause.
9. In the event the Leader or Executive Director suspends or revokes the membership of any Member, the Member shall be notified of the decision and will be advised that the decision will be reviewed by the Code of Conduct Committee. The Board will be notified of any membership suspension or revocation immediately.
10. The Code of Conduct Committee will confirm or overturn membership suspensions and revocations not later than 48 hours after the Member is notified of the membership suspension or revocation. The Member will be advised of the decision of the Code of Conduct Committee and if the suspension or revocation is confirmed the Member will be advised that they may apply to the Board to have the revocation set aside.

## **REINSTATEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP**

11. An individual who has had their membership revoked and who is otherwise eligible to purchase a membership pursuant to the Bylaws may apply to the Board for reinstatement of their membership. An individual may only apply for reinstatement once each calendar year. The decision of the Board will be final and binding and not subject to further appeal.

## **MEMBERSHIP IN GOOD STANDING**

12. Article 4.8 provides a Member in good standing is one who has a current membership number as provided by the Party. For greater clarity, a Member who meets the criteria set out in Article 4.1 will be provided a membership number effective on the date the party receives his or her application for membership. Honorary or lifetime members will be provided a membership number effective on the date the Board approves his or her honorary membership.
13. For the purposes of calculating twenty-one (21) days in Article 4.7.3, the day of the membership cut off is not counted and the date that the meeting is called to order will be counted. In the event a meeting lasts for more than one day, the membership cut off for the entire meeting will be calculated using the day the meeting is called to order.

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S AUTHORITY**

**14.** The Executive Director may:

- a.** establish procedures for the processing of applications for membership including the collection and deposit of membership fees;
- b.** provide for membership application and reinstatement forms;
- c.** provide for membership cards and lists;
- d.** establish procedures for any matter related to the suspension or revocation of memberships under sections 7, 8 and 9;
- e.** establish procedures for applications to the Board under section 10;
- f.** establish procedures for the reinstatement of memberships under section 11;
- g.** establish procedures for the verification of memberships in leadership or nomination contests; and
- h.** maintain a roll of honorary and lifetime members.

## **MEMBERSHIP FEES**

**15.** The prescribed membership fee shall be \$10 for one year, \$20 for two years, and \$25 for three years.

**16.** Payment of membership fees by cash is not permitted.

**17.** The same credit card or cheque may be used by an individual for payment of the membership fee of an immediate family member (spouse, child, or parent), but the payment on behalf of the immediate family member shall be a contribution and a receipt shall be issued.