



Timiigamiing Anishinaabeg Ogimaakewin Tibaahigewin (Election Process)

Key 2026 TAA Election Process provisions

- A valid nomination requires a **mover, seconder and at least 25 eligible TAA citizen supporters**.
- Those supporter indications must be dated **within 90 days before the opening of the Nomination period**.
- A citizen may nominate, second or support only up to the number of positions available in that category — **1 Ogimaa, 1 Aanike-Ogimaa and 4 Odaakeshkaaganag (Councillors)**.
- A candidate may run for **only one position** and must choose that position before nominations close.
- After nominations close, a nominated candidate **may not withdraw**.
- Voting age is **16+**; candidate eligibility is **18+ on election day**.
- The **Electoral Officer, Deputy Electoral Officers and members of the Appeals body must remain publicly neutral** and may not publicly indicate support for, or opposition to, any candidate in an Election or By-Election.
- Each candidate may submit, if they choose **one page of campaign literature** (8½" × 11" or digital equivalent), including photographs, letterhead/graphics and **up to 400 words**, for distribution through official TAA online sites and the TAA official email list. A candidate may opt out of particular official locations.
- Candidate literature may also include a link to **one video of up to 60 seconds**, at normal speed.
- **Private campaign advertising is not subject to the official campaign-literature limitations.**
- Election voting is conducted online from **9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. N'dakimenan time**.
- If there are not enough candidates within a section to require an election, the Electoral Officer **acclaims the candidate**, with the person assuming office after the polls were scheduled to close, subject to the appeals process.
- An elector has **seven clear days after the polls close to submit an election appeal** to the Electoral Officer, together with the required **\$250 deposit**, which is refundable if the appeal succeeds.
- The **Appeals body has final determining authority** over election appeals and may limit any remedy to the affected part of the election or, where warranted, call for a new election.