Frequently Asked Questions regarding GJC COA Election 2026

1. Who is the Returning Officer and how can a member contact him?

Returning Officer is an independent person appointed by Election Committee with the approval of members of Committee of Administration ("COA") to conduct a fair and transparent elections for COA. His name is Adv. Bankim Mehta. Member can contact him directly at gjcelections2026@gmail.com.

2. How can I check if I am the eligible voter member?

For checking the eligibility a member firm/company can check if the firm/company is an Ordinary Member of GJC and the member has renewed their membership for the year ended 31st March, 2026. If the firm/company is an Ordinary Member then the details will be displayed in Zone Wise / Panel wise Voter List circulated by Election Authority on the GJC website.

3. Who is eligible to vote and contest?

As per clause 9.1 read with clause 2.5 of the Election Rules, the Compliant members shall have the right to vote and contest for the election of COA.

4. How many votes can an eligible voter member cast?

An eligible voter member of GJC shall be entitled to cast:

(a) **One vote for the election of the Zonal Chairman** of the respective Zone to which the member belongs, as opted at the time of admission; and

(b) **One vote for the election of the representative of the respective Panel** to which the member belongs.

Accordingly, an eligible voter member may cast a maximum of two votes – one for the respective Zonal Chairman and one for the respective Panel.

5. Can members belonging to Zones/Panels where there are no vacanices participate in the election?

There shall be no election for the following Zones/Panels, as there are no vacancies to be filled:

a. Zonal Chairman (South Zone);
b. Small & Medium Manufacturer - Silver Jewellery & Small & Medium Manufacturer - Colour Stones & Allied & Precious Metal Bullion & Refinery & Lab Grown Diamond Panel; and
c. LargeWholesaler Panel

However, eligible voter members belonging to the above Zones/Panels shall retain their right to cast one vote for the election of the Zonal Chairman of their respective Zone, wherever an election for the Zonal Chairman is being conducted.

They shall not be entitled to cast a vote for Panel representation where no election is being conducted for that particular Panel. For example, a member can cast one vote for his respective Zonal Chairman and one for his respective panel.

6. Can the voting process be done in phased manner?

Please note that you will have to cast your vote in one attempt. You CAN NOT do it in phased manner. Once you click on I confirm button the link in your mail box will be deactivated and you cannot use the same again.

7. Does a members have to cast their vote for Zonal Chairman and Panel Member mandatorily?

Ideally, the member is eligible to vote for Zonal Chairman for his respective Zone and for Panel Member for their respective Panel. However, if the member wishes to cast their vote to either of the two option they may do so. Once the member has given their vote and confirmed on the page, the system won't allow the member to change their decision thereafter.

8. Can any member cast more votes than permitted?

NO. The voting system will not allow a member to cast votes in excess of the prescribed limits.

9. Can a member registered under a particular Panel vote for a candidate contesting from another panel?

NO. A member registered under a particular Panel shall be entitled to vote only for candidates contesting for the vacant seats in their respective Panel and shall not be permitted to vote for candidates contesting from any other Panel. However, all members appearing on the voters list of a particular Zone, irrespective of the Panel under which they are registered, shall be entitled to vote for the candidate contesting for the Zonal Chairman's position for that Zone.

For example, all eligible members whose names appear on the East Zone Voter List, irrespective of the Panels to which they belong, shall be entitled to vote for the candidate contesting for the post of Zonal Chairman – East.

10.What is an OTP and how long is it valid?

An OPT (One Time Password) is a unique verification sent to the voter's registered mobile number and/or email address during the e-voting process for authentication and access to the voting system.
The OTP shall remain valid for **30 minutes** from the time it is received on the registered mobile number or email address.
If the member does not receive the OTP, they may use the option provided on the e-voting system to request a fresh OTP.

11.Can a member change their registered email address or mobile number?

YES. Members may update their registered email address and/or mobile number on or before 16th November, 2026, in accordance with the the prescribed election schedule.
Any request for changes received after 16th November, 2026 shall not be accepted, and the existing registered contact details shall be used for all election-related communications and e-voting purposes.

12.When are the Elections to the COA held, and where will the information be available?

Elections to the COA are held once every two years. The next election to fill the vacant seats on the COA of GJC are schedule to be completed before December 2026.
The election schedule, notices, and other relevant information will be made available through the official communication channels of GJC, including its website and/or email communications to members.

13.Can I contest or vote in the COA election on behalf of somebody else?

NO. The right to contest and vote in the GJC election is personal to the individual whose name is registered as a member of the GJC in respect of the concerned entity. Accordingly, only the individual registered as the member for that entity shall be entitiled to contest or vote in the GJC election. No other person, including another representative of the same entity, shall be permitted to contest or vote on their behalf.

Example: If Mr. A is registered as the member of GJC in respect of his entity viz., M/s ABC Jewellers, only Mr. A shall be entitled to contest and vote in the GJC election. Another person representing M/s. ABC Jewellers cannot exercise these rights on his behalf.

14.What are the roles and responsibilities of the GJC Secretariat?

The GJC Secretariat shall act solely as a help desk to assist members with queries relating to the election process and the online voting system.

The GJC Secretariat may provide procedural information and technical assistance to members, wherever required. However, it shall not:

- Fill in, prepare, collect or submit nomination forms on behalf of any candidate or member.
- Promote, endorse or canvass in favour of or against any candidate.
- Participate in or influence the nomination, campaigning or voting process.
- Have any direct role or involvement in the conduct, operation or management of the online voting process.

The GJC Secretariat shall remain neutral and shall perform only such administrative and facilitative functions as may be assigned to it in connection with the elections.

14.How can a member get their queries clarified?

Members may seek clarification regarding the election process or voting system through either of the following:

1. **Email :** memberships@gjc.org.in
2. **Telephone:** 022 -67382700

15.**How and where do I send the nomination form**?

Members are required to send the duly filled nomination form, duly stamped, executed and notarized affidavit-cum-indmenity bond, enrolment fee & security deposit at GJC Registered Office situated at **5A/5B, Trust House, 35, Dr. Ernest Borges Road, Parel East, Mumbai 400012** in a sealed envelope by recognized courier services on or before 26th November, 2026. Applications in sealed envelopes received after 26th November, 2026 shall be rejected. Members shall also e-mail duly filled nomination form, duly stamped, executed and notarized affidavit-cum-indmenity bond, addressed to the Returning Officer on gjcelections2026@gmail.com with proof of payment of fees and refundable security deposit. The email shall be received no later than 5.00 p.m. on or before 25th November, 2026.

16.Where will the GJC COA elections voting takes place?

The voting process for the GJC COA election will be conducted online through an e-voting platform operated by an independent and audited Election Agency. The voting portal will be separate from the GJC website. The link and other necessary details for accessing the e-voting portal will be communicated to all eligible members in due course.

17.How do I cast my vote on the e-voting portal?

GJC will share a step-by-step user manual with all eligible members in due course. The manual will explain the voting process in detail, including the steps to access the e-voting portal and cast their votes.