

Election Regulations

Regulations governing the procedures for elections for the following CWU National Delegations:

- **LABOUR PARTY CONFERENCE 2019**
- **TUC CONGRESS 2019**

1. These regulations have been approved by the CWU National Executive Council and shall govern the procedures for the National Representative positions listed in the attached appendix which form part these regulations.
2. In the elections to be conducted under these procedures, branch entitlements to nominate candidates for each election and branch entitlements to vote in each election are detailed in the attached appendices.
3. Nomination forms shall be circulated to Branches prior to the opening date for nominations. Branches wishing to nominate candidates shall be required to return the appropriate completed nomination forms to be received at union Head Office by **14:00 on 22 May 2019**. It is the responsibility of branches to ensure that nomination forms have been received at CWU HQ. Any nominations received after this date will be deemed ineligible.
4. The election arrangements shall be as follows:
 - a) Although Branches can nominate as many candidates as they wish, candidates must have the nomination of their own branch.
 - b) Nominations must have been approved by a properly constituted Branch meeting.
 - c) All members of the union including Retired Members are entitled to be nominated for the CWU delegation to the Labour Party Conference however all candidates must be members of the Labour Party.
 - d) Candidates for 1) Postal Constituency or 2) T&FS Constituency positions must be nominated by a Branch which has members in that constituency. Branches shall be entitled to nominate as many candidates as there are positions to be filled.
 - e) Separate ballots shall be conducted for NEC and Lay member positions in each constituency.
 - f) Ballots for 1) Postal and 2) TFS Constituency positions will be conducted by and from members in that constituency.
 - g) Constituency Lay member positions will reserve a minimum of places in each constituency that reflects as a minimum the proportion of women in that constituency with an underpinning of at least 1 woman Lay Member delegate per constituency.
 - h) Branches shall return the completed ballot papers by the advertised closing date on the ballot paper. It is the responsibility of Branches to ensure that ballot papers have been received at CWU. Any ballot papers received after the advertised date will not be included in the count.
 - i) Branch voting figures for the TUC positions will be based on the branch membership figures available at the time of producing the ballot paper.
 - j) Branch voting figures for the Labour Party positions will be based on the branch political levy paying membership figures available at the time of producing the ballot paper.
5. The published ballot results will include the number of votes cast for each candidate, the number of ballot papers issued, the number of ballot papers returned and the spoilt ballot papers received.

APPENDIX 1 – LABOUR PARTY CONFERENCE

Delegation

Postal

- 1 NEC Member
- 7 Lay Members (*at least 2 delegates must be women*)

T&FS

- 1 NEC Member
- 5 Lay Members (*at least 2 delegates must be women*)

Note: *Those women successful in this election will automatically be the delegates to the 2019 Labour Party Women's Conference.*

APPENDIX 2 – TUC CONGRESS

Delegation

Postal

- 1 NEC Member
- 7 Lay Members (*at least 2 delegates must be women*)

T&FS

- 1 NEC Member
- 5 Lay Members (*at least 2 delegates must be women*)

