

Greater London Labour Party Regional Rules

Clause I – Name

Greater London Labour Party (GLLP)

Clause II – Objectives

1. To work as the Labour Party in London to secure the return of Labour representatives to the Westminster and European Parliaments, regional and local government bodies.
2. The Regional Board shall be elected in alternate years by, and report to, a Regional Conference. The Regional Party will liaise with the National Executive Committee, CLPs and local branches, LCFs, Labour Groups and affiliates to promote, co-ordinate and build a political organisation and the campaigning profile of the Labour Party amongst the electorate in London and develop a London dimension to national policy, political education and campaigns.
3. To liaise and co-operate with:
 - a. The National Executive Committee (NEC) of the Labour Party
 - b. The London Group of Labour MPs
 - c. The London Group of Labour MEPs
 - d. The Labour Group of the London Assembly, Greater London Authority.
 - e. London Borough Labour Groups and the Labour Group on London Councils.
 - f. Affiliated trade unions, London TULO, the Co-operative Party, socialist societies and other allied organisations who share Labour values.
 - g. London NPF representation
4. To support and, where appropriate, to create sub-groups to co-ordinate and promote Women's, BAME, LGBT, Disability and Young Labour activities within the region.

Clause III – Regional Board

1. Membership of the Regional Board
 - a. The officers of the Regional Board shall be elected in alternate years at a Regional Conference and shall continue in office until replaced or re-elected.
 - b. The Executive Officers of the Regional Labour Party shall be the Chair and Vice Chair. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be the Regional Director of the GLLP, who is appointed by the NEC and who shall also be an Executive Officer. A minimum of one of the elected postholders will be a woman, and one shall be nominated by a CLP.
 - c. The Regional Board should also have the following functional posts elected by Regional Conference:

- (i) 8 CLP Representatives, 2 from each division – These will be elected by CLP delegates with at least one woman in each of the four sub-regions. These Divisions will be:
 - I. Division 1 – London North West
 - II. Division 2 – London South and South East
 - III. Division 3 – London North and East
 - IV. Division 4 – London Central
 - (ii) Women’s Officer) These posts
 - (iii) Ethnic Minority Officer) will be elected
 - (iv) Disability Officer) by the Regional
 - (v) LGBT Officer) Conference
 - (vi) 8 Trade Union Representatives (elected from a single constituency by Trade Union delegates)
 - (vii) London Young Labour Representative (Young members in London elect two positions by one member one vote (OMOV), the youth representative on the regional board and the regional representative on the Young Labour national committee. One of these positions is reserved for a woman and one is open which alternates with each election cycle)
 - (viii) 2 Co-Op Representatives
 - (ix) 1 Socialist Society Representative affiliated at Regional level
 - (x) 2 MP Representatives (from the London Group of Labour MPs)
 - (xi) 1 MEP Representative (London Group Leader or their nominee)
 - (xii) 2 Labour Councillor Representatives (from the London Councils Labour Group). The London representative on the ALC executive will also be invited to attend, without voting rights.
 - (xiii) Labour London Assembly (GLA) Representative (Labour Group Leader or their nominee)
 - (xiv) 2 NPF voting members of the Board.
- d. Gender representation will be in line with Party Guidance set out in the Party rules. In each section, where there is an election of more than one representative, it is required that at least 50% of the members will be women.
 - e. The Board in its role will be supported by the Regional Director and their staff.
 - f. The Regional Director will also have responsibility for the financial management of regional funds and resources as determined by the NEC of the Labour Party.

2. Key Functions of the Regional Board

- a. To maximise the participation of Party Members in all aspects of Labour Party activity
- b. To receive reports on Party organisation, development and activity in London.
- c. To maximise participation in relevant Labour Party policy and manifesto processes, including Labour’s manifesto for London Mayoral and Assembly elections, by a Regional Conference considering submissions from affiliates and CLPs.
- d. Provide a structure of reporting and dialogue for the London Group of MPs, the London Group of Labour MEPs, London Councils Labour Group, the Labour Group of the London Assembly and the London Mayoral Candidate and when relevant, the Mayor of London.

- e. Maintain an appeals panel, which may include members who are not members of the Regional Board, by explicit decision of the Regional Board, to hear appeals against the withdrawal of the whip by a Labour Group, and appeals against exclusion from the panel of local government candidates.
 - f. Participate in selection processes as required by the Rule Book and relevant NEC guidelines.
 - g. Promote and maintain dialogue with Trade Union Affiliates, Socialist Societies and the Co-operative Party.
 - h. To set up sub groups or working parties to deal with specific issues as appropriate.
3. Meetings of the Regional Board
- The Regional Board will meet a minimum of four times per year, excluding any meetings at the Regional Conference. Special meetings may be convened by the Chair or not less than ten members of the Board, or at a full meeting of the Regional Board.

Clause IV - Regional Conference

1. The regional conference will take place each year to deal with party business. The Regional Board will be elected as above in alternative years. The CAC will organise the conference in line with the priorities set by the Regional Board.
2. A delegation fee will be charged at an amount as may be decided by the Regional Board. Such fees should be paid to the Regional Office before credentials are issued.
3. Only accredited delegates shall be entitled to attend and vote at the Regional Conference on presentation of their credentials.
4. The Board will appoint a Conference Arrangements Committee (CAC) to organise the Regional Conference. It will reflect the balance of representatives from CLPs, Trade Unions, and the Co-operative Party. There will be no fewer than four members of the CAC.
5. The duties of the CAC shall be:
 - a. To draw up the agenda for the Regional Conference, subject to the Conference's approval
 - b. To act as the standing orders committee
 - c. To select scrutineers and tellers as may be required from among the delegates and submit them for approval to the Regional Conference.
 - d. Following the submission of motions, the CAC will propose a timetable for the conference. The timetable will allow CLP's, Affiliates, the Co Operative Party and other Socialist societies to submit motions related to London issues to the Regional conference. The timetable should allow sufficient time for a compositing process. The CAC will recommend motions to the regional conference. This will be based on the conference agenda which may include a balance of key speakers, reports and questions along with adequate time for

regional conference debates and appropriate time to hear contributions from the floor.

6. Qualification of Delegates

- a. Every delegate must be an individual and fully paid-up member of the Party.
- b. Delegates must be bona-fide members of the organisation appointing them and resident within the London region except that:
 - I. organisations can be represented by paid permanent officials
 - II. CLPs may be represented by their Labour Member of Parliament or endorsed parliamentary candidate.
- c. No delegate shall act for more than one organisation.
- d. Members of Parliament not members of the Parliamentary Labour Party are ineligible as delegates. Assembly Members not members of the Assembly Labour Group are ineligible as delegates.
- e. Persons acting as candidates or supporting candidates in opposition to endorsed candidates are also ineligible to act as delegates.

7. Ex-officio members of the Regional Conference are as follows and on payment of the appropriate fee:

- a. Members of the NEC
- b. Members of the Regional Board
- c. Members of the London Group of the PLP.
- d. Members of the EPLP representing London
- e. London local government group leaders and Executive Mayors within London.
- f. NEC endorsed prospective parliamentary candidates for Westminster and European elections.
- g. The London Mayoral Candidate and when relevant, the Mayor of London and London Assembly Members and candidates for the London Assembly.
- h. Chairs and Secretaries of borough Local Campaign Forums (LCFs)
- i. London NPF representatives

8. Visitors, who may be members or Affiliated Supporters, on payment of the appropriate fee and subject to the limitations of the venue, will be eligible to attend Regional Conference without speaking or voting rights.

Clause V – Affiliated Organisations

1. Affiliated Organisations shall consist of:

- a. Constituency Labour Parties organised in each parliamentary constituency within London.
- b. Regional and district bodies of those trade unions affiliated to the Party nationally
- c. Regional organisations of those socialist societies affiliated to the Party nationally
- d. Regional organisation of the Co-operative Party

2. Each affiliated organisation must accept the programme, principles and policy of the Party and agree to conform to the constitution and rules of the Labour Party and of London Labour.
3. Affiliated Organisation Fees
 - a. Constituency Parties will be levied at £350 per 1000 members or part thereof. Any increases will be uplifted annually in line with the rate of inflation, as measured in the October of the previous year. The Regional Director may also propose variations to the Regional Board.
 - b. Trade Union affiliates, socialist societies and the Co-operative Party will be levied at £140 per 1000 or part of. Any increases will take place annually and will be based on the rate of inflation in the October of the previous year. The Regional Director may also propose variations to the Regional Board.
 - c. As appropriate the London Labour Party will levy fees on constituency parties at the time of Mayoral and Assembly elections. The fee will be determined in consultation with the Regional Board.

Clause VI – London Mayoral and GLA Candidates

- A. The party's London Mayoral candidate and GLA candidates shall be selected in accordance with the rules for selection approved by the NEC following discussion with the Regional Board.
- B. For the purposes of the London Assembly and Mayor the Regional Board shall act as the LCF in raising matters concerning their work.

Clause VII – European Election Candidates

- A. European Election candidates shall be selected in accordance with the rules for selection of MEPs as approved by the NEC.
- B. The Regional Board will undertake the role of the European Constituency Labour Party on matters concerning the work of the London Labour MEP Group.

Clause VIII – Amendments to the Rules

Any amendments to these rules shall be made in line with the provisions regarding the determination of rules for Regional Boards as set out in Chapter 9 of the Rule Book and are subject to NEC approval. Any party unit or affiliate can propose any amendment to the Regional Conference or submit an amendment for consideration by the Regional Board at any time.