**Chelsea Supporters Trust**

**2023/24 Board Election’s Nomination Form**

Candidate Details.

Full Name:……………………………………………………………………………………

Address:………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………...

Contact Telephone Number:…………………………………………………………………………

Contact Email Address:………………………………………………………………………………

Date of Birth:…………………………………………………………………..

I, the above named candidate, confirm that I fulfil the eligibility criteria set out in the election notification and agree to abide by the terms and the spirit of the Chelsea Supporters Trust election rules and board membership policy.

Signed:…………………………………………………….

Date:…………………………………………………………

Nominated by (one nomination required):

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| Name | Email address | Signed | Date |
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Please write between a maximum of 800 words below which will be published as your Candidate Manifesto and circulated with ballot papers.

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2023/24 Chelsea Supporters Trust Board Election’s Nomination Form Guidance

Every eligible Chelsea Supporters Trust (CST) member has the opportunity to stand for election to the CST Board. They must be:

1) Aged 18 years and over and a member of the Trust on the date the nomination form is submitted.

2) Willing and able to attend, **in person**, regular Board meetings and to take responsibility for subgroups as agreed by the Board. Such meetings will normally be in the **central London area**.

3) Willing and able to contribute constructively and positively to achieve the aims of the Trust and work in the best interests of the community.

4) Able to get one other fully paid-up Trust member to nominate them (on the form). As this form is to be emailed, giving the email address of the nominator is sufficient.

5) An independent Election Management Group (EMG) will oversee the election process. The Chair of the EMG is Clayton Beerman. Should you have any issues with the way the election is run please contact him via email at secretary@chelseasupporterstrust.com.

6) Nominees are asked to produce an election manifesto of no more than eight hundred (800) words either on this form or on a separate sheet of paper. Members of the EMG will retype all manifestos received, check them for accuracy against the originals, and distribute them to all CST members in advance of the election.

7) The election manifesto should describe why you feel you should be elected.

8) The election manifesto must not exceed 800 words and if possible should be typed or word-processed. The number of words counted shall be decided using Microsoft Word. Any manifesto longer than 800 words shall be truncated and the following will be added: ‘The candidate’s manifesto has exceeded the permitted eight hundred words and has therefore been truncated’.

9) The election manifesto must not include threats, insults, derogatory, abusive, racist, sexist or homophobic remarks or references to other candidates. Any comments deemed to fall under the above will be removed and the following comment added: ‘The candidate’s manifesto contained abusive language and has therefore been truncated’.

10) The EMG will disallow inappropriate use of acronyms, pseudonyms and slang.

11) The election manifesto, and clarifications regarding the manifesto, will serve to be a candidate’s only means of campaigning throughout the process. This means that candidates may not engage in any other form of campaigning, nor may another campaign on their behalf. It is not permitted for a candidate to campaign, or engage about the election, on social media. Any candidate who does not abide by this rule will be liable to disqualification from the elections.

12) In agreeing to be nominated, you agree to indemnify the Trust for the cost of meeting any liability of the Trust that may arise as a result of the contents of your statement.

13) For further detail of the Trust Board election policy, please contact Clayton Beerman via email.

Please send completed Nomination Forms via email to secretary@chelseasupporterstrust.com.

**The closing date for nominations is Friday 6th October 2023 at 2300GMT. Nomination forms received after this time will not be accepted.**