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**NOMINATION AND ELECTION RULES  
OF  
THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF KENYA  
&  
CODE OF CONDUCT OF  
THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF KENYA (CPK)**



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## **NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS RULES OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF KENYA**

### **A. GENERAL RULE ON NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS**

All nominations and elections of the Party shall be guided by the Constitution of the Party; Constitution of Kenya and particularly chapter six; Political Parties Act of 2011; Elections Act of 2011 and other relevant Kenyan laws and rules.

### **B. INTERNAL PARTY ELECTIONS**

1. Elections shall be held after every two and a half years for cells and County Committees, and once every five years for the Central Committee at the National Congress. There are no term limits for service in the Party;

2. Nominations of persons for elections shall be done to the outgoing office fourteen days before the elections are held. Nominations from the floor of the National Congress shall be done if supported by at least one third of members present;

3. Elections and any voting stipulated in this constitution shall be by secret ballot;

4. Cell elections shall be overseen by officials from another cell. Central Committee elections shall be overseen by members proposed by the National Congress;

5. Only fully paid up members are eligible for nominations.

### **C. NATIONAL ELECTIONS**

#### **PROCEDURE FOR NOMINATION OF PARTY CANDIDATES IN NATIONAL ELECTIONS**

1. Party Members shall, through the specified party organs as provided in the constitution of the Party, have the right to participate in the selection of candidates for all elective public posts;

2. The Central Committee will set Nomination Regulations governing the nomination of Party candidates for each election which regulations shall give effect to clause (1) above;

3. The Central Committee will receive, appraise and decide on the applications made by members for nomination to contest for elective public offices. In implementing this clause, the Central Committee shall seek the views of relevant branches of the Party;





4. In case two or more persons apply to vie for the same elective public position as County Representative, Women Representative, Member of Parliament, Governor or President, the persons shall be selected through nomination elections;

5. The Central Committee shall make rules to effect (4) above;2

6. Any person aggrieved by any decision relating to the nomination of candidates for any elective body or an appointment made under these Rules may challenge the decision in the manner provided in Part F of these rules

#### **D. RULES FOR NOMINATIONS OF PARTY CANDIDATES IN NATIONAL ELECTIONS**

To be eligible to vie for any elective position in the Communist of Kenya through the CPK a person must adhere to the following rules:

- (1) He/she must apply through CPK's grassroots branches to the Central Committee;
- (2) Where application through the grassroots branches is not possible, a person shall apply directly to the Central Committee;
- (3) The application in (1) and (2) above must be accompanied by the required non-refundable fees;
- (4) The Central Committee shall accept or reject the application of (1) above;
- (5) He/she must be a fully paid up member of the Communist Party of Kenya (CPK);
- (6) He/she must convince the Party organs that he/she has read, understood and accepted the Constitution and Manifesto of the Party;
- (7) He/she must read, accept and sign the Code of Conduct of the Party;
- (8) He/she must read, accept and sign the monthly fees commitment form for candidates provided by the Party;
- (9) He/she must pay all nomination fees required by the Party;
- (10) He/she must meet the requirements of the Constitution of Kenya, the Political Parties Act of 2011, the Elections Act of 2011 and any legal requirements established by Parliament concerning eligibility to elective positions in the country.





(11) The Central Committee may decide to give direct nominations to applicants to stand for national public offices. Such direct nominations will not be subjected to nomination elections.

#### **E. RULES FOR APPOINTMENT TO PARTY NOMINATION LISTS**

**To be eligible for appointment to CPK Party nomination lists for the County Assemblies, the National Assembly and the Senate, the following guidelines shall be used;**

- (1) He/she must be a fully paid up member of the Communist Party of Kenya
- (2) The most active and ideologically grounded Party members shall be given first priority;
- (3) He/she must read, accept and sign the monthly fees commitment form for candidates provided by the Party;
- (4) He/she must meet the requirements of the Constitution of Kenya and any legal requirements established by Parliament concerning eligibility for nomination in the Party list positions in the country.
- (5) The decision of the Central Committee shall be final;
- (6) The Central Committee will set Nomination Rules for the appointment of nominated members to the African Parliament, the East Africa Legislative Assembly and legislative organs of any other regional or international organization.

#### **F. NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS APPEALS TRIBUNAL**

1. The Nominations, Elections and Appointments Tribunal shall consist of five members appointed by the Central Committee and shall act under nominations and elections rules of CPK. It shall hear and determine the following disputes:

- a) Nomination of candidates to party, civic, parliamentary, county, presidential and all public elections;
- b) Nomination or appointment of persons to any body or authority as may be required under the law or any other instrument.

2. The Nominations, Elections and Appointments Appeals Tribunal shall ensure that the Party, its members and officials respect and comply with the Party's constitution, manifesto, code of conduct and nominations and elections rules and also as provided by any law regarding elections in the country including the Constitution of Kenya, Political Parties Act of 2011 and Elections Act of 2011.

3. The Nominations, Elections and Appointments Appeals Tribunal may recommend to the Central Committee any amendments to the rules and regulations necessary for the holding of free and fair elections and in making any appointments.





## CODE OF CONDUCT OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF KENYA (CPK)

1. Members of CPK shall always, in words and deeds, struggle for a humane society based on social justice and equality without any form of exploitation or oppression of person by person.
2. Members of CPK shall at all times, in words and deeds, uphold the spirit internationalism, of comradeship, unity and solidarity among all the working and oppressed people of the world.
3. Members of CPK shall at all times and everywhere bear true allegiance and project a positive image of the party, its policies and ideology. They shall strive to study, understand and propagate the manifesto, constitution and all policies of the party.
4. Members of CPK shall strive at all times to educate themselves, their families and other members about progressive and revolutionary ideas, socialism.
5. Members of CPK shall work hard at all times to disseminate progressive, revolutionary and socialist ideas in the country and the world.
6. Members of CPK shall everywhere and at all times, in words and deeds, identify with the cause of the liberation of the marginalised, exploited and oppressed people and all just struggles.
7. Members of CPK shall not practise, advocate or tolerate tribalism, racism, sexism, nepotism, cronyism, xenophobia or any form of discrimination against other persons.
8. Members of CPK shall always and tirelessly fight against corruption and all its manifestations; they shall be guardians of justice and custodians of public property and living examples of patriotism and socialist morality.
9. Members of CPK shall not deceive the people with false promises, populism, and cheap propaganda or buy their support with money or things.
10. Members of CPK shall tell the truth to each other, even when it is uncomfortable to do so, i.e., they shall engage in self-criticism and constructive criticism of other members, the party and its leadership.
11. Members of CPK shall not falsely accuse or bear false witness against each other or other persons; they shall be paragons of truth and honesty.
12. Members of CPK shall promote the spirit of mutual respect, tolerance, friendship and comradeship with one another and will not conduct themselves in a manner inimical to the unity and progress of the party.
13. All members of CPK organs shall be bound, whilst members of those organs, to the principles of Democratic Centralism, i.e., internal democracy with collective discipline and responsibility.





14. Members of CPK shall carry out party assignments efficiently, promptly and in a transparent and a countable manner.

15. Members of CPK shall not reveal the secrets of the party to non-members even after they leave the party. They shall not talk to non-members or the press about the internal affairs of the party other than the party's target image, media strategy and issues which it has been agreed can be discussed.

16. Members of CPK shall avoid any conduct at public, social and personal level, which is likely to embarrass or compromise the ideology, image, aims and objectives of the party and its members.

I, .....of P.O. Box ..... and ID number..... hereby commit myself to this Code of Conduct.

Signature ..... Date ..... Place .....



