

The TLS Electoral Committee Election Campaigns Guidelines

The Tanganyika Law Society Electoral Committee (TLS EC)

Guidelines on Conduct of Election Campaigns.

1.0 Background to the Guidelines.

These guidelines are being issued in line with, and have taken into consideration the relevant provisions of the TLS Act, Elections Regulations and the past election campaign challenges.

2.0 The need for and purpose of Guidelines.

The purpose of these Guidelines is to sustain and ensure fairness, equality, level playing field, mutual understanding and tolerance among candidates and guarantee peace and tranquility in the conduct of election campaign.

The main areas of focus are:

- a) Ethics for Electoral Candidates
- b) Ethics for the TLS Electoral Committee

3.0 Ethics for Electoral Candidates

The following acts **ought to be done** by candidates during campaigning:

3.1 All should respect the right of other candidates to exist and to conduct campaigns.

3.2 All should adhere to election campaign schedule laid out by the TLS EC for the conduct of election campaigns.

3.3 Election campaign meetings should be conducted between 08:00am and 18:30pm.

3.4 Campaign material and publications should be vetted by the TLS EC.

3.5 Not to bribe, pay cash or give gifts and other tangible assets to voters and Committee.

3.6 Not to coerce or offer money or other incentives to influence the vote for or against a party or candidate, or to encourage a voter not to cast a vote.

3.7 Candidates should use the procedures and modalities laid out by the TCRA when using social media.

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- 3.8 Not to issue officially or anonymously, or distribute via the Internet, disks, other methods and sources of information dissemination, advocacy and information materials that contain threats of violence or incite violence, slander or insult honour or dignity.
- 3.9 Candidates must make plans for educating and supervising supporters to avoid breaches of the peace.
- 3.10 Candidates and their supporters should respect the environment when posting or distributing campaign materials.
- 3.11 Campaign meetings should be peaceful and without religious, tribal, gender, ethnic or sexual discrimination. They should be conducted in Kiswahili or in English, where appropriate.
- 3.12 Candidates should not use religious sites for campaign meetings or solicit religious leaders to campaign on their behalf.
- 3.13 Campaign meetings should be used to publicize policy and not to foment hatred, confrontation or division amongst TLS Members.

The following acts **ought not to be done** by candidates and supporters during campaigning:

- 3.14 People should not cause chaos or disorder at the meetings of others.
- 3.15 Language which is abusive, defamatory, inflammatory, belittling, threatening or that incites disorder or violence should not be used.
- 3.16 No statues or caricatures intended to ridicule, revile or scandalize should be carried at campaign events.
- 3.17 The media should not be used to defame others.
- 3.18 Campaign materials of others should not be defaced, removed or destroyed.
- 3.19 Nothing should be posted on private property without the express, prior consent of the owners.

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In regards to voting and the announcement of election results:

- 3.20 All shall cooperate at “polling points/stations” to facilitate voting and maintain tranquility.
- 3.21 Candidates must educate their supporter to leave polling points/stations after voting to avoid crowding, violence or breach of peace.
- 3.22 Candidates’ agents, subject to TLS EC directives, may accompany ballot boxes to addition points.
- 3.23 All must adhere to and implement directives issued by the TLS EC to respect the election results.
- 3.24 Complaints against elections results should be directed to the relevant authority in accordance with the laid down procedures.
- 3.25 No campaigning shall be undertaken on ELECTION DAY.
- 3.26 People should refrain from all acts that could cause chaos or commotion at polling points/stations or counting and addition centers.

4.0 Ethics for the TLS Electoral Committee.

The TLS EC is responsible for planning, supervising and conducting elections that are free and fair and should:

- 4.1 Ensure compliance with the TLS Act and election regulations.
- 4.2 Make election timetables and notices available beforehand.
- 4.3 Involve candidates at every stage of the electoral process.
- 4.4 Issue timely directives and guidelines.
- 4.5 Rebuke acts by anyone that may jeopardize the elections.
- 4.6 Ensure compliance by the candidates with TCRA regulations on the use of social media.

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4.7 Conduct elections transparently and professionally.

The TLS EC should not:

4.8 Favour any candidate

4.9 Change election timetable and schedule unilaterally.

4.10 Delay declaration of the election results unnecessarily.

After the elections candidates:

4.11 To accept the outcome of an election that has been certified.

4.12 If challenging the election results based on evidence, not to launch personal insults at opponents and members of TLS Election Committee.

4.13 Not to abuse the right to appeal and not to file frivolous complaints.

5.0 Non-Compliance.

In accordance with Regulation 32 (4) of the Tanganyika Law Society (Elections) Regulations GN 598 of 2022, the Electoral Committee may disqualify any candidate who violates the Elections Regulations.

Issued on this 20th day of March, 2023 on behalf of the Electoral Committee.



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