



Islamic Republic of Afghanistan
Independent Election Commission

Code of Conduct for Candidates

This code of conduct has been codified under Articles 78 and 79 of the Electoral Law to regulate participation and activities of candidates in different electoral processes. Criteria and principles specified in this code of conduct shall regulate the activities of candidates in all electoral processes.

While doing their electoral activities, candidates who have signed this code of conduct are obliged to observe, in addition to the Constitution, the Electoral Law, the Mass Media Law, and other enforced laws in the country, regulations, procedures, guidelines, this code of conduct and other ratified decisions of the Independent Election Commission.

Considering the abovementioned issues,

I,.....as a candidate for
.....election pledge that:

1. I shall respect the rights and freedoms of all candidates.
2. I shall conduct my electoral campaign preserving and respecting the rights of candidates, voters, other political parties, reporters, and observers.
3. I shall respect private properties and attain agreement of their owners prior to installing, drawing and or placing any campaign materials on the properties or to using such properties for electoral campaign.
4. I shall not cause road blockade by conducting electoral campaign programs.
5. I shall respect freedom of media
6. I shall avoid removing, damaging or destroying campaign materials of other candidates and political parties and shall respect the right of others to promote their points of view.
7. I shall cooperate with the Independent Election Commission, related commissions and the Independent Electoral Complaint Commission in holding transparent, free and fair elections.

8. I shall cooperate with Independent Election Commission, related commissions, and Independent Electoral Complaint Commission in official investigations of complaints or allegations of violation of the Electoral Law, regulations, guidelines, this code of conduct, and decisions of the IEC.
9. I shall cooperate with the electoral staff, accredited agents of candidates, journalists, reporters and observers.
10. I shall respect the secrecy of vote.
11. I shall not use force or other illegal means to direct the public's votes.
12. I shall not interfere in the work of electoral staff and shall not interrupt the electoral processes.
13. I shall avoid misusing the right to complaint, filing inaccurate complaints and complaining about baseless and unimportant issues.
14. I shall inform myself of the Electoral Law, regulations, relevant electoral codes of conducts and procedures and act accordingly.
15. I shall do my best to prevent my supporters from any action which if occurred, would be in contradiction with the laws, electoral regulations, procedures, provisions of this code of conduct and decisions of the IEC.
16. I shall not disturb the public, journalists and reporters and shall not interrupt the electoral programs of other candidates and political parties.
17. I shall not use social diversities such as ethnicity, race, religion, language, gender and others for my electoral campaign.
18. I shall not prevent other candidates and political parties to distribute and publicize their campaign materials.
19. I shall not impede sessions, rallies, peaceful demonstrations, and other gatherings conducted by candidates and political parties.
20. I shall not prevent people to participate in the gatherings organized by other candidates and parties.
21. I shall not, during my campaign, draw, publicize or publish cartoons of other candidates to ridicule them or to use indecent words against them and shall not spread propaganda against them.
22. I shall do my best to prevent my supporters from violating this code of conduct.
23. I shall design my campaign materials and the contents of my speeches and messages in a way to promote a peaceful environment and shall abstain from publishing and spreading materials which would be provocative and irritating for the public.
24. I shall abstain from traducing, incendiary and inciting comments.
25. I shall not use symbols, logos, and slogans that are similar to the symbols and signs of the Independent Election Commission, Independent Electoral Complaint Commission and other candidates.

- 26.I shall formulate guidelines for my campaign team, administrative staff and supporters to prevent them from using violence and force during various phases of election.
- 27.I shall conduct programs to inform my campaign team, administrative staff and supporters to counter violence and avoid using force.
- 28.I shall abstain from carrying any type of weaponry in all polling centers.
- 29.I shall abstain from offering any monetary or in kind rewards or promising to offer such rewards for voters in order to direct their right to elect.
- 30.I shall abstain from encouraging or offering monetary and non-monetary rewards to an individual in order to make him/her participate in the election as a candidate or withdraw from his/her candidacy.
- 31.I shall avoid receiving illegal assistance from electoral staff through paying them bribe or promising to offer them any rewards.
- 32.I shall abstain from accepting monetary or in-kind contribution from foreign or domestic illegal sources.
- 33.I shall file complaints with the relevant legal authorities using the Complaints Form.
- 34.I shall accept the decisions of the Independent Election Commission and the decision making authorities in relation to complaints and shall act accordingly.
- 35.I shall accept the certified results of election.

Signature:

Place:

Date: