

**Islamic Republic of Afghanistan  
Independent Election Commission**

*Unofficial translation*

**Code of Conduct for Candidates in the 2019 Elections**

This code of conduct has been enacted pursuant to the provisions of articles 105 and 108 of the Election Law to regulate the participation and activities of candidates during the various electoral processes. The criteria and principles set forth in this code of conduct regulate activities of candidates in all the electoral processes.

In addition to the Constitution, the candidates are obliged to observe the Election Law, the Mass Media Law and other effective laws of the country, the regulations, procedures, guidelines, this code of conduct and other decisions of the IEC, during all the electoral activities.

Given this, I ..... as a candidate in ..... elections, of ..... (constituency),  
pledge to:

1. Carry out my campaign with due consideration to the rights of electoral staff, candidates, voters, political parties, monitors, observers and reporters;
2. Respect the ownership of persons and seek the consent of the owner before installing, writing, drawing or putting promotional material on the private property or use of such property for campaign activities;
3. Assign my monitors only to monitor the PCs and PSs which are specified on their ID. My monitors will not misuse the monitoring ID Card and does not transfer it to any other person.
4. The monitors assigned by me, seriously abide by the temporary time and place restrictions imposed by the electoral officials inside the electoral locations to prevent crowd of monitors, irregularity and slowing of the process;
5. Avoid using glue for installing campaign materials and during the silence period will remove my campaign material from within 100 meters distance of PCs. Also, will collect all of my campaign materials after the elections;
6. Refrain from removing, defacing or damaging promotional materials of other candidates or political parties;
7. Conduct my campaign events according to provisions of the applicable law, regulations and procedures and void blocking roads by carrying out campaign events;
8. Avoid using children in electoral gatherings;
9. Respect the secrecy of vote and freedom of media;
10. Cooperate with the IEC, the ECC and the Media Committee of the Commission in conducting universal, transparent, free and fair elections;
11. Make myself aware of and act according to the Election Law, and relevant regulations, codes of conduct and the electoral procedures and will act accordingly;
12. Cooperate with the IEC, the ECC and the Media Committee of the Commission regarding investigation of complaints or charges in relation to breach of the Election Law and the applicable regulations, procedures, guidelines, this code of conduct and decisions of the IEC;

13. Considering the principles of accuracy, precision and completeness, prepare and submit my campaign finance reports to the relevant authority within the due time and according to the relevant procedures;
14. Avoid taking any action regarding the vote of people using force and/or other illegal means;
15. Avoid interfering with the work of the electoral personnel and causing disruption of electoral processes;
16. Refrain from filing incorrect complaint and complain regarding baseless and trivial matters;
17. Seek to prevent my supporters from such acts and movements that are in contradiction with the electoral laws and rules, procedures, this code of conduct and decisions of the IEC and will be accountable in case of breach of provisions of the law;
18. Avoid committing any act in campaign that causes social splits, such as issues related to ethnicity, religion, language, region, gender, etc.;
19. Refrain from preventing the distribution and dissemination of campaign leaflets, organizing meetings, gatherings, peaceful demonstrations and other gatherings of other political parties and candidates;
20. Refrain from preventing the participation of individuals in gatherings of other candidates and political parties;
21. Avoid during elections publishing cartoons and caricatures of other candidates for derision and insulting purposes and avoid spreading gossips against them;
22. Refrain from expressing defamatory, instigative and provocative views during campaign;
23. Refrain from using the symbols, signs and mottos that are similar to symbol and signs of the IEC, the ECC, government agencies and other candidates;
24. Issue instructions to my campaign team, administrative staff and supporters to avoid using force and violence in the various phases of elections and will monitor observance of such instructions;
25. Refrain from bearing all types of weapons in all electoral centers;
26. Refrain from persuading or giving cash or non-cash privileges to individuals to make them participate in elections as candidate or withdraw their candidacy;
27. Refrain from obtaining the illegal support of the electoral staff through intimidation, paying bribes or promising privileges;
28. Refrain from accepting cash or in-kind support from foreign sources or illegal internal sources;
29. File the complaints with the relevant legal authorities using the Complaint Form;
30. Accept the decisions of the IEC and the competent authorities regarding the electoral complaints and will act accordingly; and
31. Accept the certified results of elections.

Signature: .....

Place: .....

Date: //