

PFF VETTING & SELECTION GUIDELINES FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT FLAG BEARERS IN THE 2026 GENERAL ELECTIONS.

A. REQUIREMENTS

A person shall qualify to contest as the party's flagbearer for the position of Sub County Chairperson, Town Council Mayor, Division Chairperson, LC3&5 Councilor upon fulfillment of the requirements below;

- (1) The person must be a valid Party card-holding member.
- (2) A citizen of Uganda
- (3) Must be a registered voter.
- (4) Must be eighteen (18) years of age or above
- (5) Must be proposed by 1 Party member and seconded by 5 members of the party from the electoral area of interest.

A person is not qualified for election as an LC3 Chairperson, Town Council Mayor, Division Chairperson, LC3&5 Councilor if that person-

- (1) is of unsound mind;
- (2) is holding or acting in an office the functions of which involve a responsibility for or in connection with the conduct of an election
- (3) is a traditional or cultural leader as defined in clause (6) of article 246 of the Constitution of the Republic of Uganda.
- (4) is under a sentence of death or a sentence of imprisonment exceeding nine months imposed by any competent court without the option of a fine;
- (5) a public officer or a person employed in any government department or agency of the government or an employee of a local government or anybody in which the government has controlling interest, who wishes to stand for election as a candidate.

B. PROCEDURE OF NOMINATION

- Any person interested in contesting for any of the above-mentioned positions shall pick a nomination form from the Party District Office in accordance with the party electoral roadmap.
- A non-refundable fee will be paid upon return of the nomination forms.
 - a) Sub County Chairperson UGX 25,000 (Twenty-five thousand shillings only)
 - b) Town Council Mayor UGX 25,000 (Twenty-five thousand shillings only)
 - c) LC3 Councilor UGX10,000 (Ten thousand shillings only)
 - d) LC5 Councilor UGX 25,000 (Twenty five thousand shillings only)
 - e) Division Chairperson 25,000 (Twenty five thousand shillings only)
- The nomination form shall be filled by the aspirant who shall be proposed by one party member and seconded by five (5) party members.

- Filled nomination forms shall be returned to the Electoral commission desk at the party headquarter and or district office in accordance with the party electoral roadmap.
- An aspirant will be declared a party flagbearer in the respective position of interest in case he or she is unopposed at the closure of nominations.
- Where two (2) or more aspirants have expressed interest, the party electoral commission shall encourage the aspirants to build consensus and where consensus fails the aspirants will be subjected to a vetting and selections process.
- Successful candidates will sign an undertaking and / or commitment with the party to make a monthly financial contribution as will be determined by the Cabinet.

C, CRITERIA

1. The criteria for selecting a party candidate shall be by way of consensus building and/or vetting.
2. The vetting process shall be managed by the District Electoral Committee.
3. The vetting & selections process will be guided by the following;
 - a. Having credentials in line with section (A) above.
 - b. The aspirant's leadership experience.
 - c. Proof of contribution and commitment towards the struggle for change in Uganda.
 - d. The ability of the aspirant to ably express him/herself in line with the leadership requirement of the position of interest.
 - e. Candidate's popularity in the electoral area of interest based on a survey carried out by the party's electoral commission.
 - f. A candidate must demonstrate ideological commitment to PFF's values (Freedom, Constitutionalism, Human Rights, etc.)
 - g. Personal integrity: no involvement in corruption, abuse of office and must be of good standing in their community.
 - h. The candidate's physical and mental ability to withstand the pressures of campaign, leadership and possible persecution.
4. The successful candidate shall be determined by simple majority points scored.
5. The duly vetted party candidate will be issued a certificate declaring him or her as the official party candidate for the position of interest.
6. The presiding officer of the vetting and selections committee shall take safe custody of the results and transmit them to the party Headquarters.
7. A candidate who is dissatisfied with the process and or the subsequent outcome can contest the results immediately, in any case not beyond 48 hours after declaration of results. The candidate will lodge his dissatisfaction to the Party's National Electoral Commission.
8. Where an aspirant is not satisfied by the decision of the District Electoral Committee, an appeal can be lodged with the Party National Electoral Commission.
9. Appeals must be heard and disposed off within 72 hours upon receipt.

D. CODE OF CONDUCT:

- (1) Members of the Party shall be expected to behave in a manner that promotes the Party interest
- (2) During the campaigns, members are required to uphold the principle of Oneness in the struggle for freedom for all.
- (3) Use of money for purposes of winning the selection process is prohibited.
- (4) Abusive language, mudslinging, hate campaign and intimidation by a candidate and or his agents will not be entertained in the Party Selection process. Candidates should control the conduct of their agents and take all necessary steps to ensure that party principles are upheld.
- (5) No member of the witnessing audience will be permitted to wear any clothing or other item that bears a portrait of or any message in support of a particular candidate at the vetting station.
- (6) The presiding committee will take audio, video and written recordings of the process to enable a free and fair arrival to the selection of the most successful candidate.

E. PETITIONS

- (1) If a result is challenged, the records will be reviewed in an open and transparent manner.
- (2) Any process that deviates from these guidelines may be challenged.
- (3) Any process that deviates from these guidelines may be judged in the following criteria:
 - (i) Was the process free and fair in the circumstances?
 - (ii) Was the process as inclusive as possible?
 - (iii) Was the process in the interest of the Party?

