

**PFF VETTING & SELECTION GUIDELINES FOR PRESIDENTIAL,
PARLIAMENTARY, CITY MAYOR, DISTRICT CHAIRPERSON, &
MUNICIPALITY/CITY DIVISION MAYOR FLAG BEARERS IN THE 2026
GENERAL ELECTIONS.**

A. REQUIREMENTS

A person shall qualify to contest as the party's candidate upon fulfillment of the requirements below;

- (1) The person must be a valid Party card-holding member.
- (2) A citizen of Uganda. In the case of the presidential flag bearer must be a citizen by birth.
- (3) Must be a registered voter.
- (4) Has completed a minimum formal education of Advanced Level standard or its equivalent verified by Uganda National Examinations Board (UNEB)
- (5) Must be eighteen (18) years and above
- (6) 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 a President, a member of parliament or LCV Chairperson, City mayor 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) has been adjudged or otherwise declared bankrupt under any law in force in Uganda and has not been discharged;
- (5) 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;
- (6) has, within the seven years immediately preceding the election, been convicted by a competent court of a crime involving dishonesty or moral turpitude;
- (7) has, within the seven years immediately preceding the election, been convicted by a competent court for contravention of any law relating to elections conducted by the Commission.
- (8) 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's National Electoral Commission desk at the party headquarters or district office in accordance with the party electoral roadmap.
- A non- refundable fee will be paid upon return of the nomination forms.

- a) Presidential Candidates 2,500,000 (Two Million five hundred thousand shillings only)
 - b) Parliamentary 500,000 (Five hundred thousand shillings only)
 - c) City Mayor- KCCA 500,000 (Five hundred thousand shillings only)
 - d) City Division Mayors - KCCA 500,000 (Five hundred thousand shillings only)
 - e) District Chairperson, City Mayors, other City Division & Municipality Mayor Candidates 250,000 (Two Hundred Fifty 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 Party National Electoral Commission desk at the Party headquarter and or District office in accordance with the party electoral roadmap.
 - The aspirant shall attach a detailed **Resume**.
 - 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 Party National Electoral Commission.
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 may contest the results immediately, in any case not beyond 48 hours after declaration of results. The candidate may lodge his dissatisfaction to the party's electoral commission.
8. Where an aspirant is not satisfied by the decision of the Party Electoral Commission, an appeal can be lodged with the Council of Eminent Persons
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 vetting and 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:
 - a) Was the process free and fair in the circumstances?
 - b) Was the process as inclusive as possible?
 - c) Was the process in the interest of the Party?