

TANZANIA OLYMPIC COMMITTEE



TOC ELECTORAL CODE

**ELECTORAL CODE OF
TANZANIA OLYMPIC COMMITTEE
(TOC)**

(Made Under Article 15.2 of TOC Constitution)



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A: PREAMBLE (PRELIMINARY REMARKS)

Whereas TOC recognizes the necessity of a clear electoral procedure that, among other components shall include:

- (a) internal electoral regulations of the Committee;
- (b) the invitation for candidatures;
- (c) the examination of candidatures;
- (d) appeals;
- (e) the publication of the official list of candidates;
- (f) the organization in technical and logistical terms of elections which includes but not limited to organization of the elective general assembly, list of voters, ballot papers, voting urn, count of votes, minutes.
- (g) the circulation of general information about the election among its members and TOC stakeholders.

And being aware of the necessity to perfect the procedure so as to ensure that its elections are transparent and democratic, the following Electoral Regulations are adopted.



B: GENERAL REMARKS

Article 1 Scope of Application

This code is applicable to presidential elections, the Vice President and members of the executive committee of the Tanzania Olympic Committee (hereinafter referred to as TOC as shall be provided by the Constitution of TOC).

Article 2 Principles, obligations and rights of parties, government interference

1. The Democratic principles of separation of powers, transparency and publicizing of the electoral processes of the TOC must be observed without exception.
2. Government interference of any kind in the electoral process or composition of the elective body of the TOC shall not be permitted. Consequently, government rules on elections shall not apply to the elected internal bodies of the TOC and the electoral rules of the TOC shall not require the approval of any government body.
3. The TOC shall inform IOC of the commencement of the TOC elections and its electoral rules at one month's notice.
4. Unless this code states otherwise, the elected leadership of the TOC shall continue to exercise their functions until the completion of the electoral process.

C: FORMATION OF ELECTION COMMITTEES

There shall be Election Committees of TOC

1. Elections Committee.
2. Elections Appeal Committee.



Article 3 Basic principle

1. The Elections Committee (hereafter the Committee) shall organise and supervise the election process of TOC and take all decisions relating to the election.
2. The members of the Committee shall under no circumstances be members of the executive body of TOC or any other TOC Organ or of the TOC members and their subordinate bodies or Elections Committee of any of TOC subordinate body.
3. The members of the Committee must immediately resign and be replaced by a substitute if they are:
 - (a) a candidate for an elected post;
 - (b) a relative, whether by birth or marriage, of one of the candidates for an elected post;
4. In the event that a member does not fulfil the above requirements, the member in question shall immediately leave his position and be replaced by a substitute.

Article 4 Appointment

1. The Committee shall be proposed by the Executive Committee of TOC and ratified by the General Assembly (via postal vote / email if there is no General Assembly meeting scheduled prior to the elections), as per the procedure laid down in the constitution of TOC.
2. The members of the Committee shall hold office for a term of two years and such an appointment may be extended.



3. The Chairman and Vice Chairman shall have the legal qualification, while the remaining member shall be nominated based on their knowledge and experience in Olympic Movement affairs, good reputation, neutrality and contribution to Olympism.

Article 5 Composition

1. The Committee shall be composed of three (3) members.
2. The Committee shall comprise of:
 - (a) The chairman;
 - (b) The vice chairman;
 - (c) One other member.
3. The General Secretary/CEO of the TOC shall serve as the secretary to the electoral committee and shall take part in the activities of the Committee in a consultative capacity, and shall be responsible for the related logistical and administrative matters.
4. In the event that one or more members of the Committee stand as a candidate for an elected post or are unable to carry out their duties, they shall resign from the Committee. Any member who resigns shall be replaced by a substitute.
5. The members of the Committee shall officially declare their candidature for elected posts not later than one week after the announcement of the elections to allow the replacement process described above to be carried out without any time pressure.
6. The Committee, if it so desire, may be assisted by members of the general secretariat, provided that they have no conflict of interest.



Article 6 Duties

1. The Committee shall be responsible for all tasks relating to the organization, running and supervision of the electoral process. In particular, it is responsible for:
 - (a) strictly enforcing the TOC's Constitution and regulations;
 - (b) strictly enforcing the Olympic Charter, directives and regulations of IOC and the regulations of the TOC and CGF where they do not contradict the Olympic Charter;
 - (c) strictly enforcing the electoral code;
 - (d) strictly enforcing the statutory deadlines for elections;
 - (e) distributing information to the members of the general assembly;
 - (f) monitoring the candidature procedure (launch, distribution of information, evaluation, publication of official lists etc)
 - (g) using the list of voters established in accordance with the TOC's statutory provisions;
 - (h) verifying the identity of the voters;
 - (i) the voting procedure, arrangement and declaration of results.
 - (j) all other tasks necessary to ensure the smooth running of the electoral process.

 2. Logistical matters shall be taken care of by the Secretariat of the TOC.
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Article 7 Convoking the Committee and quorum

1. The committee shall be entitled to deliberate on, or pass decisions, only if it is validly convoked by its chairman.
2. A quorum shall be constituted by more than half of the members of the Committee, one of whom must be the Chairman or Vice Chairman.

Article 8 Decisions

1. All of the Committee's decisions must be passed by majority of the valid votes cast by members. If a vote is tied, the chairman of the Committee shall have the casting vote. Decisions shall be recorded in minutes and signed by the chairman and the secretary of the Committee.
2. Appeals against the committee's decisions for candidate's candidature, scrutiny and nomination may be lodged only with the TOC Elections Appeal Committee (hereinafter referred to as Elections Appeal Committee) to the exclusion of the possibility of appealing said decisions before any other body particularly a government body or ordinary court of Law.



D: CANDIDATURES

Article 9 Qualification for Membership in the Executive Committee.

A candidate for election to the Executive Committee must meet the eligibility conditions specified in article 17 of the TOC Constitution.

Article 10 Notice to General Public and Submission of Candidatures

1. The TOC Elections Committee in accordance with the Constitution of TOC shall give notice of Elections to TOC members at least 30 days before the Election Day. The notice must include the Nomination Forms and must specify the deadline (exact date and time) for submission of Nomination Forms, the nomination day and date of the elections as per guidance below.
2. The Nomination Form shall be referred to as TOC Form No. 1.
3. The candidates shall be required to fill in the TOC Form No. 1, which shall bear their signature and the endorsement of the TOC member Association at national level. (The endorsing Association shall endorse only one candidate per position – minutes of the meeting which endorsed the candidate should be attached)
4. Candidates shall be required to return to the TOC Elections Committee via the TOC General Secretariat Form No.1 together with all necessary proof of their qualifications no later than 14 days before the Election Day.
5. Upon giving notice of the elections in accordance with Article 10(1) above, no any other body shall have the mandate to; change the deadline for submission of Nomination Forms, the date of the nomination day, date of the elections; and to add or



remove to the list of posts to be aspired for except by the TOC Elections Committee.

6. Candidature for more than one TOC position by a candidate shall not be permitted and such candidature shall be disqualified.

Article 11 Examination of candidatures

1. Nomination Forms filled and submitted by the candidates shall be examined by the Elections Committee on the date to be set by the Committee within three (3) days of the deadline for their submission and the outcome of such examination together with the list of eligible candidates shall be published immediately at the end of the examination period. During this examination period, the Elections Committee may require additional elements and clarification from the candidates, and/or hear the candidates, if necessary or if their application file is not clear enough or incomplete.
2. Objections may be raised only by TOC members and/or candidates and/or any other interested parties within the TOC. Any objection shall be in writing, stating clearly grounds for objection, accompanied with supporting evidence and shall bear the full name, permanent address and signature of the person or the Chairman/Secretary of the respective member association filing the objection.
3. Objections raised on the candidates shall be submitted to the TOC Elections Appeal Committee via the TOC General Secretariat not later than 16:00 hours on the third (3rd) day of the publication of the list of candidates.
4. Within three (3) days from the expiry of the period set for objections, the TOC Elections Appeal Committee shall hear the concerned parties and deliberate on the objections raised against the candidates. The decisions of the Elections Appeal



Committee shall be communicated immediately to the concerned parties and to the Elections Committee, which shall publish immediately the final list of candidates.

Article 12 TOC Elections Appeal Committee

1. The TOC Elections Appeal Committee shall be composed of three (3) members proposed by the Executive Committee and ratified by the TOC General Assembly (via postal vote / email if there is no General Assembly meeting scheduled prior to the elections). The Chairman and Vice Chairman shall have the legal qualification, while the remaining member shall be nominated based on their knowledge and experience in Olympic Movement, Olympism, good reputation, neutrality and contribution to Sports development.
2. The TOC Elections Appeal Committee shall be responsible for hearing appeals against decisions by the TOC Elections Committee.
3. The provisions of articles 3, 4, 5, 7 and 8 relating to the TOC Elections Committee apply equally to the TOC Elections Appeal Committee.



Article 13 Appeal Procedure

1. Appeal against the TOC Elections Committee decision may be lodged only with the TOC Elections Appeal Committee via the TOC Secretariat General within 3 days from the day of the decision of the TOC Elections Committee.
2. Appeals shall be considered by the TOC Elections Appeal Committee within three (3) days after the submission of the appeal, and the decisions of the Elections Appeal Committee shall be communicated and published immediately.
3. The right of appeal shall only be for the affected individual appellants on decisions of the TOC Elections Committee upon fulfilling appeals conditions stated herein.
4. The decisions of the TOC Elections Appeal Committee shall be final and conclusive and binding on all parties concerned and shall not be monitored by any other body.

Article 14 Distribution of the final official list

1. The final list of candidates shall be made public by the TOC Elections Committee immediately after the TOC Elections Appeal Committee decisions. The day on which the final list is made public by the TOC Elections Committee shall be referred to as the Nomination Day.

The final official list of candidates shall be sent to all members of the General assembly not less than five (5) days before the elective general assembly is held. Candidates shall be allowed to launch their campaign from the nomination day to the day of the elective General Assembly, without using abusive language.

2. On the date(s) of elective General Assembly no public campaign shall be allowed at a venue of elections and to keep secret voting valid no events or supportive attire shall be allowed therein. Notwithstanding to what is stated herein,



candidates for the specific position of TOC President and TOC Vice President shall have the right of audience to the members of the elective general assembly for at least 3 minutes but not more than 5 to finalize his or her election campaign on own leadership capability, planning, policy, or explain on own election manifesto, if any, but without using abusive language. However, ordinary criticism shall be allowed. A candidate may be required to respond to not more than three (3) questions by members of the general assembly allowed by the Chairman of the Committee. Candidates shall have the right to answer the questions in not more than 3 minutes for each question.

E: VOTING PROCEDURE

Article 15 General Duties of the Committee

The duties of the Committee are as follows:

- (a) To monitor the voting procedure during the elective general assembly using the electoral register established in accordance with the TOC Constitution;
- (b) To count the votes;
- (c) To take any decision that is necessary regarding the validity or invalidity of ballot papers;
- (d) In general, to pass a definitive decision on any matters relating to the voting procedure during the elective general assembly;
- (e) To draft official minutes of the election and distribute them to the members and, where necessary, to government authorities;
- (f) To declare the official results;
- (g) To organize a media conference, where necessary.



Article 16 Voting and Ballot Papers

1. Voting shall proceed by secret ballot.
2. No proxy shall be allowed to vote.
3. The TOC secretariat shall produce the ballot papers under the supervision and charge of the Committee. The ballot papers shall be printed clearly and legibly.
4. The ballot papers shall be of a different colour for each elected post.

Article 17 Urn

1. Before the start of the voting procedure, the urn- which shall be transparent, shall be opened and displayed upside down to the members of the general assembly. It shall then be closed and placed in a visible position near to the members of the Committee.
2. During the vote, the urn shall be monitored by one of the members of the Committee.

Article 18 Polling booths

Polling booths shall be erected at the polling station and the urn shall be placed within proximity so that members of the general assembly who are entitled to vote may complete their ballot paper in secret.

Article 19 Voting process



1. The Committee shall explain in detail the voting procedure (urn, ballot papers, valid and invalid ballot papers, count, required majorities, results etc.) and cite any relevant statutory or legislative provisions.
2. The Committee shall call in each member that is to say, a delegate's names of the general assembly that has the right to vote and invite him to move to the hall where the election is taking place.
3. Once called, the member shall move to the front of the hall and, after signing the electoral register, he shall receive his ballot papers.
4. The member then shall complete his ballot papers in the polling booth designated for this purpose.
5. The member in question shall deposit his ballot papers each in the urn designated for the elected post, thereafter signs the electoral register and then return to his seat.
6. The counting procedure shall begin as soon as all of the members with the right to vote have deposited their ballot papers in the urns. A member of the Committee shall open the urn for each elected post, and tip out the ballot papers. The counting shall immediately commence until it is all finished.
7. The counting shall be conducted in presence of counting agents, if any, appointed from among the members by the respective candidate. A candidate may be allowed to be present at counting if he or she chooses not to have an agent, unless it is to the satisfaction of the committee that such candidate is likely to disrupt the counting process.
8. In the event that there is only one candidate for an elected post, upon fulfilling the conditions for candidature the voting shall be performed on the basis of a 'yes' or 'no' vote.



F: COUNT

Article 20 General principles, decisions in the event of dispute

1. Only the Committee assisted by recognized ushers may take part in the count. All operations (opening the urns, counting the ballot papers, counting the votes etc) shall be carried out in a way that can be followed clearly by the members of the general assembly.
2. In the event of a dispute regarding the validity or invalidity of a ballot paper, the validity or invalidity of a vote, the drafting of the minutes, the declaration of the results or any other matter relating to the counting procedure, the Committee's decision shall be final.

Article 21 Invalid ballot papers

1. The following are considered invalid:
 - (a) Ballot papers that do not bear the official distinctive marks defined by the Committee;
 - (b) Ballot papers that bear any words other than the names of the candidates;
 - (c) Ballot papers that are illegible or have been defaced;
 - (d) Ballot papers that bear identifying marks.
2. The Chairman of the Committee shall write on the back of any invalid ballot paper (in red) the reasons for its invalidity and confirm with a signature.
3. In the event of disputes regarding the validity or invalidity of a ballot paper, the Committee's decision shall be final.



Article 22 Spelling mistakes

Spelling mistakes shall result in the invalidity of a vote only if they mean that it is not possible to identify with certainty any of the official candidates.

Article 23 Count and declaration of results

1. Once the urn has been opened, the members of the committee shall count out loud to the agents or candidates the number of ballot papers and verify their validity. If the number of ballot papers is equal to or less than the number of ballot papers issued, the ballot is valid. If it exceeds the number of ballot paper issued, the ballot shall be declared void and recommence immediately in accordance with the procedure described above.
2. After the number of ballot papers has been verified, the members of the Committee shall proceed to count the number of votes cast for each different candidate.
3. Once the count has been completed and verified for all elected posts, the chairman of the Committee shall officially declare the results to the members of the general assembly.
4. The election for the TOC officer-bearers under Articles 16.1.1 and 16.1.2 of the Constitution (president and Vice president of TOC) shall be determined as follows: Any candidate obtaining an absolute majority (i.e. more than 50%) of the votes validly cast shall be declared elected in the first round. If there are two or more candidates for a position and none of them obtains more than 50% of the votes validly cast in the first round, there shall be a second round between the two candidates obtaining the highest number of votes validly cast in the first round. In this second round, the candidate obtaining a simple majority of the votes validly cast shall be declared elected. In the event of a tie, the vote shall be repeated until the tie is resolved.



5. For the post of other members of the executive committee, election shall be carried out on the basis of simple majority.
6. The election for, respectively, the Five (5) elected members from Mainland Tanzania and the Five (5) elected members from Zanzibar shall be determined as follows: The five (5) candidates obtaining the highest number of the votes validly cast shall be declared elected, provided that at least two of them are women (as per articles 16.1.3 and 16.1.4 of the Constitution), failing which the two women obtaining the highest number of votes amongst the women candidates and the three men obtaining the highest number of votes amongst the men candidates shall be declared elected. In the event of tie between two or more candidates (which does not permit to fill the five positions available) there shall be a second round between those candidates and the candidate(s) obtaining the highest number of votes validly cast (until all remaining positions are filled) shall be declared elected.
7. Blank votes and abstentions shall be disregarded in counting and declaring results.
8. If a second (or subsequent) round of voting is required, the voting procedure shall be repeated in accordance with the preceding articles. The members of the general assembly are also to be informed of the statutory provisions that apply for the second (and subsequent) rounds of voting (e.g. any changes to the majority required, elimination of candidates).
9. For the post that has only one candidate the winner of the election shall be pronounced on the basis of absolute majority (more than 50%), of the 'yes' votes.

Article 24 Declaration of Final results

1. After counting is complete for all posts of the election, the Chairman of the Committee shall declare the results officially to the members of the general assembly. The minutes are to be drafted and signed by the Chairman and Secretary of the Committee.



2. The results declared by the Committee shall be final and conclusive and shall not be appealed to any other body.
3. The final minutes shall be distributed to the members of the general assembly. They shall be entered in the record of the deliberations of the general assembly.

Article 25 Enforcement

This electoral code was approved by the TOC Executive Committee that convened on the 10/1/ 2026 and ratified by the TOC General Assembly Meeting on 31/1/2026.

G. FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 27 Violations, archiving of documents, omissions

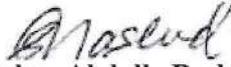
1. Failure by the TOC to apply the principles of this code shall be considered a serious violation of the provisions of the TOC Constitution.
2. The Committee shall hand over all the official documents relating to the elections to the TOC general secretariat, which is responsible for passing them on to the relevant bodies, where required, and for archiving them.
3. All matters relating to the administrative and technical organization of the elective general assembly that are not covered by this code shall be ruled upon by the Committee and, if necessary, by the TOC General Assembly.
4. All matters relating to the running of the elections not covered by this code shall be ruled upon by the Committee and, if necessary, by the TOC General Assembly.



5. The members of the Committee shall observe the utmost impartiality when carrying out their duties.
6. During the election process any person or member who contravenes this code or provides false particulars or qualification shall be referred to the relevant TOC organ.
7. The final results of the elections and all necessary documents must be communicated to the IOC immediately after the Elective General Assembly.

Dated at Morogoro this 31/1/2026.

FOR THE TOC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE


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