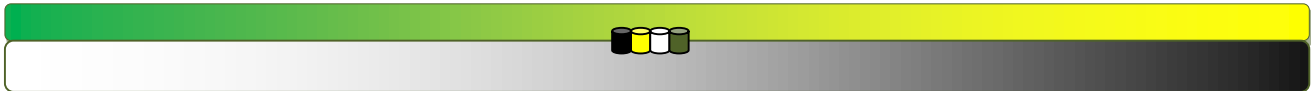




# SAFA REGULATIONS

# ELECTORAL CODE OF CONDUCT

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## A. PREAMBLE (Preliminary Remarks)

This Code of Conduct is aimed at promoting conditions that are conducive to free and fair elections and the creation of a climate of tolerance, free campaigning, and open public debate.

As soon as the election date is proclaimed, candidates commit to adhering to the provisions of the Electoral Code of Conduct until the election results are officially announced. Failure to do so creates the risk of a candidate being disqualified.

## B. SCOPE OF APPLICATION

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### Article 1 Scope of application

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- a. This code is applicable to presidential elections as well as those for Members of the SAFA Council, the Electoral Committee and the Election Appeal Committee.
- b. This electoral code is also applicable to elections to all bodies that are subordinate to the Association (e.g. leagues, regional associations, local football associations and other affiliated members) and whose regulations and procedures are controlled exclusively by the Association.

## C. RULES

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### Article 2 Rules of the Electoral Code of Conduct

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- a. Candidates must:
  - i. Speak out against election violence and threats against other candidates, the Electoral Committee, members of the public and the media;
  - ii. Recognise the authority of the Electoral Committee;
  - iii. Work with the Electoral Committee and allow them to perform their duties;
  - iv. Work with the authorities in their investigation of election crime and violence;
  - v. Accept the results of the election as pronounced by the Electoral Committee in accordance with this Code.

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### Article 3 How Does the Electoral Code of Conduct Work?

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- a. The Electoral Code of Conduct must be agreed to by every candidate before he/she is placed on the list of candidates.



## D. PROHIBITED CONDUCT AND BREACHES OF THE CODE

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### Article 4 Conduct Prohibited in Terms of the Electoral Code of Conduct

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- a. The following is a list of prohibited conduct:
  - i. Using language which provokes violence
  - ii. Intimidation of any other candidate(s) or voters
  - iii. Publishing false information about other candidates
  - iv. Insulting and demeaning behaviour toward any other candidate(s), SAFA and its Members and FIFA
  - v. Disregard for fundamental ethical principles and SAFA regulations
  - vi. Plagiarising any other candidate's symbols, name or acronyms
  - vii. Offering any inducement or reward to a person to vote for a candidate
  - viii. Destroying, removing or defacing campaign material of other candidates
  - ix. Bribing voters to vote or not vote
  - x. Generally abusing a position of power, privilege or influence to influence the outcome of an election.

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### Article 5 Breaches of the Electoral Code of Conduct

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- a. Any person who breaches the Code is guilty of an offence and must be sanctioned by a relevant SAFA tribunal.

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### Article 6 Reporting Breaches of the Electoral Code of Conduct

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- a. All breaches of the SAFA Electoral Code of Conduct shall be reported to the SAFA Ethics Committee or the SAFA Disciplinary Committee, as the case may be.
- b. Elections for posts in SAFA are governed by the provisions of the SAFA Statutes, the Standing Orders of the Congress and the present SAFA Electoral Code, as well as all other applicable regulations.
- c. Notwithstanding these provisions, the FIFA and SAFA Code of Ethics alongside fundamental principles such as those of democracy, separation of powers, transparency and openness, shall be respected.
- d. Candidatures and electoral campaigns related to elective office in SAFA shall be carried out by the candidates in a fair and reputable manner and, more generally, in a spirit of respect for fundamental ethical principles and SAFA regulations.
- e. Candidates for office in SAFA shall conduct all campaigns with dignity and moderation and with respect for any other candidate(s), for SAFA and FIFA itself and its Members.
- f. Persons stipulated in Article 9 of the SAFA Electoral Code shall refrain from carrying out any electoral campaigning prior to the start of the electoral period. Electoral



campaigning shall be understood, for the purposes of these regulations, as all activities undertaken by candidates or those working for them with the aim of canvassing votes.

- g. Any violation of these regulations shall be dealt with by the SAFA Ethics Committee or the SAFA Disciplinary Committee, in accordance with the SAFA Code of Ethics or the SAFA Disciplinary Code, as the case may be.

## E. ENFORCEMENT

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### Article 7 Date of Enforcement

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- a. This Electoral Code of Conduct was adopted at the SAFA Council meeting held on 28 March 2018 at Johannesburg and will come into force on 28 March 2018.
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