

## Code of Conduct for Political Entities

In order to be certified, a political entity must agree to abide by the Code of Conduct. The Code of Conduct is binding on the actions of the political entity, its leaders, candidates, members, and supporters. Every political entity must make every effort to ensure that its leaders, candidates, members, and supporters understand and abide by the Code of Conduct.

A political entity must:

1. Abide by all electoral, civil and criminal laws of Iraq, with special reference to
  - a. The TAL
  - b. Public meeting ordinances
  - c. Prohibitions on hate speech, intimidation, and incitement to violence
  - d. Prohibitions on support for, the practice of, and the use of terrorism
2. Abide by all regulations and procedures issued by the Independent Electoral Commission of Iraq.
3. Ensure that all its proposed candidates meet the applicable legal criteria.
4. Cooperate with election officials, taking all possible steps to ensure their safety from violence, insult, hazard, or threat as they perform their duties.
5. Accept and comply with the final decisions of the Independent Electoral Commission of Iraq or the Transitional Electoral Panel.
6. Accept and support the results of any election certified by the Independent Electoral Commission of Iraq.
7. Respect the right and freedom of other political entities to campaign and express their ideas and platforms to the public.
8. Conduct election campaigning in a manner that contributes to a peaceful atmosphere throughout the electoral process.
9. Cooperate with other political entities to avoid scheduling meetings, rallies, or other activities at the same time and place.
10. Respect the rights of voters and of other members of the community.
11. Respect the rights of and cooperate with election officials, security officers, journalists, election observers, and political party agents.
12. Take all possible steps to ensure the safety of voters and other members of the community from violence, insult, hazard, or threat as they perform participate in the electoral process.
13. Respect other persons and political entities and their property.
14. Strive to achieve full transparency in political finances and expenditures.

A political entity must not:

1. Publish or repeat false, defamatory, or inflammatory allegations about opponents or any other participant in the electoral process, including the Independent Electoral Commission of Iraq.
2. Make frivolous submissions to or abuse the right to complain to the Independent Electoral Commission of Iraq.
3. Disrupt or prevent the meetings or rallies of any other political entity.
4. Steal, destroy, or disfigure campaign materials of any other political entity.
5. Imitate the name, symbol, or materials of any other political entity.

6. Use language, pictures, or symbols which encourage or are likely to encourage hatred toward others or are likely to incite or provoke an act of violence.
7. Allow weapons or images of weapons to be carried or displayed at meetings or rallies.
8. Have or be associated with an armed force, militia or residual element
9. Be directly or indirectly financed by any armed force, militia or residual element
10. Prevent or attempt to prevent any election official, security officer, journalist, election observer, or political party agent from carrying out his or her duties.
11. Threaten, coerce, or intimidate any other political entity, its leaders, candidates, members, and supporters or any voter or any other person.
12. Impede or attempt to impede any person from exercising her rights, particularly her right to vote as she chooses and in secret.
13. Disrupt the registration process, polling process, counting process, or any other element of the electoral process.
14. Promise or provide any payment, favour or gift for the purpose of gaining support from a voter (unless such a promise is a legitimate declaration of public policy or a promise of public action).
15. Publish or distribute any material known to be false with the purpose of deceiving a voter.
16. Display a sign or poster or otherwise place a name or slogan on public property or on private property without the express permission of its owner.
17. Commit fraud or encourage any person to commit fraud related to any element of the electoral process.
18. Abuse a position of power or influence for a political purpose.
19. Use Iraqi public resources for a political purpose.

If the IECI finds that a political entity, its leaders, candidates, members, or supporters have violated the Code of Conduct, it may censure or sanction the political entity.

For signature by a single political entity

I certify that as leader of the..... political entity, I have read and I understand this code of conduct. I hereby confirm that this political entity will actively discourage its officers, candidates, members, and supporters from violating this Code of Conduct.

.....Name of leader

.....Date.....Signature

For signature by the entities forming a coalition:

We certify, as leaders of the political entities forming the .....coalition, that we have read this code of conduct, and understand that it applies to the coalition as a whole as well as to the constituent political entities. We hereby confirm that this coalition will actively discourage its candidates and supporters from violating this Code of Conduct.