

Code of Conduct for Political Parties

1. Intimidation in any form is impermissible.
2. No weapon of any kind, including any traditional weapon, may be brought to any political rally, meeting, march or other demonstration.
3. Parties shall avoid holding rallies, meetings, marches or demonstrations physically close to one another during the same time of day.
4. Parties shall refrain from utilising public address systems, either fixed or mobile, between 21:00 and 7:00 hours and which could constitute a public nuisance.
5. Speakers at political rallies may not use language which incites violence in any form against any other person or group of persons. Parties will not issue pamphlets, newsletters or posters which contain materials which incite people to violence.
6. Party members and supporters will not disrupt other parties' rallies, meetings, marches or demonstrations.
7. Party members and supporters will not seek to obstruct other persons from attending the political rallies of other parties.
8. Party members and supporters will not disfigure or destroy political or campaign materials of other parties.
9. Party leaders will use their good offices to ensure reasonable freedom of access by all political parties to potential voters, including those at farms and on state-owned properties, outside working hours.
10. Parties will establish lines of communication to one another at headquarters, regional and local levels, and will appoint liaison personnel who will be constantly on call to deal with any problems that may arise.
11. The Director of Elections will meet party representatives on a weekly basis to discuss all matters of concern related to the election campaign and the election itself. Emergency meetings will be convened as and when necessary.
12. Designated members will attend their parties' rallies to ensure compliance with this code.
13. All allegations of intimidation and other unlawful conduct in the election campaign will be brought to the attention of the Police and of the Directorate of Elections at the places where they are alleged to have occurred.
14. Party leaders will issue directives to their members and supporters to observe this Code of Conduct, and take all other necessary steps to ensure compliance.
15. The Directorate of Elections and party leaders undertake to publicise this Code of Conduct throughout Namibia by all means at their disposal.
16. Parties will in their advertising and propaganda efforts take care not to disfigure the environment.