



GUIDELINES FOR THE CONDUCT OF PRIMARY'S FOR STATE ASSEMBLY, GOVERNOR, HOUSE OF REPS, SENATE AND PRESIDENT. FOR THE PURPOSE OF CHOOSING CANDIDATES FOR THE 2027 GENERAL ELECTION

INTRODUCTION

These guidelines are made in pursuant of sections 29, 30, 31, 33, of the electoral act as amended and in accordance with the Party Constitution for the purpose of conducting free, fair, credible and transparent primaries.

- a) All aspirants contesting for any elective position as provided for in the constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria under ACCORD must comply with the following guidelines.
- b) Aspirants shall meet the conditions for nomination as provided by Accord constitution and the electoral act as amended.
- c) In event where there are more than one aspirant for any position, all aspirants shall submit in writing a letter to accept consensus as a mode of primaries.

OBJECTIVES

- a. These guidelines are intended to:
- b. Enforce internal democracy
- c. Ensure that only credible, committed members emerge as candidates
- d. Prevent opportunistic aspirants lacking grass-root legitimacy

MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENT

- a. Every aspirant must be a duly registered member of the party and must have maintained an uninterrupted membership for a period of 12 months or is being under the protection of waiver granted by the party.

CONTRIBUTION TO PARTY DEVELOPMENT

In consistence with party regulatory autonomy under the electoral act as amended and the party's constitution, every aspirant must demonstrate verifiable contributions to party development including payment of dues and levies.



MODE OF PRIMARIES

1) The primaries shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of this guideline

2) There shall be appointment of committee members at all levels by the NWC for the purpose of organizing and conducting a free fair and transparent Accord primaries

Their functions shall include

a) Provide value

b) Make adequate security arrangements

c) Make arrangements for accreditation of delegates for the primaries and ensure general supervision of the primaries including collation of results

3) For the avoidance of doubt the actual conduct of primary election at all levels shall be by the electoral committees appointed by the NWC

while the screening committees shall have the sole responsibility of screening aspirants at all levels.

4) Mode of election

a) Election shall be direct primaries with every registered card carrying members of the party who are eligible to vote

b) Election shall be open ballot system where there are more than one aspirant and consensus where we have just one aspirant

c) All aspiring candidates must ensure that their forms are fully paid for and a receipt issued to them by the national Treasurer

d) Collation and return of completed forms shall be at the office of the national organizing secretary. Note ensure that your expression of interest and nomination forms are properly sealed with a security code by the national organizing secretary

e) All completed forms must be returned on or before the date of screening at all levels

f) An appeal committee will be set up to look into disputes arising from the primaries

5) SCREENING OF CANDIDATES

- a) Screening of state house of assembly aspirants shall be on the 19th to 21st of May, 2026 at the respective state secretariats
- b) Screening of house of rep's aspirants shall be on the 20th to 24st of May, 2026 at the national secretariat.
- c) Screening of senatorial aspirants shall be on the 20th to 24th of May, 2026 at the national secretariat
- d) Screening of governorship aspirants shall be on the 19th to 21st of May, 2026 at the national secretariat
- e) Screening of the presidential aspirants shall be on the 25th of May, 2026 at the national secretariat

6) RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES/APPEAL COMMITTEE

An appeal committee will be set up to look into disputes arising from the screening of candidate.

In the case of disputes arising from conduct of the screening, aggrieved aspirants should lodge in their appeal at the appropriate authority.

- a) Appeal for the state house of assembly screening shall be heard from 22nd to 23rd of May, 2026 at the respective states
- b) Appeal for house of representatives screening shall be heard from 25th to 27th of May, 2026 at the national secretariat
- c) Appeal for senatorial screening shall be heard from 25th to 27th of May, 2026 at the national secretariat
- d) Appeal governorship screening shall be heard from 22nd to 23rd of May, 2026 at the national secretariat
- e) Appeal for presidential screening shall be heard on 28th of May, 2026 at the national secretariat

CONCLUSION

The national working committee (NWC) of the party shall exercise final authority on all matters arising from these guidelines subject to compliance to the electoral act as amended and the party's constitution.

Signed



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PUBLIC NOTICE

DETAILED PRIMARY ELECTION TIMETABLE 2026

For Nomination of Candidates for the 2027 General Election

S/N	OFFICE	DATE
1	GOVERNORSHIP/ STATE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY	26 TH MAY, 2026
2	SENATE/ HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES	29 TH MAY, 2026
3	PRESIDENCY	30 TH MAY, 2026

COST OF PRIMARY ELECTION & NOMINATION FORMS

POSITION	EXPRESSION OF INTEREST	NOMINATION FORM COST
PRESIDENT	N/A	N/A
GOVERNOR	N5,000,000	N10,000,000
SENATE	N2,500,000	N5,000,000
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES	N1,500,000	N3,500,000
HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY	N500,000	N1,000,000

All payments should be made to the account details below:

ACCORD PARTY,
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