



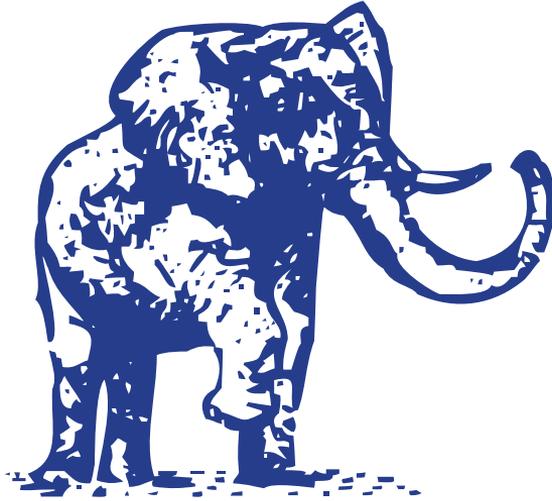
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## **PREAMBLE**

In pursuance of the National Youth Wing's duties under Articles 15(4)(vii) and (c) of the NPP's Constitution 2017 as amended;

Towards creating a nation-wide organization within the Party to cater for activities and interest of young members;

In recognition of the Youth as the fulcrum for the sustainability of the Party;  
and

In promotion of Youth participation in activities of the Party and Ghana's democratic process as a whole, these regulations are hereby adopted to govern the activities of all TESCON branches.

## **REGULATION 1 - TESCON**

(1) *This Association shall be known as and called TERTIARY STUDENTS' CONFEDERACY of the New Patriotic Party, herein after referred to as "TESCON"*

(2) The motto of the Association shall be, "COMMITMENT WITHOUT INDUCEMENT"

## **REGULATION 2 - THE REGULATION**

(1) This Regulation shall be the National TESCON rules and regulations and shall, subject to the laws of Ghana and the Party's Constitution, govern all TESCON branches.

(2) Any member who alleges that:

(a) a rule, regulation, directive or guideline contained in, given by or done under the authority of any Member, Members in a general meeting, the Executive Committee, or by a Committee established by this Regulation or the Executive Committee or Members in a general meeting; or

(b) any act or omission of any Member, Members in a general meeting, the Executive Committee, a Member of the Executive Committee or by a committee established by this Regulation or the Executive Committee or Members in a General meeting; is inconsistent with, or is in contravention of a provision of this Regulation, shall in writing, petition the Judicial Committee.

(c) The Judicial Committee upon receipt of a petition shall within seven (7) days hear and determine the matter.

## **REGULATION 3 - ESTABLISHMENT OF A TESCON BRANCH**

(1) A TESCON branch may be established in a tertiary institution by the Regional Youth Wing at where the institution is located.

(2) Notwithstanding sub-regulation 1 of this Regulation, a TESCON branch shall not be established in any tertiary institution unless:

(a) *It has at least two (2) persons who have agreed to become patrons of that TESCON branch;*

(b) It has at least twenty students recognized by the institution as such.

(c) A certificate of recognition has been issued by the National Youth Wing.

The Regional Youth wing upon satisfying itself that a branch has met the requirements stated in sub-regulation 2 (a) and (b), shall recommend to the National Youth Wing for the issuance of a Certificate of Recognition

(3) Upon receipt of the certificate of recognition, the inauguration of a new branch shall take place on the campus of that branch except the rules of the institution prohibit such activities on campus.

(4) Without prejudice to sub-regulation (2)(a), the Regional Youth wing in consultation with the National Youth wing shall take appropriate steps to establish a branch in an institution where there exist difficulty in finding a staff or lecturer to serve as Patron.

(5) Without prejudice to sub-regulation (1) and (2), a TESCON branch upon coming into existence shall not cease to exist though the number of patrons may be less than the requirement.

(6) A branch can only be granted voting right(s) at both Regional and National Conferences when it has been in existence for not less than one year since receipt of its certificate of recognition from the National Youth Wing.

(7) Without prejudice to sub-regulation 2(c) and 6, a branch may operate prior to the receipt of its certificate of recognition but shall have no voting rights until the issuance of the certificate and in accordance with these regulations.

(8) In order to promote mass participation and enhance operational efficiency of TESCON, each branch shall:

(a) Have a Cell to operate in Halls, Hostels and places of residence for students of that branch.

(b) A Cell shall have a Leader and Deputy whose function is to constantly engage cell members and mobilize them for TESCON activities.

(c) For the purpose of this provision, Cell leaders shall be part of the Organising Committee captured in Regulation 14(1)(a)

## **REGULATION 4 - AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF TESCON**

The aims and objectives of TESCON shall subject to the Party Constitution, the regulations governing students' activities in that institution and directives that may be given by the Regional Youth Wing or the National Youth Wing include:

- (1) Serve as branches of the Youth Wing in the tertiary institutions
- (2) To promote the party's name on campus(es), articulate the party's ideology to like-minded students and get them to become members of the party
- (3) To foster and actively promote unity among students in the tertiary institutions.
- (4) To provide an avenue for its members to deliberate and contribute to issues affecting the youth of the Party and the nation in general.
- (5) To provide political, social and economic education and awareness to the people of Ghana.
- (6) To provide an avenue for training, support and grooming potential and future leaders for the party.
- (7) To ensure that there are equal opportunities for all citizens without discrimination on any grounds whether of gender, age, position, politics, religion or status.
- (8) To identify like-minded lecturers, tutors and other staff who share the same ideology and work with them.

## **REGULATION 5- TESCON COORDINATOR**

### **(1) National TESCON Coordinator**

- (a) There shall be a National TESCON Coordinator and two (2) deputies
- (b) The National TESCON Coordinator and deputies shall be appointed by the National Youth Organiser in consultation with the National Youth wing.

## **(2) Regional TESCO Coordinator**

- (a) There shall be a Regional TESCO Coordinator and a deputy
- (b) The Regional TESCO Coordinator and the deputy shall be appointed by the Regional Youth Organiser in consultation with the Regional Executive Committee.

## **(3) Duties and Responsibilities:**

The Office of the National TESCO Coordinator and Regional TESCO Coordinator shall under the directives given by the National and Regional Youth Wing respectively perform the following functions:

- (a) Monitor, supervise and coordinate the activities of all TESCO branches.
- (b) Keep an up to date register of all TESCO branches and members
- (c) Perform any other functions that shall be assigned by the Regional and the National Youth Wing as the case may be.

## **(4) Eligibility**

A Person shall not be eligible to be appointed as National TESCO Coordinator or Regional TESCO Coordinator unless:

- (a) He is of sound mind
- (b) He has graduated from an accredited TESCO Institution
- (c) He served as TESCO Executive and was awarded a Certificate of Service or:
- (d) He was an active TESCO Member and shows proof of membership by either TESCO ID validly issued or letter of recommendation given under the hand of the Chief Patron of his former branch.
- (e) He has no proven record of embezzlement or misappropriation of funds or has not behaved in a manner capable of bringing the good name of TESCO or the Party into disrepute or public ridicule.
- (f) He has no proven record of having committed an electoral offense or disobeyed a decision of the hierarchy of the TESCO and the Party
- (g) He has no proven record of being guilty of a deliberate violation of the party constitution or TESCO Regulations.

(h) He has not been convicted and sentenced by a court of competent jurisdiction in respect of any offence involving high treason, or an offence involving the security of the state, dishonesty, fraud or moral turpitude

## **(5) Grounds for Removal from Office**

The following shall constitute grounds for the removal of National and Regional TESCON Coordinators from office:

- i. Dereliction of duties
- ii. Violent, dangerous or intimidating conduct against another Patriot
- iii. Falsification of report, account or expense claim or other fraudulent conduct
- iv. Wilful damage of TESCON/Party property
- v. Breach of the duty to uphold publicly TESCON/Party policies
- vi. Creation of disorder or factionalism within TESCON/ Party
- vii. Bringing the name of TESCON/Party into disrepute or public ridicule
- viii. Defection to another Party
- ix. Supporting a candidate who is not a TESCON member in an SRC elections
- x. Insubordination to TESCON and party hierarchy

## **(6) Removal Procedure**

(1) A National TESCON Coordinator or Regional TESCON Coordinator shall not be removed from office except on grounds contained in this Regulations.

(2) A National TESCON Coordinator or Regional TESCON Coordinator shall be removed from office in accordance with the procedure specified in this Regulations.

(3) In the case of National TESCON Coordinator or deputy, the National Youth Organiser upon receipt of a petition for removal from office, shall appoint a Committee made up of three (3) Regional Youth Organisers, who shall determine within one (1) week, whether there is a prima facie case.

(4) Where the body mentioned in sub-regulation (3) establishes a prima facie case from the petition, the National Youth Organiser shall within 48 hours forward the petition to the National Youth Wing Disciplinary Committee for final determination.

(5) The National Youth Wing Disciplinary Committee shall be constituted by the National Youth Organiser upon assuming office and shall within one (1) week upon receipt of a petition for removal, summon the affected TESCON Coordinator to hear and decide on the matter.

(6) In the case of Regional TESCON Coordinator or deputy, the Regional Youth Organiser upon receipt of a petition for removal from office, shall within 24 hours, forward it to the Regional Youth wing Disciplinary Committee who shall within one (1) week determine the case.

(7) The Committee mentioned in sub-regulation (6) shall be constituted by the Regional Youth wing at its first meeting.

(8) The National Youth wing Disciplinary Committee shall have appellate jurisdiction to review decisions taken by the Regional Youth Wing Disciplinary Committee.

(9) An aggrieved Regional TESCON Coordinator who is dissatisfied with the decision of the Regional Youth Wing Disciplinary Committee shall, within one (1) week of the decision, appeal to the National Youth Wing Disciplinary Committee.

(10) The National Youth wing Disciplinary Committee shall be chaired by the Dean of Regional Youth Organisers and its decision shall be final and binding on all parties.

(11) A TESCON Coordinator who is the subject to such a petition may be suspended by the National Youth Organiser or Regional Youth Organiser, as the case may be, upon the determination of a Prima Facie case.

## **REGULATION 6 - PATRONS**

(1) A patron is a staff, lecturer or any person appointed by the TESCON Executives Committee with the prior approval of the Regional Youth Organiser.

(2) At least one of the Patrons shall be a lecturer at the institution where the TESCON branch has been formed.

(3) Members of Parliament are automatically Patrons of branch(es) within their respective constituencies.

(4) When the Party is in government, Metropolitan, Municipal and District Chief Executives (MMDCEs) shall become Patrons of branch(es) within their assembly.

(5) There shall be a Chief Patron who shall be appointed by the patrons from among themselves

(6) Duties and Responsibilities;

(1)

- i. Provide advise to the Executive Committee on issues related to TESCON and its members
  - ii. Provide financial and logistical support
  - iii. Assist and support the activities of the TESCON branch
  - iv. Perform any such functions that may be assigned by the Regional Youth Organiser or National Youth Organiser.
- (2) The mandate of Patrons shall be strictly advisory.

## **REGULATION 7 - MEMBERSHIP**

### **(1) Membership:**

(a) Membership of TESCON shall be open to all citizens without regard to gender, ethnic affiliation, origin, religious affiliation or status.

(b) Without prejudice to sub-regulation (1) of this Regulation, a person shall not be registered as a Member of a TESCON branch unless:

- i. he is a student of that tertiary institution and has;
- ii. Completed an application form containing the name of that tertiary institution, his full name, region, constituency, year of enrolment into that tertiary institution and year of expected completion, Contact, Whatsapp number and other social media handles, Email address and Digital Address.

(c) Every person whose application is accepted shall have his name entered into the TESCON register of Members of that branch and may be issued with a TESCON Card.

(d) A copy of an up to date TESCON register of Members of each branch shall be sent to the office of the National TESCON Coordinator and the Regional Youth Wing at the end of every semester.

### **(2) Dues and Donations:**

(a) Every Member shall pay such dues and levies as may be directed by the National Youth Wing.

(b) Any person or group of persons who agree with the aims, objectives, policies and programmes of TESCON may make donations to TESCON.

### **(3) Rights of Members:**

A Member shall have the right to:

(a) Participate in all activities of TESCON subject to rules and regulations governing such activities

(b) Be heard whenever his or her activities and conduct are in question and under consideration.

(c) Contest for any position or office within TESCON subject to this Regulation and other rules and regulations governing the elections.

### **(4) Duties of a Member:**

A Member shall:

(a) Protect and promote the good name of TESCON

(b) Protect the unity of TESCON

(c) Be loyal and truthful to TESCON

(d) Abide by and publicly uphold the decisions of TESCON

(e) Carry out his duties faithfully and with honesty to the best of his ability.

(f) Fully participate in the activities of TESCON

(g) Pay every semester, dues and levies as may be directed by the National Youth Wing

(h) Not to initiate, commence or prosecute any legal proceedings whatsoever against the New Patriotic Party, the Youth Wing, TESCON and any member of TESCON relating to affairs concerning TESCON without first having exhausted all procedures laid down in this Regulation.

### **(5) Misconduct:**

The following acts by a member constitute a misconduct and may be grounds for expulsion of that member from TESCON:

i. Violation of the duties of a member

ii. Violent, dangerous or intimidating conduct against another member

iii. Falsification of reports, accounts or expense claims or other fraudulent conduct.

- iv. Wilful damage or unlawful possession of property of TESCON.
- V. Creation of discord or factionalism within TESCON
- vi. Bringing the name of TESCON, the Youth Wing or the Party into disrepute or public ridicule.
- vii. Deliberate violation of the TESCON Regulation.
- vii. Obtaining a membership status of another political party or a student movement affiliated or sympathetic to another political party

### **(6) Suspension of a Member:**

- (a) A member may be suspended by the Executive Committee pending an enquiry into his conduct by the Judicial Committee.
- (b) Without prejudice to paragraph (a) of this sub-regulation, an Executive Committee member may be suspended by the Regional Youth Organiser in consultation with the National Youth Organiser pending an enquiry into his conduct by the Judicial Committee.
- (c) Any decision to suspend a member or an Executive Committee member shall be communicated to him in writing and copied to the Judicial Committee.
- (d) An enquiry into the conduct of an executive member SHALL be concluded within two weeks upon suspension.

### **(7)Expulsion of a Member:**

- (a) A member may be expelled from TESCON by the Judicial Committee on grounds of misconduct in accordance with this Regulation upon a petition by any member supported by ten (10) members of good standing or three (3) members of the Executive Committee.
- (b) Any person who is expelled, accordingly ceases to be a member and shall return to the Secretary any TESCON property in his or her custody and shall forfeit any monies, dues, levies, or donations made to TESCON

### **(8) Resignation of a Member:**

- (a) A member shall cease to be a member by writing and signing a letter addressed to the President declaring his or her intention to cease to be a member and forthwith surrendering his or her TESCON membership card if any.

(b) Any person who, accordingly ceases to be a member of TESCON shall return to the Secretary any property of TESCON in his or her Custody and shall forfeit any monies, dues, levies and donations made to TESCON.

## **REGULATION 8 - ELECTORAL COMMISSION**

(1) There shall be an independent Electoral Commission (EC) in each branch which shall consist of:

- (a) A Chairman
- (b) Deputy Chairman
- (c) Secretary

(2) The Chairman, deputy Chairman and Secretary of the Electoral Commission shall be appointed by the Executive Committee with the approval of the General Assembly

(3) If a member of the Electoral Commission ceases to be a member, the commission shall continue its work, until such vacancy is filled in accordance with this Regulation.

(4) The Chairman of the Commission SHALL in consultation with the members of the Commission appoint such persons or create an ad-hoc committee(s) as he deems necessary for the fulfillment of the mandate of the Commission.

(5) Without prejudice to clause (1), the Electoral Commission shall work under the direct supervision of the regional elections committee.

### **(5) Functions**

The Electoral Commission shall have the following functions:

- (a) Conduct and supervise all elections of that TESCON branch;
- (b) Formulate and implement rules and regulations for conducting elections;
- (c) Perform such other functions as may be prescribed by the General Assembly or by the Executive Committee.

### **(6) Removal and Resignation from Office**

- a) A petition for the removal of the EC Chairperson or Deputy Chairman or secretary shall be signed by at least 20 members of good standing and sent to the Judicial Committee and a copy given to the executive

committee and the Regional Youth Organiser through the Regional TESCON Coordinator.

- b) Such petition must be determined within one week of submission.
- c) When a commissioner resigns, the Executives must within two weeks appoint replacement with strict adherence to Regulation 8 (2).

## **REGULATION 9 - ELECTIONS**

### **(1) General Provisions:**

(a) The Electoral Commission shall, one (1) month to the general elections, provide an electoral timetable together with rules and regulations to govern the elections.

(b) A breach of paragraph (a) above, shall not nullify the election results if the justification of the Electoral Commission is upheld by the Judicial Committee upon a petition by a TESCON member. Such a petition must be disposed off within 3 days of receipt with a further right of appeal in accordance with Regulation 15 (7).

(c) The Electoral Commission shall compile the electoral register and make same available to all aspirants, at least, one week to the election.

(d) For the purpose of elections of Executive Committee members, only members in good standing at the TESCON branch shall have voting rights.

(e) A simple majority shall be required to win an election. Candidates who stand unopposed shall require a 50% + 1 of the total votes cast to win the position thereof.

(f) In the event of a tie, there shall be a re-run of elections for that position between the first two candidates with the highest votes and the one with the simple majority shall emerge the winner.

(g) The Electoral Commissioner shall declare provisional results soon after counting the ballots cast and unless such results are challenged, the Electoral Commission shall declare the final results within forty-eight (48) hours after counting.

(h) Provisional results of the elections can be challenged within forty-eight (48) hours after the results have been made public. No complaints shall be entertained after the expiration of the stipulated period and the results shall be declared final by the Electoral Commission.

(i) Any election petition shall be addressed and presented to the judicial committee, in person or via available electronic means, and copied to the Electoral Commission

and the Regional Youth Organiser through the Regional TESCON Coordinator within 48hrs after the declaration of the provisional results.

(j) The Judicial Committee shall sit within 48 hours on receipt of the petition to determine the matter.

(k) In the case of an appeal against the decision of the Judicial Committee in an election matter, the appeal shall be made to the Regional Elections Committee via electronic or physical means within twenty four (24) hours and same shall be determined within 48 hours.

(l) A further appeal may be lodged to the National Election Appeals Committee against the decision of the Regional Elections Committee in electoral matters via electronic or physical means within twenty four (24) hours of the decision and same shall be determined within 48 hours.

(m) If a challenge is upheld, fresh elections for the affected position(s) shall be held at a date determined by the Judicial Committee or the Regional Youth Wing, as the case may be.

(n) In the event that elections cannot be held, interim executives shall be appointed by the Regional Youth Organiser in consultation with Patrons, Regional TESCON Coordinator and current/outgoing executives with the approval of the National Youth Organiser.

(o) The Regional Youth Organiser in consultation with the Regional TESCON Coordinator and Patron(s) shall periodically review the situation and give informed directives for the conduct of elections as soon as practicable.

(p) Candidates who are elected to various positions at the TESCON branch shall have no powers except that provided under Regulation 16 until handing over is done in accordance with this Regulation

(q) The tenure of office of Executive Committee Members shall be one (1) academic year after which the executive may seek re-election in accordance with this Regulation.

## **(2) Regional Elections Committee**

There shall be an Elections Committee in all the 16 regions which shall exercise supervisory role over the conduct of elections at branches within their respective regions. The Regional Elections Committee shall consist of:

- i) Regional Youth Organiser as Chairperson
- ii) Deputy Regional Youth Organiser as a member

- iii) Regional TESCON Coordinator as a member and Secretary to the Committee.
- iv) One representative from the Constituency Youth Organisers appointed by the Regional Youth Organiser in consultation with the Regional Youth Wing
- v) One representative from the region's TESCON Patrons appointed by the Regional Youth Organiser in consultation with the Regional Youth Wing.

### **(3) National Elections Appeals Committee**

- i) The National Youth Organiser or a Deputy or a representative shall be the Chairperson of the Appellate body should there be any matter arising from the conduct of the elections within the various regions;
- ii) The National Tescon Coordinator or a deputy shall be a member and Secretary to the Appeals Committee.
- iii) The Dean of the Youth Organisers shall be a member of the Committee
- iv) One representative from among TESCON Patrons appointed by the National Youth Organiser in consultation with the National Youth Wing shall be a Member of the Committee
- v) One person appointed by the National Youth Organiser in consultation with the National Young Wing shall be a member of the Committee.

### **(4) Vetting and Report:**

- (a) There shall be a Vetting Committee to vet all aspirants into any of the Executive Committee positions. The Committee shall consist of:
  - i. The National Youth Organiser or his Representative
  - ii. The Regional Youth Organiser or his Representative
  - iii. The Regional TESCON Coordinator or his Deputy
  - iv. The Electoral Commissioner who shall be secretary to the Committee
  - v. One Executive Member, preferably the President, who is not an aspirant.
- (b) Before the presentation of manifesto by the aspirants, the Electoral Commissioner shall submit a report from the vetting committee to the General Assembly by way of announcement and such report shall not give the ranking of the candidates.
- (c) Vetting of candidates shall concern the eligibility or otherwise of candidates as provided by this Regulation.

(d) Any candidate who wishes to contest for office shall submit himself to the Vetting Committee for thorough vetting in accordance with the provisions of this Regulation.

(e) The vetting committee shall have the power to recommend any candidate based on the eligibility of the candidate as stated in Regulation 9(5).

(f) For the avoidance of doubt, any candidate(s) not recommended shall not be presented to the General Assembly for voting.

### **(5) Eligibility of Candidates:**

Any candidate for election to the Executive Committee of the TESCON branch shall:

(a) Be a member of the TESCON branch.

(b) Not be a final year student

(c) Be of sound mind

(d) Have the ability to convince the vetting committee that he is competent to hold that Executive Committee position.

(e) Not have a proven record of embezzlement or misappropriation of funds or have behaved in such a manner as can be described as detrimental to the good reputation of the student population or tarnish the prestige of the Association in particular or the institution as a whole.

(f) Not be eligible if it is proven that he has committed an electoral offence or has disobeyed a decision of the hierarchy of the Branch

(g) Not be eligible if it is proven that he has been guilty of a deliberate violation of the TESCON Regulations.

(h) Not be eligible if he has been convicted and sentenced by a court of competent jurisdiction in respect of any offence involving high treason, or an offence involving the security of the state, dishonesty, fraud or moral turpitude

### **(6) Electoral Offences:**

Contravention of any of the procedures and rules specified by the Electoral Commission for the conduct of elections shall constitute an offence and the offender(s) shall be disqualified from contesting in that particular election.

## **REGULATION 10 - GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

(1) The General Assembly shall concern itself with matters of general policy and any other matter(s) brought by National or Regional Youth Wing, National TESCON Coordinator, Executive Committee, Judicial Committee or motions standing in the names of not less than ten (10) members of the Branch. Decisions taken and resolutions passed by the General Assembly at their meeting on any matter shall be regarded as a decision of that TESCON branch.

(2) There shall be at least three (3) General Assembly meetings within a semester.

(3) A notice to convey a General Assembly meeting shall explicitly state the matters to be discussed.

(4) The Executive Committee may convene an extra-ordinary General Assembly meeting as circumstances may dictate.

(5) The President shall be obliged to convene an extra ordinary General Assembly meeting if the Executive Committee or twenty (20) members of that TESCON branch make a request stating the agenda for that meeting. The failure of the President to convey an extra-ordinary meeting in accordance with this sub regulation shall be a ground for impeachment.

(6) The Executive and General Assembly may invite any person(s) to address the General Assembly on any matter affecting the interest of the Branch, students or the general interest of the Nation.

(7) The General Assembly may ratify or reject any decision taken or any motion initiated by the Executive Committee or Committees acting on its behalf.

(8) There shall be 3 executive members and at least 20 members to form a quorum for General Assembly meetings and in the absence of the president or vice one of the executive members shall chair.

(9) Without prejudice to the power of the General Assembly, no decision of the General Assembly of any TESCON branch which involves embarking on an activity outside their institution or holding a programme which will bring dignitaries from outside their institution shall be implemented without prior consultation with the Regional Youth Organiser.

(10) The decision of the general assembly shall be by simple majority

## **REGULATION 11 - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

(1) There shall be an Executive Committee which shall direct the affairs of a TESCON branch.

(2) The Executive Committee shall consist of the following members

- (a) President
- (b) Vice President
- (c) Secretary
- (d) Assistant Secretary
- (e) Organiser
- (f) Women's Commissioner
- (g) Communication officer
- (h) Nasara Coordinator
- (i) Treasurer

(3) Without prejudice to paragraph (f) of sub regulation (2), there shall not be a Women's Commissioner in a single sex TESCON branch.

(4) The Executive Committee shall, at its first meeting, appoint qualified persons to the following positions:

- (i) Research Officer
- (ii) Deputy Organiser
- (iii) Deputy Women's Organiser
- (iv) Deputy NASARA coordinator

(5) The Executive Committee shall meet at least once every two (2) weeks.

(6) The President shall hold an emergency meeting upon a request made in writing stating the proposed agenda and signed by not less than Seven Members of the Executive Committee. A failure of the President to hold an emergency meeting in accordance with this section shall be a ground for impeachment.

(7) The Executive Committee may constitute a Sub-Committee or appoint such persons to assist the Committee in the performance of its functions subject to the approval of the General Assembly.

(8) The quorum for Executive Committee meetings shall be seven (7) members.

(9) Without prejudice to the powers of the Executive Committee, no decision taken by the Committee shall have effect unless at the time of taking the decision, more than seven of the members of the Committee voted in support of the decision.

(10) The Executive Committee shall at each General Assembly meeting present a report on its operations.

## **REGULATION 12 - FUNCTIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

### **(1) President:**

There shall be a President who shall perform the following functions:

- (a) Be the chief spokesperson of the TESCON branch
- (b) Chair all Executive Committee and General Assembly meetings.
- (c) Through directives to the Secretary convene Executive Committee meetings and General Assembly meetings.
- (d) Supervise and co-ordinate the activities of members of the Executive Committee.
- (e) Together with the Chief Patron and Treasurer, be a signatory to the bank account of the TESCON branch.
- (f) Perform any other functions that may be assigned to him by the National Youth Wing, Regional Youth Wing, National TESCON Coordinator or the Patrons.

### **(2) Vice President:**

There shall be a Vice President who shall perform the following functions:

- (a) Assist the President in the performance of his functions
- (b) Act in the absence of the President and when acting, shall be vested with all the powers of the President.
- (c) Chairman for the Research Committee
- (d) Perform any other function as may be assigned by the President or Executive Committee.

### **(3) Secretary:**

There shall be a Secretary who shall perform the following functions:

- (a) Keep records of correspondence, register of members, assets, and shall take minutes of meetings.
- (b) Take directives from the President, the Executive Committee, the Regional Youth Wing to fix date and venue for meetings.
- (c) Perform any other functions that may be assigned by the President or the Executive Committee.

### **(4) Assistant Secretary:**

- (a) The Assistant Secretary shall assist the Secretary in the performance of his functions.
- (b) Assistant Secretary shall be the secretary for the Research Committee.
- (c) Perform any other functions as may be assigned by the President or the Executive Committee.

### **(5) Organiser:**

There shall be an Organiser who shall perform the following functions:

- (a) Responsible for the organizational work of the TESCON branch
- (b) Responsible for organising membership drive, establishing contacts at all levels among members
- (c) Mobilise people and Members for all TESCON programmes except where invitation is restricted.
- (d) Select TESCON representatives, supervise and monitor their activities at the Halls, Hostels, faculties, departments and other facilities as may be necessary.
- (e) Chair the Organising Committee
- (f) Perform any other function as may be assigned by the President or the Executive Committee.

### **(6) Women's Commissioner:**

There shall be a Women's Commissioner who shall perform the following functions:

- (a) Responsible for organising membership drives that will enroll females into TESCON.
- (b) Set up TESCON Ladies Club (TLC) that will assist in the membership drive and to organise programmes for the females.
- (c) As member of the Organising Committee, she shall assist the Organiser in the performance of his duties.
- (d) Perform any other functions as may be assigned by President or the Executive Committee.

### **(7) Communication Officer:**

There shall be a Communication Officer who shall perform the following functions:

- (a) Act as the spokesperson for the TESCON branch in all forms of communication
- (b) Disseminate positive information about the New Patriotic Party and TESCON to the members, the student population and the general public.
- (c) Perform any other functions as may be assigned by the President, the Secretary and the Executive Committee.

### **(8) Nasara Coordinator:**

There shall be a Nasara Coordinator who shall perform the following functions:

- (a) Responsible for membership drive that will recruit students from the minority groups, religious groups and the Zongo communities.
- (b) Provide an up to date information on the activities of the students from the various minority groups, religious groups and the Zongo communities.
- (c) As member of the Organising Committee, he shall assist the Organiser in the performance of his duty.
- (d) Perform any other functions as may be assigned by the President and the Executive Committee.

### **(9) Treasurer:**

There shall be a Treasurer who shall perform the following functions:

- (a) Be responsible for handling the funds of the TESCON branch and shall see to their proper disbursement.
- (b) Shall be secretary to the Finance Committee
- (c) Be responsible for the receipt of all monies and revenues accruing to the TESCON branch
- (d) Keep and maintain proper records of accounts of all moneys and revenues to which the TESCON branch is entitled to.
- (e) Present a statement of accounts covering such periods as may be specified to the General Assembly or the Executive Committee upon a request in writing by a Member or an Executive Committee Member at least ten (10) clear days before a meeting. A breach of this provision shall be a ground for impeachment.
- (f) Be a signatory to the bank account of the TESCON branch.
- (g) Perform any other functions as may be assigned by the President or the Executive Committee.

### **(10) Research Officer**

- (1) He shall be appointed by the Executive Committee.
- (2) His duties shall be determined by the executive committee.

## **REGULATION 13 - REMOVAL OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER**

### **(1) Impeachment:**

- (a) Any Member shall by notice in writing addressed to the Judicial Committee, and stating grounds for removal, commence impeachment proceedings against any Member(s) of the Executive Committee
- (b) Such a proceeding shall be authenticated by the signatures of at least 20 members of the branch or at least nine (9) Executive Committee members.
- (c) A copy of the notice shall be served on the member(s) of Executive Committee whom such a proceeding has been instituted against at least 2

days before the hearing of such a case.

(d) The Chairman of the Judicial Committee shall within 7 days on the receipt of such a notice of impeachment, convene Judicial Committee meeting and ascertain the merits of the matter.

(e) The decision of the Judicial Committee shall be copied to the Executive Committee and in a case involving all Executive Committee Members to the Regional Youth Organiser through the Regional TESCON Coordinator.

(f) An Executive Committee member(s) so impeached shall forthwith cease to be a member of the Executive Committee.

(g) Any vacancy created by virtue of impeachment shall be filled in accordance with Regulation 13(3).

## **(2) Resignation:**

(a) Any member(s) of the Executive Committee apart from the president who desires to resign shall communicate his/their resignation, in writing, to the President and copied to the Chief Patron and Regional TESCON Coordinator at least four (4) days before the formal date of resignation

(b) Any member(s) of the Executive Committee relinquishing his/their office under paragraph (a) shall hand over all documents and property of the Branch in his/their custody to the President within three (3) days of his/their formal resignation.

(c) Should the President desire to resign, his intention shall be made known in writing, to the Regional Youth Organiser through the Regional TESCON Coordinator and copied to the Chief Patron and Executive Committee at least one (1) week before the formal date of resignation.

(d) Upon resignation of the President, the Vice President shall take over and the Secretary shall issue a circular, informing the General Assembly about the resignation.

(e) Any member(s) of the Executive Committee who absents himself from three (3) consecutive Executive Committee meetings without reasonable justification shall be deemed to have resigned from his office.

(f) Should the entire Executive Committee desire to resign, the decision shall be made known to the General Assembly at least seven (7) days before the date of resignation.

(g) Where a vacancy is created as a result of resignation of a member(s) of the Executive Committee, the vacancy shall be filled in accordance with Regulation 13(3).

### **(3) Vacancy at the Executive Committee**

Where an Executive Committee position becomes vacant, the position shall be filled by:

- (a) In the case of the President, by the Vice President
- (b) In the case of the Vice President, by the Organiser
- (c) In the case of the Secretary, by the Assistant Secretary
- (d) In the case of both the President and the Vice President, the Secretary shall become the President.
- (e) In the case of any other position, an appointment shall be made by the Executive Committee members and approved by the General Assembly.
- (f) Where more than three (3) vacancies are created on the Executive Committee including the President, the Vice President and the Secretary, the Judicial Committee Chairman shall act as President of the TESCON branch and other vacancies shall be filled by the General Assembly.
- (g) On the Judicial Committee Chairman assuming the office of President, the General Assembly shall appoint a new Judicial Committee member. The Judicial Committee shall meet within twenty (24) hours to appoint Chairman of the Judicial Committee.

## **REGULATION 14 - COMMITTEES STANDING**

(1) There shall be the following Standing Committees for every TESCON branch:

- (a) Organising Committee
- (b) Finance Committee
- (c) Research Committee
- (d) Publicity Committee

(2) The Executive Committee shall appoint the Members of the Standing Committees subject to the approval of the General Assembly.

(3) The composition of a Standing Committee shall not be more than nine (9) and composition shall at all times be an odd number.

- (4) The decisions of the Standing Committees shall be by simple majority.
- (5) The functions and mandate of the Standing Committees shall be determined by the Executive Committee.
- (6) The Executive Committee may remove any member of the Standing Committee based on a stated ground(s)

## **REGULATION 15 - JUDICIAL COMMITTEE**

### **(1) Composition:**

- (a) Each TESCON Branch shall have a Judicial Committee which shall be composed of members of the TESCON Branch appointed by the Executive Committee and approved by at least 2/3 of members of the General Assembly present at the first meeting convened by the Executive Committee.
- (b) The Judicial Committee shall consist of a Chairman and a Secretary who shall be Law Students, in the case of institutions with a Law Faculty, and three (3) other members.
- (c) The Judicial Committee shall be duly constituted for its work by not less than three members except where the matter involves the impeachment of an Executive Committee Member or the expulsion of a Member where all the Members of the Judicial Committee must sit.
- (d) Without prejudice to paragraph (c), if a member of the Judicial Committee fails to or is unable on three occasions to sit on the case involving either impeachment of an Executive Committee member or the expulsion of a member, other Members shall carry on with their duty and their decision shall be binding.
- (e) The Chairperson of the Committee shall have the power to empanel for the hearing of any case before it except otherwise contained in this regulation.

### **(2) Jurisdiction:**

- (a) The Judicial Committee shall have exclusive and original jurisdiction in all matters relating to the interpretation and enforcement of this Regulation.
- (b) The Judicial Committee shall have jurisdiction in all matters affecting discipline within the TESCON branch.

(c) The Judicial Committee in exercise of its judicial authority shall have the power to make all necessary orders including but not limited to injunctions, certiorari, prohibition, quo warranto.

(d) The Judicial Committee shall have original jurisdiction in all matters relating to electoral disputes at a branch.

(3) The decisions of the Judicial Committee shall be by a simple majority except in the case of the expulsion of a member or impeachment of an Executive Committee Member where the decision has to be unanimous.

(4) The Judicial Committee shall have the power to summon any member(s) of the TESCON branch to appear before it for the purpose of enhancing the course of justice.

(5) The failure of a member(s) to appear before the judicial committee without any reasonable excuse shall be a ground for expulsion and in the case of an Executive Committee Member, ground for impeachment.

(6) The term of office of members of the Judicial Committee shall be for one (1) academic year, but may be re-appointed subject to this Regulation.

### **(3) Appeals:**

(a) An appeal against the decision of the Judicial Committee shall be made within forty eight (48) hours after the decision is given.

(b) An appeal against a decision of the Judicial Committee shall be made to the Regional Youth Wing through the Regional TESCON Coordinator, through either electronic means or physical presentation

(c) An aggrieved member shall make a final appeal to the National Youth Wing through the National TESCON Coordinator within forty eight (48) hours after the decision of the Regional Youth Wing, through either electronic means or physical presentation.

(d) The National Youth wing or Regional Youth wing, as the case may be, shall constitute a three (3) member committee to hear and determine the appeal within five (5) days on receipt of the appeal except in electoral matters where the provisions of Regulations 9(k) and (l) shall apply.

(e) The decision of the National Youth Wing shall be final.

#### **(4) Removal of Judicial Committee Member**

(a) Any member shall by notice in writing addressed to the President, and stating grounds for removal, commence removal proceedings against any member(s) of the Judicial Committee

(b) Such a proceeding shall be authenticated by the signatures of at least 20 members of the branch or at least nine (9) Executive Committee members.

(c) A copy of the notice shall be served on the member(s) of the Judicial Committee whom such a proceeding has been instituted against at least 2 days before the hearing of such a case.

(d) The President shall refer the matter to the General Assembly for voting and 2/3 of the Members of the TESCON branch must vote in favour of the removal.

(e) Without prejudice to paragraph (d), no voting shall take place unless the member(s) of the Judicial Committee is heard.

(f) Where a Judicial Committee member is removed, the vacancy shall be filled by the General Assembly in accordance with this Regulation

#### **REGULATION 16- AUDIT COMMITTEE**

(1) There shall be an Audit Committee composed of five (5) members who shall be appointed by the newly elected Executives Committee members prior to handing over.

(2) The Audit Committee shall audit the accounts of the TESCON branch and take inventory of all the assets of the TESCON branch.

(3) The Audit Committee shall furnish the newly elected Executives with its findings which shall be copied to the National / Regional TESCON Coordinator and the outgoing Executive Committee of that branch.

(4) An Executive Member(s) or person(s) against whom adverse findings are made by the Audit Committee shall forfeit his/their certificate(s) and any other courtesies and benefits including holding any TESCON Office or being appointed to any TESCON position, including the Regional and National TESCON Coordinator positions.

(5) An Executive Member(s) or person(s) against whom adverse findings have been made by the Audit Committee may set aside the findings by

appealing to the Regional Youth Organiser through the Regional TESCON Coordinator who in turn shall constitute a three member body to deal with the matters arising from the audit.

(6) Where for some reason(s) the Audit Committee is unable to perform its functions, the newly elected Executives shall write to the Regional Youth Organiser indicating the reasons.

(7) The Regional Youth Organiser shall make a determination on the matter.

## **REGULATION 17- GENERAL CLAUSES**

### **(1) Party Activities:**

The selection of TESCON representative(s) to Party elections and programmes shall be determined by the directives that shall be given by the Regional Youth Wing in consultation with the National Youth Wing.

### **(2) TESCON Certificates:**

(a) Official Certificate under the hand of the rightful persons so stated in this regulation shall be issued to the following:

- I. TESCON Executives
- II. Members of the Judiciary
- III. Members of the Electoral Commission
- IV. Members of Other Committees

(b) Certificates of Executive Committee Members shall be signed by the Chief Patron, the Regional Youth Organiser and the National Youth Organiser

(c) Any other certificate shall be signed by the Regional Youth Organiser, Chief Patron and the President of that TESCON branch.

(d) There shall be a uniform TESCON Certificate template issued by the National TESCON Secretariat for use by all branches nationwide.

### **(3) National TESCON Card:**

Without prejudice to the Party Card, the National Youth Wing may issue National TESCON cards.

## **REGULATION 18 - RESIDUAL POWERS**

Where on any matter whether arising out of this Regulation or otherwise, there being no provision, express or by necessary implication of this Regulation which deals with the matter that has arisen, the Regional Youth Wing in consultation with the National Youth Wing shall provide for how that matter should be dealt with.

## **REGULATION 19 - INTERPRETATION**

(1) This Regulation shall be given a broad and liberal interpretation to reflect the fundamental values of the Party and the exigencies of the time.

(2) In this Regulation, unless the context otherwise requires:

“Good standing” means a Member whose name has been entered into the register of a particular TESCON branch and has paid all his dues;

“he” means both male and female;

“his” means both male and female;

“Party” means the New Patriotic Party;

“Regulation” means “Rules” and vice versa;

“Student” means a member of a recognized Tertiary Institution pursuing a certificate programme, Diploma, Degree, Masters or PhD.

“Cell” refers to a Hall or hostel or place of residence for members of TESCON.

## **REGULATION 20 - AMENDMENT OF THE REGULATIONS**

(1) All or any of the provisions in this Regulation may be altered, deleted, added to or otherwise amended by the National Youth Wing in accordance with this Regulation.

(2) A Member of TESCON who wishes for any provision of this Regulation to be amended shall submit a petition for amendment to the National Youth Wing through the Regional Youth Wing and copied to the National TESCON Coordinator.

(3) The petition for amendment must be circulated among all Regional Youth Wings at least two (2) weeks before a National Youth Wing meeting.

(4) An amendment shall be made if at least 2/3 of Members of the National Youth Wing vote in favour of the Amendment.

(5) The National Youth Wing may by itself amend this Regulation in accordance with this Regulation.

(6) An amendment to this Regulation shall be communicated to all TESCON branches.

## **REGULATION - 21 REPEALS AND SAVINGS**

(1) TESCON Rules and Regulations 2018 is hereby repealed.

(2) Any act or direction done under TESCON Rules and Regulations 2018 shall be lawful despite the repeal.

## **SCHEDULES**

### **First Schedule**

## **STANDING ORDERS**

### **(1) Voting:**

(a) Voting on decisions at meetings shall be by members only. Each member of that TESCON branch shall be entitled to one vote only;

(b) Voting privileges shall include the right to delegate and to make or second motions or nomination;

(c) Voting on motions shall be carried by a simple majority of members present;

(d) The casting of votes shall be in the following order: vote(s) for, against, abstentions;

(e) If the number of votes for and against a motion is equal, the Chairman shall exercise the casting vote. Delegates abstaining shall be considered as non-voting.

## **(2) Motions:**

- (a) All members shall have a right to file motions or proposals;
- (b) All motions shall be addressed to the Chairman;
- (c) No motion or amendment shall be opened for discussion until it has been seconded, but the proposer shall have the right to speak on the motion for two (2) minutes in order to find a seconder;
- (d) No matter shall be discussed until it concerns an approved subject on the agenda, except with the permission of the house;
- (e) A motion shall only be opened for discussion or amendment after the proposer and seconder have been given the opportunity to speak in support of the motion;
- (f) After the proposer and seconder have spoken for the motion, the Chairman shall invite other speakers in the following order: For the motion, against the motion;
- (g) The proposer of an original motion shall have the right to reply at the close of the debate on his motion;
- (h) A motion cannot be amended until consent is given by the Chairman;
- (i) Discussion of a motion (including amendments) may be curtailed in time by a procedural motion from the floor or by the Chair, with the approval of the house;
- (j) The Chairman shall have the power to limit debate on any motion (including amendments).

## **(3) Amendments:**

- (a) No amendments shall be moved, which by the Chairman's ruling rescinds, negates or destroys the original motion;
- (b) No other amendments shall be moved until the first amendment has been disposed of, but notice of further amendments may be given;
- (c) If an amendment is rejected, other amendments may be moved on the original motion. If an amendment be carried, the motion as amended shall become the motion, and shall be the question on which any further discussion may be made, or upon which the final vote is taken;

- (d) An amendment, like the motion, must be moved, seconded and discussed in accordance with the procedure for motions outlined above;
- (e) When several amendments are presented on any one item, the amendment first tabled and supported will be voted upon first. However, discussions on subsequent amendments will be opened before a vote is taken on the first amendment.

#### **(4) Interventions:**

(a) In addition to a motion, the Chairman shall allow the following points in order of precedence:

- i. Point of Order,
- ii. Point of Correction;
- iii. Point of Information.

(b) A point of order must be heard at all times, and the Chairman shall give his ruling before the issue is further discussed. Points of order shall deal with the conduct of procedure of the debate. The member rising to put the Point of Order shall prove one or more of the following:

- i. That the speaker is traveling outside the scope of the motion under discussion;
- ii. That he is using improper language;
- iii. That he is infringing upon the Regulations or Standing Orders.

(c) A point of correction shall be factual presentation seeking to correct a statement made by the last speaker. It must be strictly related to the subject under immediate discussions.

(d) A point of information is a question or a brief statement of a relevant fact concerning the matter under discussion. It should be directed to either the last speaker or the Chairman.

#### **(5) Conduct of meetings:**

(a) A speaker shall direct his speech strictly to the motion or amendment under discussion. If there is no definite motion or amendment before the meeting, the speaker shall direct his speech strictly to the point on the agenda under discussion. Every member shall address himself solely to the Chair,

(b) No member shall be allowed to speak more than once on a motion as long as a member who has not spoken on that motion desires the floor. No member shall speak for longer than ten (10) minutes at one time without permission of the Chair;

(c) The Chairman shall interpret the Standing Orders, subject to approval of the General Assembly;

(d) Any or more Standing Orders may, in case of urgency, or after notice duly given, be suspended, so far as regards business at that particular meeting provided that there is a two-thirds (2/3) majority in favour.

## **Second Schedule**

### **OATH OF OFFICE**

#### **(1) Oath of Executive Committee Members:**

I,.....having been elected to the office of..... solemnly affirm that I will be faithful and true to TESCON; that I will at all times preserve, protect and defend the Regulations of TESCON; and that I dedicate myself to the service and wellbeing of the Members of TESCON and to do right to all manner of persons. I further solemnly affirm that should I at any time break this oath of office I shall submit myself to laws of TESCON and suffer the penalty for it. (So help me God).

#### **(2) Oath of Officers:**

I,.....having been appointed as..... solemnly affirm that I will be faithful and true to TESCON; that I will uphold, preserve, protect, and defend the Regulations of TESCON, and that I will to the best of my judgment execute the work given me. I further solemnly affirm that should I at any time break this oath of office I shall submit myself to laws of TESCON and suffer the penalty for it. (So help me God).

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