



Constitution



National Freedom Front


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Section 01

Introduction

The National Freedom Front is the political party of patriotic progressives seeking national independence in Sri Lanka.

Name	:- National Freedom Front
Flag	:- A golden flag twice as long as its width with five red stars in the middle
Anthem	:- The party's anthem
Election symbol	:- The Panchayudha
Colour	:- Gold

Section 02

Membership

- 01.) Those eligible to obtain party membership are: citizens of Sri Lanka, residing in Sri Lanka or abroad, who have completed 16 years of age, accept the policy statement, work program, and constitution, agree to act accordingly, are prepared to pay party membership fees regularly, agree to participate continuously and actively in party organizations and branches, and are prepared to implement party decisions.
- 02.) Those wishing to obtain party membership must fill out the application form and submit it to the party branch. When such applications are accepted and approved at branch sessions, each applicant is accepted as a member and notified. The relevant member must then pay their registration fee and annual membership fee to the party branch. Subsequently, he or she will be issued a party membership card and membership number.
- 03.) When those who held or hold leadership-level positions and state power-wielding positions in other parties request to join the party, only the party's Central Committee can make decisions in this regard.


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- 04.) A person may hold membership in another party while simultaneously holding membership in the National Freedom Front. However, this can only be done after the Central Committee has decided that such dual party membership should be permitted for that particular member.
- 05.) Sri Lankans who are not citizens of Sri Lanka may also obtain party membership. Such membership can be obtained only after a properly completed application is submitted through the General Secretary to the Party's Central Committee, and after it is accepted, approved, and notified thereafter.
- 06.) Members who have been expelled from the party or members who previously left the party can be readmitted only subject to the approval of the Central Committee.
- 07.) When a question arises regarding the good faith of any person requesting party membership, the Central Committee has the power to refuse granting membership.
- 08.) Every member joining the party must sign the following oath:

"I agree with the party's common work program. I shall work to achieve its aims and objectives. I shall conform to the party's policies, work program, and constitution. I shall act prudently and actively within the party. I shall be loyal to the party. I shall implement its decisions."

Upholding the above-mentioned oath is a responsibility of party membership, and violating this oath should be considered a breach of party discipline. The relevant branch or institution must notify the party's Central Executive Committee regarding this, if any.

- 09.) Members wishing to resign from the party must notify the party branch in writing. Their name will then be removed from the party membership list. When resignations are submitted for political reasons on certain occasions, and when they have been submitted after seriously violating party discipline, the Central Committee has the power to reject the resignation and expel him or her from the party.

Section 03

Party Structure

The party structure is based on democratic centralism, and accordingly:

1. All institutions and leaderships of the party are elected by vote.


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2. The minority is subordinate to the majority. However, a member or members who are in the minority on a specific matter have the right to discuss again and convince others of the correctness of their opinion on that matter within their party institution when necessary. Until they convince their party institution of that correctness and it is accepted as the majority opinion, every member must remain bound to accept the majority opinion within the institution. As long as one is a member of the party, the majority opinion should not be criticized outside the party.
3. Lower institutions are subordinate to the decisions of higher institutions. The fundamental principles contained in paragraph 2 above also apply to this section.
4. The individual is subordinate to the collective. Members holding positions and responsibilities at all levels must always act only in accordance with the collective decisions of the party institution to which they belong. Party members should not independently implement new creative ideas and proposals without having them approved by their party institution.
5. Party decisions are directed from the bottom to the top of the party, and there must be complete responsibility in higher institutions for decisions to be formulated based on scientific evaluation while being based on the opinions and proposals of lower organizations, branches, institutions, and individual members.
6. Every lower organization, branch, and institution regularly reports to higher organizations about its work activities and receives instructions, guidance, and party decisions from higher organizations.
7. Reviews are conducted in every organization, branch, and institution. Similarly, open discussions on specific matters are held within them.
8. All forms of factional activities and group formations are prohibited activities.

Section 04

Organizational Structure of the Party

1. The supreme institution of the party is the National Congress.
2. A party conference or National Conference is held once every three years or at any time decided by the Central Committee.



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3. Special sessions are convened when the Central Committee deems such necessary, or when requested by a majority of district committees, or when requested by a majority of electoral district committees, or when requested by a majority of branch committees, or when requested by 1/3 of party membership.
4. A new Central Committee must be elected for the party at the National Conference.
5. The location, date, and time of the party conference, the agenda of the conference, and the documents to be presented to it are finally decided by the existing Central Committee. However, especially, the Central Committee must ensure that proposals and opinions regarding documents to be presented to the conference, as well as new proposals and opinions regarding other permanent documents such as the policy statement, party work program, and party constitution, are obtained from all party institutions, organizations, branches, and memberships within a specific reasonable period.
6. Membership in the National Conference and special sessions is entitled only to those who have held continuous party membership for a minimum period of two years.

■ **Central Committee**

7. The right to submit basic nominations for the new Central Committee to be appointed by the Conference belongs to the party's secondary organizations, district councils, and the Politbureau. Party institutions and district organizations must submit at least one nomination each, and the number of nominations that can be submitted to each district council and institution is decided by the existing Politbureau. The Politbureau may directly submit nominations up to 1/3 of the total number of nominations.
8. After obtaining approval for the Central Committee, the appointed Central Committee must be announced before the Conference. The quorum of the Central Executive Committee is the nearest higher whole number to 1/3 of the members, including members who have not attended.
9. Between two sessions of the Conference, the highest authority of the party is held by the Central Committee. The Central Committee performs tasks including implementing the party constitution, implementing decisions taken at the Conference, deciding on daily, short-term and long-term strategies and action plans based on the


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party's policies and work program, implementing them, as well as other tasks mentioned elsewhere herein.

10. It is the responsibility of the Central Committee to submit nominations for elections based on nominations selected from party branch committees, constituency councils, district councils and other party institutions and referred to the Central Committee for each respective election.

11. It has the power to fill vacancies that arise when a Disciplinary Committee decides to expel any Central Committee member through formal disciplinary action.

■ Politbureau

12. The Central Executive Committee appoints the Politbureau from among its members.

13. The Politbureau performs work belonging to the Central Executive Committee and exercises its powers between two sessions of the Central Executive Committee; makes political and organizational decisions; and implements them.

■ Officers

14. The Officers, including the Chairman, General Secretary, Treasurer, and National Organizer, must be appointed by the Central Committee, and when appointing to the above positions, such appointments must be made from among the members appointed to the Politbureau. Furthermore, other positions deemed necessary by the Central Committee must be created and the relevant officers appointed from among Central Committee membership and/or Politbureau membership.

■ Chairman

15. The Chairman of the party is the leader of the party.

Similarly, it is the responsibility of the Chairman to preside over the Politbureau, the Central Committee, and other basic organizations of the party, and to maintain official communication with the approval of the Politbureau and/or the Central Committee with external institutions, organizations, and individuals on behalf of the party.

■ General Secretary



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16. It is the responsibility of the General Secretary to convene and supervise all organizations of the party, issue official statements and maintain records of the party, and issue directives of the party.

■ National Organizer

17. It is the responsibility of the National Organizer to study matters of national importance and implement national programs in coordination with the party, and to provide leadership for building, supervising, and guiding the party's junior organizations.

■ Treasurer

18. It is the responsibility of the Treasurer to manage finances in accordance with the party's constitution and provide reports.

■ District Council

19. The Chairman of the District Council, which is an institution composed of the chairpersons and secretaries of the party's constituency councils and representatives of secondary organizations relevant to the district, is elected by vote at the district conference, and the Chairman is also the district leader.

20. The District Secretary is nominated by the Central Committee, and the remaining officers are elected by vote at the district conference.

■ Constituency Council

21. The Officers, including the Chairman of the Constituency Council (except the Constituency Secretary), which is an institution composed of the chairpersons and secretaries of the party's branch committees and representatives of secondary organizations relevant to the constituency, must be elected by vote at the constituency conference.

22. The Constituency Secretary is appointed by the District Council.

■ Branch Association

23. The most basic organization of the party is the branch association. Branch Associations, which are organized as one branch association per polling station, must

appoint a suitable Officers' Council as appropriate, and the convening of branch associations must be done by the Constituency Chairman/Secretary according to the instructions of the District Leader and/or District Secretary.

24. Regardless of what is mentioned in any of the above sections, the branch committee, constituency council, and district council must respectively consider the constituency council, district council, and Central Committee as their higher organization, and obtaining instructions regarding the existence, activities, officers, and any other matter of those organizations and acting in accordance with them must be done according to the decisions of that higher organization.

25. Any deficiency and/or omission occurring in the above-mentioned organizational structure should not be regarded as prohibiting and/or invalidating and/or rendering powerless any function relevant to this constitution.

Section 05

Party Discipline

01.) Party discipline is very important for maintaining and strengthening the unity and unanimity of the party, for developing and improving the party's capability and strength, for protecting its victories and achieving new victories, for protecting the dignity of the party, and for correctly implementing democratic centralism. Party discipline is very important in providing leadership to the masses. However, on the other hand, party discipline is by no means absolute. What it expects is to become party members who are more filled with fraternity and who love external society, while following the party's strategies and action plans without violating the party's policies, work program, and constitution. Disciplinary issues are resolved by treating sympathetically, considering the positions he or she holds within the party organization and in public life, taking into account the overall service rendered to the party rather than individual mistakes and incidents, and providing a fair opportunity to correct mistakes. However, more rapid and severe disciplinary action will be taken regarding serious political mistakes that are directly anti-party.

02.) When it is observed that a party member is violating party discipline, or when an organization, institution, branch, or member informs the Central Committee about such a matter, an inquiry must be conducted regarding it, and if necessary, the Central


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Committee must appoint a Disciplinary Committee composed of Central Committee members. Furthermore, if it is decided after such inquiry that it is necessary, the Central Committee may temporarily suspend the relevant member's party membership, order that party property in his possession be returned, or limit or suspend his activities until further disciplinary action is taken.

03.) The above-mentioned Disciplinary Committee must:

- (I) Present a written charge sheet to the relevant member.
 - (II) Provide the relevant member with a period of not less than 14 days and an opportunity to present their case before the Committee.
 - (III) Examine the case unilaterally only if the relevant member foregoes that time and opportunity.
 - (IV) Present the observations and recommendations submitted by the Disciplinary Committee to the Central Committee.
 - (V) The Central Committee must consider those observations and recommendations and issue appropriate disciplinary orders.
4. The relevant member has the right to submit an appeal to the party within 14 days of receiving notice of expulsion only against the action of expulsion.
 5. The decision of the Central Committee regarding such appeal is final and cannot be questioned in any way.

■ Public Representative Institutions

- 1.) Party members elected to Parliament, Provincial Councils, and Local Government Institutions must act collectively as a party group within those institutions. When more than two representatives are elected to an institution, one of them must be elected as the group leader.
- 2.) Every public representative must provide a specific portion requested by the party from the salaries and allowances they receive. These should be considered public property.
- 3.) A specific portion requested by the party from the special privileges they receive must also be provided to the party. These should be considered public property.


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Clause 06 Advisory Councils

- 1.) Councils composed of expert, progressive intellectuals are established to obtain advisory services on subject areas decided by the party's Central Executive Committee.

Section 07

Finance

1. Although all financial control of the party rests with the Central Committee, the responsibility for managing finances is assigned to the Treasurer with the approval and instructions of the Central Committee.
2. Financial transactions must be conducted through an account at a bank decided by the Central Committee in the name of the party. Money exceeding the small cash amount decided by the Central Committee from funds received by the party must always be deposited in the bank account.
3. For every sum of money received by the party, a receipt signed by the Treasurer or someone authorized on his behalf must be issued.
4. If it is necessary to withdraw money from the party's account, checks must be signed by the Treasurer and the Chairman or Secretary.
5. The Treasurer must prepare and maintain all documents and reports regarding receipt of money and expenditures.
6. The annual budget report must be approved by an audit officer nominated by the Central Executive Committee or the General Conference.
7. The use of funds by branch projects and special organizations must be done under the supervision, guidance, and approval of the party's Chief Treasurer.

Section 08

Supplementary Provisions and Amendments

1. When any problem arises regarding the party constitution, the responsibility for interpreting it rests with the Central Committee.



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2. The responsibility for making decisions on matters not mentioned or not clear in the constitution rests with the Central Committee.
3. The Central Committee has the right to enact by-laws and rules when necessary.
4. The Central Committee has the power to amend this constitution when necessary during the period until the next party conference.
5. Operating without branches at the beginning during the initial period after obtaining party membership may be accepted.

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