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INDEPENDENT YOUTH POWER



CONSTITUTION



CONSTITUTION OF THE INDEPENDENT

YOUTH POWER

Party Name: *Independent Youth Power (IYP)*

Party Logo: *ඳුරු stand as the main element of the logo. It represents the concept of dispelling darkness and bringing fertility. Traditional pattern on the element visualize the party flexibility and respect for cultural value of Sri Lanka. By using 3 languages to write down the party name, it is certainly exposed that party policy respects all nations with same concern.*

Party colour: *Yellow Ochre. The color yellow an extension of the sun's radiant light and a powerful symbol of divine everlasting wisdom.*

OBJECTIVE OF THE PARTY

Our aim is to build a society based on political, social and economic democracy. We seek to challenge and redistribute all inequalities of power and wealth in society through the empowerment of ordinary people. We strive for social and economic justice in which everyone has a guaranteed standard of security and well-being, and a fair opportunity to develop their personal and social selves and to participate in the economic, social and cultural life of the nation under conditions of freedom, cooperation, justice, economic security and equality. Also, we consider putting an end to corrupt politics as a very important task in the implementation of the main objective.

Our determination is to transform Sri Lankan society through engaging with and empowering all progressive young educated people. Our principles are based on human dignity, human rights, values of equality, and the concept of "Sri Lankan". We promote cooperation among all members of the human family.

We believe healthy economy is central to a good society. Our vision of social inclusion requires being part of a thriving society, the levels of prosperity that can only be produced by a dynamic, efficient and prosperous economy. We certainly know that all citizens should have the right to work and the right to earn well for the contribution.

We propose that the ability to achieve a better standard of living through the development of support among communities through non-divisive attitudes. We are committed to nurturing and expanding what shapes our national identity, civil society, arts and entertainment. Moreover, we are committed to sustainable interaction with the environment, humanity's common heritage, so that we can meet the needs of today without compromising the rights of future generations.

MEMBERSHIP

Any citizen of Sri Lanka of the age of 18 years or above who subscribes to the objectives of the party shall be eligible to become a member of the party, provided that he or she:

- I. must be agreed to accept and conform to the constitution, programme, principles and policy of the party.
- II. Should not be a member of any other registered political party and you should not be a member of any organization incompatible with membership of the independent youth power.
- III. Must be agreed that the elected representatives of the independent youth power, and any candidates in internal independent youth power elections in which you are entitled to participate may contact you using any of the data Supplied.
- IV. By entering your email address and phone number you agree to receive communications from us.
- v. You have no rights to share party's confidential information with third party person or organization.
- VI. Should be understood that without the knowledge of the party leadership or a party executive officer, it is completely prohibited to hold press conferences, present facts in front of the media, present facts about party policies, objectives or represent the party on any social media network such as Face-book, You Tube.
- VII. By being a member you must agree to sustain and promote the objects and values of the independent youth power.
- VIII. Should understand that prohibited do things including declaring opinions, which is in conflict with the purpose, objects and values of the independent youth power. You must be agreed to be expelled from the party by expressing disagreement with the Policies of the party will.
- IX. Person who is elected as a party member must agree to pay the annual membership fee charged for the party's administrative works.
- X. In addition to the above terms and conditions, it is a must to abide by all codes of conduct which may exist from time to time.

Categories of Membership

There shall be two categories of members:

- i. **Ordinary Member:** All new members are subject to a three years probationary period. During that time, their contribution will not be taken for the designated specific functions such as party voting.
- ii. **Active Members:** The members who pass the three years probationary period will get the active membership by giving their contribution to the party's policies and objectives as well as dedication to the promotion of the party.

Membership Process

- i. A person who seeks membership must be apply via official membership application which can be download from the party website.
- ii. Party leadership/executive committee shall take the final decision on each application and approve applications.
- iii. An active member shall pay membership fee as prescribed from time to time.

Terms

It is valid for two years after obtaining active membership. Each member must renew their membership no later than the 31st of January following every two years. However, in case of non-acceptance of the terms mentioned under the above **membership** title, the party authority has the power to revoke the membership.

Termination of the membership

A person shall cease to be a member of the party in the event of:

- i. Death
- ii. Resignation
- iii. Dismissal/Revoke
- iv. Non-renewal of membership
- v. On being convicted by a court of law for a crime

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

The organizational structure of the party shall consist of the following organs at the primary level to national level.

Board of Executives

The party's executive board should include the following people.

- Party leader
- Chairman
- Deputy Chairman
- Secretary
- Deputy Secretary
- Treasurer
- Deputy Treasurer
- National Organizer
- Seven Committee members
- Five Patrons

The above officers should be appointed at the initial meeting of the party. The term of office of the Executive Board is five years.

Powers and functions of the Executive Board

- Recruitment of members to the party and suspension of their membership.
- Recruiting employees and assigning tasks to them. Besides their powers of disciplinary control and dismissal etc.
- Filling up of vacancies in the posts of Leader, Chairman, Secretary, Deputy Secretary, Treasurer.
- Appointing appropriate auditors to audit the accounts of the party.
- Convening the party's annual general meeting.
- Obtaining land, buildings, equipment or monetary donations for the use of the party in an appropriate manner and utilizing and planning for the purposes of the party.

Leader

There is a Leader of the Party who shall be elected by the Party Members. The Leader shall determine the political direction of the Party having regard to the views of Party. His power and functions as follows:

- i. Perform as a leader and as a team player as are required to carry out the objectives of the party.
- ii. Elect one person as secretary and five members for executive committee.
- iii. Monitor and supervise the activities of the party functionaries.
- iv. Undertake all activities as are needed to meet the objectives of the party.
- v. Authorize all kind of functions of the party and Making decisions after asking the advice and suggestions of the executive committee about the party members.

Chairman

In the absence of the party Leader, representing him and presiding over the party's meetings and interacting with the party's functionaries and working with the branch union officers and making the decisions taken by the executive council should be connected with the branch presidents and working with great dedication for the future development of the party and working with the party's decisions.

Deputy Chairman

In the absence of the party Chairman, representing him and bearing related responsibilities. Guiding the followers of the party by upholding the policies of the party.

Secretary

The secretary shall be responsible for

- i. Managing the day to day affairs of the secretariat at the concerned level.
- ii. For managing records and keeping minutes of the meetings at the concerned level.
- iii. Carrying out all such work as given to secretary by the party authority time to time.

Deputy Secretary

To replace the secretary in his absence and to support all the duties of the secretary.

Treasurer

The party treasurer shall:

- i. Ensure that the accounts of the party are properly maintained and are audited by an auditor who has the authorization for party account audits.
- ii. Ensure that all compliances regarding accounts and party funds are duly made.

- iii. Ensure that audited annual accounts of the party are submitted to the party.

Deputy Treasurer

To provide all support to the treasurer to maintain all the financial affairs of the party in an orderly manner.

National Organizer

- The district and provincial organizers of the party should work under the national organizer. It is his responsibility to manage the organization and election activities of the party.
- Working as the media spokesperson of the party. It is mandatory for all organizers to follow his instructions. A national organizer has the authority to subject any organizer to disciplinary proceedings if he acts contrary to his instructions.

Provincial Organizer

It is his responsibility to organize the organization of the party at the provincial level. The organization of the party should be carried forward with the district organizers, including the implementation of the decisions given by the national organizer.

District Organizer

The primary responsibility is to organize with the seat organizers of the district they belong to. Once a month, after discussing with all the constituency organizers, the progress regarding the organization work should be submitted to a national organization of the party.

Seat Organizer

Seat Organizers. He should organize the affairs of his constituency very responsibly and carry out the organizational activities given by the party with the chairman, secretary, treasurer of the branch societies and get the necessary support from the local leaders.

Committee Members

Organizing all the activities related to the decisions made by the party and implementing them formally.

Patrons

Giving proper instructions and guidance to the members of the committee organizing the party's activities and providing all necessary representations for the promotion of the party's policies.

Abolition of party leadership post

The post of party leadership may be abolished for several specific reasons.

- Death of party leader.
- The party leader is guilty of indiscipline or is guilty under the Penal Code.
- Passing an impeachment within the party against the party leadership with a majority vote.

In case of unexpected death of the party leader, the responsibility of the party should be held by the president of the party for a period of three months and after the expiry of three months, a suitable person should be selected as the leader of the party as a unanimous decision of the executive council of the party.

When the leader of the party is found guilty under the Penal Code, he loses his official title and powers until the verdict. The chairman of the party should act as the unofficial leader.

In addition, if the party members pass impeachment by a majority vote against an arbitrary act or indiscipline of the party leader, the party leader will lose his position.

DISPERSAL OF THE PARTY

The independent committee appointed by the general secretary of the party has the powers to dissolve the party with the permission of the board of executives. The committee consists of seven members appointed by the leader and secretary, including the chairman, national organizer, and treasurer. Their decision is final.

After the dissolution of the party, the decision taken by the Executive Council regarding all assets of the party shall be final.

PARTY DISCIPLINE, CODE OF CONDUCT

- I. A member shall not engage himself in illegal activity or which will damage the party image.
- II. A member shall not undertake any activity which is a violation contrary to the objectives of the party.
- III. A member shall not violate any rule made by the party or disobey any direction given by it.

- IV. Every member of the party shall be free to express their own opinion within the party unless it is not violating the objectives of the party.
- V. Members must not involve him/herself in any corrupted practice.
- VI. Nobody has no permission to join the party who has criminal past.
- VII. Every member should take care to dress in a decent manner. Not only when appearing in public but as a party member, care should be taken so that the dignity of the party is protected.
- VIII. Aggressive conduct will not be accepted specially front of meetings which are open to electronic media.

Penalties

Disciplinary action may result in penalties ranging from warning, suspension or expulsion from the party. No disciplinary action shall be taken against a member without giving an opportunity to that member to explain and answer the chargers against him/her.

The authority has the power to implement the relevant punishments without asking for excuses in case of breaking the rules.

MEETINGS

Party shall do meetings at least at the following intervals:

- i. National Level: once a year.
- ii. District Level: twice a year.
- iii. Executive meetings shall meet at least once in a quarter.
- iv. If required leader or executive committee can call for a meeting at any time which is necessary.
- v. Every member is responsible for participating in any gathering when the party is called.

PARTY FUNDS AND ACCOUNTS

- Party membership fees should be paid to the party official account in the name of Independent Youth Power Society Limited. Funds or donations received by the party should be deposited to the above account.
- It is absolutely forbidden for any member to personally receive money or other donations offered by any person or organization, such receiving or depositing in one's personal account is considered an undisciplined and fraudulent act. If engaged in such an act and

it becomes evident, the member who involved in that act will be removed from the party by the unanimous decision of the party leader.

- Submission of acceptable bills for all expenses is mandatory.
- Getting money for any occasion is done with the approval of the party leadership and the executive board. A written permission must be obtained to receive the amount and the permission will be given in writing through a committee meeting.
- The party secretary is authorized to keep an amount of 50,000 rupees in his custody for emergency expenses.
- * It is constitutionally informed that all funds and membership fees received by the party will be used only for the party's administrative work and the party's success.

If there are any contradictions on translations of the party's constitution, the opinion mentioned in the Sinhala constitution will be taken as the final opinion.

Sample Application for Membership

Name in full:

Name with initials:

Gender: **Male** **Female**

Date of Birth:

Address:

Residential:

Official:

District:

Division:

Contact No:

Residential:

Official:

Email Address:

About me:

I hereby declare that all the information furnished above is true and correct. I undertake to abide by the constitution rules and discipline of the party.

Signature:

Date: