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UGANDA JOURNALISTS ASSOCIATION

“THE PEN IS MIGHTIER THAN THE SWORD”

WEDNESDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2026

GUIDELINES TO THE ASPIRING UGANDA JOURNALISTS ASSOCIATION (UJA) OFFICE LEADERS

The following Guidelines, Rules and Regulations were approved by the Executive Committee sitting on 21st September 2020 and upheld by the same on 8th December 2022, to streamline the internal governance process in the interest of promoting and furthering the Association aspirations.

Approval of these rules followed consultations by a Select Committee with the former Association presidents/ elders, selected individual journalists and trainers of journalism from select Universities and Higher Institutions of Learning:

1. Only a paid-up member and citizen of Uganda with minimum qualification of a diploma in journalism or mass communication from a recognized academic institution shall be fit to compete for any office.
2. He or she must have been a full member for at least two years to the AGM.
3. Aspirants shall meet a payment of nomination fee as follows:
President 400,000, Vice President 300,000/, Secretary General 200 000, Deputy Secretary General 150 000, Treasurer 200,000, while the rest of offices; 100,000. All the money in shillings currency shall be paid through bank in the Association's account.
4. Once payment has been made as shown in guideline number 3 it shall be non-refundable.
5. Aspiring leaders shall have un questionable integrity and moral standards.
6. Persons whose actions grossly and persistently undermine the aspirations of UJA shall not qualify for any leadership office/ position.
7. The election component of 2026 AGM shall be conducted under a hybrid format. It shall combine a physical audience comprising presence of some individual members(voters) at the meeting site or venue, and an electronic/ virtual /online audience, participating digitally using the technological system in place.

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