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RULES FOR BASUPATSELA.

In joining the Basupatsela, I do solemnly swear and promise to follow and obey the Five Principles of the Basupatsela:-

1. To Keep Clean in Body and Mind-

I shall wash every day,
I shall help to keep my home and street clean,
I shall not smoke, swear, gamble, or tell lies,
I shall live honourably, play fairly, and cheat no-one,
I shall not steal.

2. To Learn and Teach-

I shall learn how to read and write my own language and other languages as well,
I shall learn how to work with figures and measurements,
I shall learn what happened in the past times,
I shall learn about my country and the different countries and peoples of the world,
I shall learn all I can about Nature,
I shall learn about music and acting and drawing,
All that I have learnt I shall not keep to myself, but pass on to others.

3. To Play Games and Keep Fit-

I shall do my best to be a good sportsman,
I shall learn the rules of every game I play and keep to those rules,
I shall always keep myself fit and strong.

4. To Serve my Country.

I shall always help my parents in every way I can,
I shall strive my best to assist those who are struggling for freedom and equality in South Africa,
I shall put the cause of my people before my own selfish interests, now and all my life.

5. To Be a Good Basupatsela,

I shall be a brother (sister) to all my brothers and sisters who are members of the Basupatsela,
I shall obey at once every order given to me by my superior officers of the Basupatsela,
I shall always strive to build our Basupatsela movement among the children of South Africa,
I shall oppose bad treatment to any man or child and help people who are in trouble always even if it means danger to me.

I PROMISE TO HOLD THESE FIVE PRINCIPLES OF THE BASUPATSELA BEFORE ME, TO LEARN THEM BY HEART, TO REPEAT THEM EVERY MORNING FIRST THING WHEN I GET UP.

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AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS YOUTH LEAGUEREVISEDCONSTITUTION.

1. NAME. The name of the organisation shall be the African National Congress Youth League (hereinafter styled the C.Y.L.)
2. AIMS & OBJECTS. The aims and objects of the C.Y.L. shall be
- (a) To arouse and encourage national consciousness and national pride among African Youth.
 - (b) To prepare African Youth for responsibility and leadership in the struggle for freedom, democracy and social progress.
 - (c) To strive and work for the educational, moral and cultural advancement of African Youth.
 - (d) To study the political, economic and social problems of Africa and the World.
 - (e) To assist, support, re-inforce and strengthen the African National Congress in its fight for the national and the national liberation of the African people.
3. MEMBERSHIP.
- (a) Membership shall be open to all African men and women between the ages of 12 and 40 years, who accept the creed of the C.Y.L. and undertake to carry out its programme and policy; Provided that for the purposes of this clause, "African" shall be taken to include all persons who by general repute are accepted as Africans.
 - (b) (i) Any person desiring to be admitted as a member shall be required to complete and sign a prescribed form of application for membership, which, together with the registration fee, shall be forwarded to local branch secretary, or, where no branch exists, to the Regional secretary, or if there is no region, to the Provincial Organiser, or, in the absence of a Provincial branch, to the chief Organiser, and such secretary or organiser shall report the said application at the following meeting of the Executive Committee of which he is a member: Provided (1) That no application shall be refused or accepted before a period of at least three months from the date of such meeting shall have elapsed, (2) that an Executive Committee may, upon receipt of an application permit the applicant to attend those meetings of the C.Y.L. which are intended for members only.
 - (ii) In the event of the application being refused the applicant shall be advised accordingly, and his registration fee shall be refunded in full.
 - (iii) If the application is approved, the applicant shall be duly notified; and shall subsequently be declared a member at a special admission ceremony conducted as prescribed in the Rules and Regulations.
 - (c) Persons who are members of other political organisations shall not be admitted into membership, and no member of the C.Y.L. may become/.....

become a member of any other political organisation: Provided that the National Executive Committee shall have power to decide whether any particular organisation is a political organisation within the meaning of this section .

(d) Membership shall be open to the following classes:-

- (i) Aspirants - being persons whose applications for membership are still under consideration, and who have been granted the privilege of attending meetings in terms of Section (b)(1)(2) of this ~~xxx~~ Clause.
 - (ii) Juniors - who shall consist of those members not being Aspirants, who are either full-time students of educational institutions other than Universities, or below the age of 17 years.
 - (iii) Ordinary Members - Who shall consist of members below the age of 40 years who are not Juniors or Aspirants.
 - (iv) Seniors - who shall consist of persons over 40 years of age who have been ordinary members for ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXX~~ at least 5 years.
 - (v) Associates - who shall be persons over 40 years of age who have been ordinary members for less than 5 years.
- (e) (i) Ordinary members shall ipso facto be members of the A.W.C. and shall be subject to the provisions of the A.W.C. constitution.
- (ii) Aspirants, Seniors and Associates shall not be elected as office-bearers nor vote at meetings of the C.Y.L., provided that Seniors serving on committees shall have a right to vote at meetings of such committees.
- (iii) Only Juniors and Ordinary members may be elected as delegates to any meeting or conference whether called by the C.Y.L. or any other body.

4. OFFICE-BEARERS.

The following shall be the office-bearers of the C.Y.L. :-

- (a) For the Union of South Africa.
 - (i) A National President.
 - (ii) Four Vice-Presidents, being the leaders of provincial branches;
 - (iii) A deputy-President, who shall be appointed by the President from among the Vice-Presidents;
 - (iv) A National Secretary.
 - (v) An Assistant Secretary
 - (vi) A Treasurer.
 - (vii) A Chief Organiser.
- (b) For each of the Four Provinces of the Union
 - (1) A Vice-President

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- (2) A Provincial Secretary
- (3) An Assistant Provincial Secretary
- (4) A Treasurer.
- (5) A Provincial Organiser

(c) FOR REGIONS AND LOCAL BRANCHES

- (1) A Chairman
- (2) A Vice-Chairman
- (3) A Secretary.
- (4) An Assistant Secretary.
- (5) A Treasurer.
- (6) An Organiser.

The office-bearers mentioned under Section (a) (1), (b) (1) and (c) (1) of this clause shall be elected by the annual conference or general meeting as the case may be. The rest of the office-bearers, except as otherwise stated, shall be ~~ix~~ elected by the Executive Committee concerned from among its members.

5. DUTIES AND POWERS OF OFFICIALS.

(a) President

- (i) He shall be ex-officio President of each Provincial Branch of the C.Y.L.
- (ii) He shall appoint one of the four vice-Presidents to be the Deputy-President.
- (iii) He shall preside in Executive Committee meetings.
- (iv) He shall be responsible for the due performance of duty by each official.
- (v) He shall supervise the carrying out of the decisions of the national conference.
- (vi) He shall correctly interpret and personify the outlook of African Nationalism.

(b) Vice Presidents.

They shall be the representatives of the President in their respective provinces and shall in his absence, or if he is personally present in any Province, at his request, perform the same duties and exercise the same powers within such province as the President.

(c) Deputy President.

Where the ~~xxxxxx~~ president is either absent from the Union or is otherwise unable to perform his duties the same shall devolve upon the Deputy-president who shall enjoy the same rights and exercise the same powers as the president.

(d) Secretary.

- (i) He shall call meetings by letter or any other approved method.
- (ii) He shall take and keep minutes of Conference as well as of the Executive Committee meetings.
- (iii) He shall carry out such duties as may from time to time be imposed upon him by the executive Committee.
- (iv) He shall keep copies of all official letters written until and unless the Executive Committee decides otherwise.

(e) Assistant Secretary

He shall perform secretarial duties as may from time to time be given either by the executive or the Secretary, and in the absence of the latter, shall

enjoy discharge and exercise the same rights duties and powers as the Secretary

(f) Treasurer.

- (i) He shall collect, receive and bank all monies belonging to the C.Y.L.
- (ii) He shall present to the Executive Committee at the end of the year an audited revenue and expenditure account and a balance sheet made up for the year; the same shall be presented to the annual Conference, by the executive Committee.

(g) Chief Organiser

- (i) He shall direct, systematize and co-ordinate the activities of Provincial Organisers.
- (ii) He shall draw up and supervise the execution of a plan of propaganda and organisational work to be carried out by the Provincial, Regional and Branch Organisers.
- (iii) It shall be a function of his department to establish new branches of the C.Y.L.
- (iv) He shall submit to the National Executive
 - (1) quarterly reports on his work; (2) An annual report which shall be presented by the National Executive to the annual ~~xxxxx~~ conference

6. NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (N.E.C.)

The N.E.C. shall consist of the President, the four Vice-Presidents and Seven Additional members of whom Four (4) shall be ~~ix~~ elected by the Annual Conference, and the remaining Three (3) shall be appointed by the newly elected President.

7. QUORUM.

FOUR members of the N.E.C. shall form a quorum.

8. DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE N.E.C.

The duties and powers of the N.E.C. shall be:

- (a) To promote and implement the aims of the C.Y.L.
- (b) To administer the funds of the C.Y.L. and to lay down such rules as may be necessary for the administration of monies of the C.Y.L. by Provincial or other branches.
- (c) To suspend, dismiss, expel, cause to resign or take such other disciplinary measures against any branch, committee, official or member as may deem fit in the interests of the C.Y.L.
- (d) To issue public statements reflecting the true attitude ~~xxxxx~~ and policy of the C.Y.L.
- (e) To carry out the decisions of Conference.
- (f) To consider and decide upon any matter referred to it by a lower organ of the C.Y.L. or not provided for in this constitution.

9. RELATION BETWEEN NATIONAL, PROVINCIAL REGIONAL AND BRANCH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

(a) Between annual conferences the supreme and direction of the policy, programme and organisation of the C.Y.L. shall be vested in the N.E.C.

(b) No provincial Branch shall deal with any question affecting broad national policy otherwise than in accordance with directives given by the N.E.C.

(c) Purely Provincial or local matters may be ~~xxx~~ handled by the provincial or local branches

(d) Where any contemplated course of action by/.....

by a Province has national significance it shall be carried out by the provincial committee from the standpoint of the national executive committee. Such action must be carried out in full co-operation and consultation with the N.E.C.

(e) The same procedure as in (d) must be followed by regions or branches in relation to the provincial executive, where action contemplated by them has provincial or national significance.

(f) Where for any reason a provincial committee is unable to function the control and administration of that province shall pass to the Working Committee of the N.E.C. which shall convene a special Provincial conference to elect a new provincial committee. The Working Committee may form a committee to carry on the work of the League in the province during the interim period.

(g) The N.E.C. reserves to itself the right to direct intervention in provincial, regional and branch affairs, if in its opinion such affairs threaten the solidarity of the League and the general cause of the African People. In any such intervention however, consultation must be had with the Provincial officials.

10. WORKING COMMITTEE

(a) The National Executive Committee shall immediately upon election instruct the president to appoint a working committee of seven members provided that the said members of the W-C. are resident near the president's place of abode and provided further that where a sufficient number cannot be obtained from the members of the N.E.C. the president with or without the consultation of other committee members shall have the right to co-opt additional Congress Youth League members to make up the required number.

(b) The W-C shall be responsible to the N.E.C.

(c) The W-C. shall be given an outline plan of policy and programme of action by the N.E.C. and immediately upon receipt of this the W-C shall set to work to carry these out.

(d) The W-C shall submit reports to the National Executive once every three months.

11. EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

a. Branch executives shall hold meetings at least once every fortnight.

b. Provincial and National Executive meetings must be held, at least once a quarter.

c. Regional committees must meet at least once a month.

12. CONFERENCES

a. National and Provincial conferences will meet annually.

b. Only members shall have the right to vote at such conferences.

c. Conference shall elect the President or Chairman (in the case of a province) and his committee)

d. Conference shall make rules and standing orders for the running and management of the meetings.

13. DISCIPLINE.

a. A member by admission to membership contracts to observe and to be bound by the provisions of the constitution, the rules, regulations, decisions and resolutions of the C.Y.L. or its duly authorised organs.

b. A member may be fined, suspended or expelled by an executive committee having jurisdiction over him if, in the opinion of such committee he has committed any breach of the constitution violated any principles of the C.Y.L., or acts in a manner deemed to be detrimental to the interests of the C.Y.L. or ~~interests~~ of the general interests of African Progress.

c. A member may be given notice in writing of the time

- c. A member may be given notice in writing of the time and place of the meeting at which disciplinary proceedings are to be heard, which notice shall specify, in such manner as the committee may deem advisable, the nature of the offence alleged against the member and such member shall be afforded an opportunity of stating his case at the meeting.
- d. The N.E.C. shall have the right to take disciplinary action against an entire committee whether it be provincial, regional or local.
- e. The Provincial Committee shall have the same power to take disciplinary action against a regional or local committee.
- f. A member or committee expelled in terms of the above sections shall have a right of appeal successively from a branch executive to the regional, provincial, National Executive and finally to National Conference whose decision shall be final and binding. No such right shall be enjoyed by a member in respect of any other disciplinary measure taken against him.

14. FINANCE.

- a. The entrance fee shall be 2/- for persons above the age of 17 years, and sixpence otherwise.
- b. The annual subscription shall be the sum of 4/- for Ordinary members; 1/- for Juniors; and a minimum of 1/6 for Senior and Associate members.
- c. The entrance fees and annual subscriptions shall be allocated in the following manner:-

(i) All entrance fees shall be payable to the Treasury of the N.E.C.

(ii) Annual subscriptions paid by Juniors shall be retained by the branch, region or Province of which they are members in terms of section 3(b) (i) above.

(iii) The annual subscription payable by each Ordinary member shall be allocated thus:-

If there is a branch of Congress (Senior) 2/6 shall be paid over to the Congress treasurer in lieu of each member; 1/6 shall be shared equally between local, provincial and national treasuries.

(iv) In case of Seniors and Associates the annual subscription shall be payable as in sub-section (i) of this section.

- d. Where in any area there is no Senior Congress Branch, the Youth League branch shall for purposes of finance be taken and regarded as an A.N.C. branch.

15. C.Y.L. branches

- (a) members of the League in any area shall constitute a branch.
- (b) Where members are less than fifteen they form a League Organ which operates directly under the jurisdiction of the regional or Provincial committee.
- (c) No branch can be constituted except with the knowledge and co-operation of the Provincial Committee.
- (d) Branches shall be entitled to representation at Provincial or National Conference on the basis of one delegate per 15 members, provided the number of delegates for each branch shall never exceed ten.

16. A two-thirds majority shall be required to repeal or amend any provision of this constitution provided that three months notice of the proposed change is given to the N.E.C. before it is submitted to a National Youth League Conference.

17. Any matter for which this constitution makes no provision, the Constitution of the A.N.C. shall mutatis mutandis be followed.

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