

# Parties, Agents and Voters

## The Do's and Don'ts on Voting Day



### OPENING OF VOTING STATIONS

It is the responsibility of the Presiding Officer (PO) to determine the boundaries of the Voting Station (VS) in consultation with agents present.

Agents' absence at the Voting Station (VS) does not stop or invalidate any electoral proceedings.

### TEMPORARY PARTY FACILITIES AT VOTING STATIONS

Political parties and Independent candidates are allowed to have Temporary Operating Facilities (TOF) outside the VS boundary.

Political parties and independent candidates' TOFs are not allowed to disturb voters access to the voting stations or temper with the boundaries of the VS.

### VOTERS ROLL ADMINISTRATION

Voters will be allowed to vote when IEC officials confirmed their names on the certified voters' roll.

Political parties and independent candidates TOFs are not allowed to return voters outside the VS boundaries.

### PARTY REGALIA AT VOTING STATIONS

Only voters are allowed to wear or carry their political parties and independent candidates' regalia within the VS boundaries.

No agent or candidate may within the boundaries of a VS wear, carry or display any clothing relating to any political party or candidate.

### WHO CAN ASSIST VOTERS DURING VOTING

Voters with physical disability (including blindness or virtual impairment) can use the Universal Ballot Template (UBT) or ask for assistance from the PO or bring someone who is 18 years or older for assistance.

A person assisting a voter must not be an agent or candidate or be under the age 18.

### PARTY AGENTS & HOME VISITS

The PO or a voting officer, at the request of a voter who is unable to read, must assist that voter in voting, observed by agents if present.

Agents must not suggest any party/candidate when a voter is assisted by the PO.

### RAISING OF OBJECTIONS

During special voting home visits, PO should explain the processes to a voter including the presence of agents to observe the proceedings.

Agents should/must not force access to a voters' home as voters have a choice on who to allow in their homes. Agents may not disclose the voters' choice when voting.

An agent, or the voter concerned, may object to any conduct of an officer, an agent, or any other person at a VS.

Political parties and candidates' supporters are not allowed to disrupt the voting process.

### SIGNING OF THE RESULT SLIPS

Agents may sign election result slips at the VS.

Refusal of signing the results slips by any agent does not invalidate the results of that particular VS or Ward.

### Contact the Electoral Commission

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SMS your ID number to 32810 to check if and where you are registered (R1.00 per SMS)

