



# **Basketball**

**Association of Malawi**

## ROADMAP TO BASMAL'S ELECTORAL CONGRESS 2020

### **Distribution:**

*All Affiliates;*

*MNCS*

## **PROCEDURE FOR CONDUCTING BASMAL ELECTIONS**

### **1. INTRODUCTION**

Basketball Executive Committee, like any other sports committee under the Malawi National Council of Sports (MNCS), is a committee comprising of elected members from BASMAL's affiliates. As per its constitution, BASMAL is supposed to conduct elections for its office bearers once every four years. The constitution also gives powers for the current members to have a two term of office, should they be re-elected. BASMAL's current leadership's term of office expired in August 2019. BASMAL held an AGM 5<sup>th</sup> October 2019, where it was proposed that the calendar for holding elections must be revisited considering that during this period, the leagues are in session. For purposes of ensuring that the leagues' leadership is not affected with change, the proposal was to have the elections held when its off season. The proposal was approved during the AGM to push the dates for election further, to between January and March, when all league games are concluded including the NB Mo626 College Basketball Tournament. Furthermore the structure of BASMAL executive committee membership was also agreed and approved for amendment from the current 7 membership positions to the new 10 membership positions structure.

Because of this change and adoption, BASMAL was requested to come up with direction on how the elections are to be conducted. This paper therefore, serves to give guidance on how the election process shall be conducted, considering the time constraints this change will have created. The constitution shall also have to be revised by the incoming committee, to take into account the amendments effected. The first part looks at the current set up while the last part will look at the proposed roadmap for the elections, taking into account the immediate time constraints.

### **2. THE ELECTORAL PROCESS FOR A NORMAL ELECTION**

Elections for BASMAL Executive Committee shall be held once in every four years and the sitting Executive committee shall be accorded a two term of office where necessary. Those seeking re-election after successful completion



of the first four year term are encouraged to compete with fresh aspirants for any position of their choice.

The following procedure shall be followed :-

- (a) BASMAL, through the General Secretary (GS) shall announce of the elections through adverts in the media houses (as required by MNCS) five months to the date of the election.
- (b) BASMAL, through its GS, shall immediately communicate to MNCS of the date when it intends to hold elective congress, within the same period. MNCS' Executive Secretary or any person appointed by him/her, shall oversee the elections
- (c) All interested persons wanting to take up executive positions are supposed to submit their applications a week after the adverts are flighted seconded by no less than three other members of BASMAL or the Zone and closing date for receiving nominations shall be one month before elections date.
- (d) All applications shall be submitted to an independent body appointed by the Executive Committee.
- (c) One candidate shall be considered for no more than one position.
- (d) Voting at an election shall be by secret ballot.
- (e) Committee members shall be deemed elected on a simple majority vote.
- (f) The full list of the elected executive members shall be submitted to MNCS for endorsement.
- (g) The following have the right to one vote;
  - i) All outgoing Executive Committee members (one vote each)
  - ii) The Zone Committee members (7), one vote each.
  - iii) The Chairperson and Secretary for referees Board



- (h) Anyone deemed by the electorate as having shown interest in the game of basketball and having exhibited organizational ability is eligible for a position in BASMAL's Executive Committee.
- (i) As is the case with (a) above, the interested individual must present his interest and the position s/he wants to contest. His papers must as well be submitted to the BASMAL Secretariat for scrutiny and acceptance.
- (k) No any other person, other than the above, shall be allowed to cast a vote

Counting of votes shall be conducted by ES (MNCS) and returning officers (GS & vGS) in the presence of all affiliates present. Votes counted for each position shall immediately be announced upon conclusion of the vote count.

### **3. THE SUGGESTED CURRENT ELECTORAL ROADMAP**

As has already been alluded to in the introductory remarks, this part will document the details specific to the expected timeframe for BASMAL to conduct a credible elective congress, with all stakeholders having been taken care of. Below is the schedule of events :-

- a) BASMAL to engage MNCS and advise of the date of elections seven weeks in advance from **1 January 2020** (please refer to appendix 1 below).
- b) BASMAL to flight an advert in the respective media houses following notification to MNCS. The advert to run for a week from **5<sup>th</sup> – 11 January 2020**
- c) Following the media adverts, BASMAL to collect applications through its GS two weeks after flighting the advert (**25<sup>th</sup> January 2020**).
- d) BASMAL to announce the names of contestants and the respective positions a week after close of receiving nominations (**31<sup>st</sup> January 2020**).
- e) BASMAL to give 3 weeks of campaign for the contested positions (**2<sup>nd</sup> Feb – 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2020**)
- f) Following the closure of the campaign, elections to take place a week later, preferably on a Saturday @ MNCS Offices (**29 Feb 2020**).



#### 4. THE BASMAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP POSITIONS

- a) President
- b) Vice President
- c) General Secretary
- d) Vice General Secretary
- e) Treasurer
- f) Technical Director
- g) Competitions & Compliance Director
- h) Women Director
- i) Youth Development Director
- j) Marketing & Resource Mobilization Director

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## Appendix 1. Gant Chart

Activity	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week7	Week8
Notice to MNCS								
Advert to Media								
Submission of applications								
Announcement of apps								
Campaign by Candidates								
Elections								
Announcement of results								

## NOTES

Activity Owner	
MNCS	
BASMAL	
Participants & candidates	

