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**Preamble**

The South Sudan National Youth Union is an independent non-political, non-profit-making institution with an essential policy tool guiding the country on its approach to youth development. In these General Regulations are inherent commitments by individual youth and youth groups; and society at large on parameters and services that would have to be rolled out to ensure effective and efficient mainstreaming of our youth development in the socio-economic mainstream. These General Regulations provide a general synopsis of the processes followed in formulation of this body where key policy gaps and over-arching policy entries are identified. It is within this context that South Sudan’s democracy and its social development approach to public policy created an enabling environment in which the lives, work and prosperity of young people are placed at the centre of the country’s growth and development. The drafting of the SSNYU/GR entailed an extensive and rigorous process of ensuring collation of relevant and appropriate Rules on the status of youth, assessment of targeted youth’s priority policy in post independent, and post conflict South Sudan, and analysing the prevailing gaps in relation to new and persisting challenges that continue to plague some of our youth.

It is in light of these that, the Youth of the Republic of South Sudan are;

**Inspired** by the patriotic sacrifices made by our martyrs, including the youth, to establish the present Republic of South Sudan;

**Aware** of the fact that youth constitutes the majority of the population and the labour force required for production and service delivery;

**Cognizant** of the fact that developing the youth directly translates into development of the nation and that the wellbeing of the youth determines the wellbeing of the nation;

**Conscious** that the youth are the leaders of present and the future of the nation;

**Determined** to create opportunities for the youth to promote peaceful co-existence and unity in diversity among the youth.

**Therefore,** the youth, through the National Convention, as mandated by the Ministerial Order No. 03/2019 of the Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports, which provides for the review of the then 2015’s constitution, do hereby, on behalf of all the youth of the Republic of South Sudan, review, and further adopt these General Regulations of South Sudan National Youth Union, 2019.

**Chapter One**

**Preliminary Provisions**

1. **Title and commencement**
   1. These regulations shall be cited as the “ General Regulations of South Sudan National Youth Union” 2019 and shall come into force upon its ratification by the National Youth Convention, Signed by the Chairperson and Accent of the Youth and Sports Bodies Commission.
   2. The name, seal, logo and slogan of South Sudan National Youth Union shall not be used in naming, sealing or featuring any place, work, business or marks or trade, except with a prior written permission from the Union.

1. **Repeal and Saving**

The Constitution of South Sudan National Youth Union, 2015 as amended, 2017 and any other regulations thereof are repealed; provided that all actions taken, proceedings, orders and rules made or issued thereunder shall remain in force until they are repealed or amended in accordance with the provisions of these General Regulations.

1. **Purpose**

The purpose of these General Regulations is to provide a general legal framework for National Youth Union’s activities in South Sudan, and any other issues related thereto.

1. **Authority and Application**
   1. These Regulations are drafted in accordance with provisions of section (25), chapter four read together with section (37), chapter six of the General Regulations for Youth and Sports Organisations Act, 2003.
   2. These Regulations represent the law, criteria and modalities that shall be applied to all proceedings and actions that shall be taken by the National Youth Union in South Sudan, and other related matters, except for other proceedings under National Laws, which will be governed by national legislation (s).
2. **Binding force of the General Regulations**

These Regulations drive its authority from the will of the youth of South Sudan, and shall be the supreme law of the Union. It shall have a binding force on all persons and organs of the Union.

All rules, orders, and any other legal instruments enacted and adopted by the Union shall comply with these Regulations.

Any rules and orders that contravenes the provisions of these Regulations shall be null and void as to the inconsistency of such rules and orders.

1. **Interpretation**

In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, the following words and expression shall have the meanings assigned to them respectively:

**“Youth”** means young South Sudanese women and men aged from 18 to 35 years old.

**“Regulations”** mean the General Regulation of South Sudan National Youth Union, 2019

**“The Union”** means South Sudan National Youth Union.

**“SSNYU”** stands for South Sudan National Youth Union.

**National Youth Convention:** means the National Youth Convention of South Sudan National Youth Union as stipulated in these Regulations.

**National Youth Council:** means the Council of South Sudan National Youth Union, as stipulated in these Regulations.

**Chairperson:** means the chairperson of South Sudan National Youth Union stipulated in these Regulations.

**Speaker:** means the Speaker of South Sudan National Youth Union as stipulated under this Constitution.

**“Rapporteur”** means the Rapporteur of South Sudan National Youth Union as stipulated in these Regulations.

**National Executive Committee:** means the executive committee of South Sudan National Youth Union as stipulated under these Regulations.

**Special Area:** means Abyei Administrative Area.

**“Commission”** means Youth and Sports Bodies Commission in the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sport.

**“Commissioner”** means the head of Youth and Sports Bodies Commission in the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sport.

**“State Youth Union”** refers to the Youth Union at the States levels as provided for under these Regulations.

**“State Youth Congress”** means the Youth Convention at the States levels as enshrined in these Regulations.

**“State Youth Council”** means the Council of the State Union as provided hereunder.

**“State Chairperson”** means the Chairperson of the State Youth Union.

**“State Executive Committee”** means the Executive Committee of the State Union as provided herein under.

**“County Youth Association”** refers to the Youth Association at the county level as provided hereunder.

**“County Chairperson”** means the Chairperson of the County Youth Association.

**“Minister”** means the minister of Culture, Youth and Sport.

**“County Executive Committee”** means the Executive committee of the County Youth Association stipulated herein under.

**Fiscal Year**: means the financial year of South Sudan Youth Union, which starts on 1st July and ends on 30th of June of the following year.

**“Person”** means natural persons of males and females, as well as juridical persons.

**Chapter Two**

**General Provisions**

1. **Establishment**
   1. Notwithstanding with provisions of clause (4) above, these Regulations shall hereby establish the National Youth Union of the Republic of South Sudan, together with the Youth Unions in the States. National Youth Union shall be responsible for the States Offices plus Abyei Administrative Area, and the States Offices shall oversee the subsidiary offices in the Counties.
   2. The South Sudan National Youth Union and its branches shall be an independent non-political and voluntary Youth Organisations.
   3. The Union shall have Logo, slogan, theme and seal; which shall be used for official purposes, and by authorised persons.
   4. The seat of Union shall be in the capital city of South Sudan, and may have coordination offices elsewhere in the world.
   5. The State Youth Unions shall have the power to enact and promulgate their own Regulations which shall be drawn in accordance, and in consistency with these Regulations.
   6. The official language of the Union shall be English. Notwithstanding; Arabic and others National languages shall be used upon commencing some programmes and activities, as the case may be.
   7. According to these Regulations, a youth shall be a young men and women aged from 18 to 35 years.
2. **The South Sudan Youth Union intents**
   1. **Vision**

A bright future where youth of South Sudan develop their full potentials, free from discrimination.

* 1. **Mission**

The mission of the Union is;

* 1. Youth Empowerment and Development;
  2. Youth Participation and Voluntary services in Nation Building and Decision Making.
  3. **The Main Goals and Objectives**
     1. **Main Goal**

The overall goal of the Union is to contribute towards the attainment of a peaceful and prosperous South Sudan where all young men and women without any discrimination, violence and abuse fully develop their potential; wholly, freely and consciously participate in economic, social, political and spiritual life, and positively contribute and benefit from the country’s development.

* + 1. **Objectives**

The Union aims at enabling youth to:

1. Bring together the youth of the Republic of South Sudan under one umbrella;
2. Promote co-existence and forge unity in diversity among the youth;
3. Take part and contribute in the development of peace, security and protection from any kind of conflict, gender discrimination, abuse, violence and exploitation;
4. Develop their knowledge, experience, skills, positive attitudes and become healthy and productive citizens;
5. Make decisions on matters affecting their life and bring about positive changes on standard of living in South Sudan;
6. Participate and contribute to community development, acquire knowledge and skills, and generate a sense of commitment to the goals of local and national development initiatives;
7. Participate, contribute and benefit from culture, arts and sports initiatives;
8. Promote gender equity and equality in all walks of life;
9. Take part, contribute and demand services, good governance, democracy and rule of law from all relevant services providers, the government and stakeholders;
10. Advocate for the rights of the youth in the country;
11. Identify and promote youthful talent and harness it to full potential;
12. Create opportunities for the youth in collaboration with the government and other stakeholders;
13. Create awareness for the youth on important issues;
14. Promote the National Youth Union as a strong and vibrant National brand that all the youth identify with;
15. Instil patriotism and national service among the youth and promote the role of the youth in nation building;
16. Initiate youth programmes, projects and activities;
17. Establish youth resource centre;
18. Liaise with the government, organizations and all stakeholders on matters pertaining to the youth; and
19. Ensure budget is allocated from the national budget and mobilise other funding to support the operations, activities, projects and programmes of the Youth in collaborations with other Stakeholders.
20. **Core Values and Guiding Principles**

The followings are the core values and key principles that shall guide the youth:

* 1. **Good governance, the Rule of Law and Promotion of National Unity**

The Union shall promote the values of consciousness, self-reliance, voluntarism, pursuit of good moral conduct and citizenship. Youth shall promote the rule of law, good governance, a just tolerant society, and promotion of spirit of self-reliance and responsibility, unity, national solidarity, patriotism and sense of belonging.

* 1. **Respect for No Harmful Cultural, Religious and Ethical Values**

The Union shall encourage No-harmful cultural values; respect of religious, ethical values and cultural background of the people and remains in conformity with universally recognised human rights.

* 1. **Integration and Holistic Development**

The Union shall focus on an integrated, cross-sectorial and interdisciplinary approach to youth development, mainstreaming of youth issues within national policies and programmes that promote gender equality and empowerment through joint planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation.

* 1. **Equality and Accessibility**

The Union shall underscore the need to address disadvantaged and marginalised youth without undermining the principles of equal opportunities and equitable distribution of programmes, services and resources. It shall also endeavour to promote access to socio-economic opportunities for young men and women without any discrimination.

* 1. **Gender Inclusiveness, Balance and Equality**

The Union shall underscore a gender inclusive approach to the development of youth. It shall seek to promote gender balance and equality including elimination of gender discrimination and gender-based violence and abuses.

* 1. **Youth Participation**

The Union shall seek to promote youth participation in democratic processes as well as in community, civic affairs and sense of belonging.

* 1. **Partnership, Solidarity and Teamwork**

Each and every member of the Union is equally important and the Union shall draw its strength from the solidarity and teamwork of all members which shall be the fountain upon which the Union shall thrive and flourish.

* 1. **Creativity and Hard work**

Creativity and hard work shall be the engine and driving force for the success of the Union.

* 1. **Stewardship and Patriotism**

The spirit of stewardship and patriotism shall reflect our dedication to the Union and commitment to the cause of the youth and the people of the Republic of South Sudan.

* 1. **Ethics and Integrity**

All Members of the Union and especially the leaders shall demonstrate good ethics and impeachable integrity as people of good character and above reproach.

* 1. **Transparency and Accountability**

All operations and activities of the union shall be conducted openly with reasonable transparency and accountability.

1. **Priority Policy of the Union**

The Union’s empowerment and developmental policy underscores priority targeting within an all-inclusive framework for the empowerment and development of all young South Sudanese. Certain targets are to be identified for special attention for priority in empowerment, and they are:

* 1. Youth with physical and mental disability;
  2. Orphaned youth;
  3. Street youth;
  4. Unemployed youth;
  5. Youth affected by armed conflicts and ex-soldiers;
  6. Armed pastoralist youth including those involved in cattle raiding;
  7. Youth who are engaged in farming and fishing;
  8. Small business youth;
  9. Youth with special talents (artists/athletes);
  10. Youth involved in promotion activities of culture and heritage; and
  11. Girls who are under threat of forced marriages.

1. **Constituencies of the Union** 
   1. The Union shall have the following constituencies:-
2. **Main Constituencies**
   * 1. States Youth Unions; and
     2. Abyei Administrative Area;

**ii) Special Constituencies**

* + 1. South Sudan National Youth Organisations and National Youth Associations;
    2. Faith Based Youth Groups;
    3. South Sudanese Youth in Diaspora; and
    4. South Sudanese Youth with disabilities.
  1. All constituencies of the Union shall be represented among the members of the National Youth Convention.
  2. The representatives of the constituencies in the convention, shall have the right to vote, elect or being elected.

**Chapter Three**

**Membership**

1. **Membership of the Union**
   1. Membership is open to all Youth of South Sudan, subject to fulfilment of requirements and procedures specified in the Rules that shall be adopted by the Council.
   2. Membership is open to all South Sudanese Youth Organisations, Youth Associations, Youth Groups that are registered under the National Youth and Sports Bodies Commission in the National Ministry of Culture, youth and Sport according to Commission’s laws, and subject to fulfilment of requirements and procedures specified in the Rules that shall be adopted by the Council.
   3. The criteria mentioned in clause 12.2. shall be observed by States Youth Unions.
2. **Rights of Members**
   * 1. Members shall have right to participation and representation in all Union’s activities and programmes according to the policy made by the Council.
     2. Members shall have right to information and update on the programmes and activities of the Union.
     3. Members shall have right to express their views and opinion, and have them considered.
     4. Members shall have rights to elect and be elected to various structures of the Union.
     5. Members shall have right to receive appreciation and other considerations from the Union.
     6. Members shall have right to appeal against any decision she/he thinks unfair before the concerned Union organ.

**(2)Obligations of Members**

* + 1. Members are obliged to adhere to the provisions of these Regulations, and any other Rules that may be adopted by the Council.
    2. Members are obliged to respect one another, and promote brotherhood and teamwork spirit.
    3. Members are obliged to promote culture of peace and co-existence, tolerance and love.
    4. Members are obliged to promote gender equity and equality.
    5. Members are obliged to promote good governance and the rule of Law.
    6. Members are obliged to promote patriotism and national unity.
    7. Members are obliged to unconditionally accept any assignment, or turn up for any national call, and participate in any programme and activity organised by the Union.
    8. Members are obliged to adhere to any decisions and directives taken by the Union.
    9. Members are obliged to contribute funds to the Union according to such Rules that may be adopted by the Council.
    10. Members are obliged to abide by and respect the decision of the majority.
    11. Members are obliged to avoid any harmful actions and behaviours within the Union.

**(3)Loss of Membership**

* + 1. **Membership of individual youth may be Lost on the following grounds:**

1. Resignation from the Union;
2. Termination from the Union due to contravention and gross violation of the provisions of these Regulations, Rules or orders thereunder;
3. Termination from the Union because of gross misconduct, misappropriation of funds, abuse of office, assaults and sexual harassment;
4. Insanity;
5. Death; and
6. Any other grounds specified in the Membership Rules that may be adopted by the Council.
   * 1. **Youth Organisations, Youth Associations and Youth Groups may lose membership on the following grounds:**
7. Withdrawal from the Union;
8. Termination from the union because of contravention or gross violation of the provisions of these Regulations, Rules or orders thereunder;
9. Termination from the Union because of enmity against the Union;
10. Official dissolution of the Organisation, Association or group;
11. Non-renewal or termination of registration by the Commissioner of Youth and Sport Bodies Commission in the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sport; and
12. Any other grounds specified in the Membership Rules that may be adopted by the Council.

**Chapter Four**

**Organisational and Leadership Structure**

The National Youth Union shall have the following leadership organs:

1. **National Youth Convention**
   1. The National Youth Convention shall be the highest organ of the Union.
   2. The National Youth Convention shall be conducted mainly in the capital city of South Sudan, but may be conducted in any other state of South Sudan, as the case may be.
   3. The National Convention Shall be presided over by the Preparatory Committee responsible for the organisation of the convention.
   4. The National Youth Convention shall comprise from delegates representing their respective constituencies as follow:
2. 5 delegates from each state Youth Union;
3. 5 delegates from Abyei Administrative Area;
4. 5 delegates from Youth with disabilities;
5. 7 delegates from Youth Organizations, Associations and Groups;
6. 5 delegates from faith based Youth Groups; and
7. 5 delegates from Youth in Diaspora.
   1. At least two delegates among each constituency’s delegation shall be female youth.
   2. At least two delegate among Abyei delegation shall be female youth.
   3. At least three delegates among each constituency’s delegation shall be those youth who will be able to reside in the capital city throughout the term of the office, with exception of delegation from youth in Diaspora.
   4. All constituencies shall consider minorities and ensure their fair representation, and reflect cultural and ethnic diversity of their respective delegates.
   5. Delegates from states shall be nominated by states Youth Unions. Notwithstanding; Abyei delegates shall be nominated by Abyei Youth Union.
   6. Delegates from Youth organisations, associations and groups shall be nominated by the South Sudan Youth organisations Coalition.
   7. Youth delegates from Youth in Diaspora shall be nominated by the Preparatory Committee.
   8. The National Youth Convention shall convene once every four years but may have any number of extra-ordinary sittings to decide on key issues and urgent matters as maybe deemed necessary.
   9. All delegates shall fulfil the following eligibility criteria:
      1. Shall hold a South Sudanese Nationality Certificate or Age proof certificate which was issued six months prior to his/her delegation;
      2. Shall belong to specific constituency;
      3. Shall have at least two years’ experience in youth activities;
      4. Shall be a holder of at least three years diploma from a recognised higher education institution;
      5. Shall be within the age limit specified in clause 6 of these Regulations; and
      6. Shall be a person of sound mind
   10. The National Youth Convention shall exercise the following powers:
8. Nominate for the formation of the National Youth Council;
9. Elect and remove the Chairperson of the National Youth Union;
10. Discuss and ratify the General Regulations of National Youth Union;
11. Pass policy and strategic plans of the National Youth Union;
12. Discuss and ratify the National Youth Union’s administrative report after being forwarded to it by the council at the end of the term/duration;
13. Discuss and ratify the National Youth Union’s audited Financial report after being forwarded to it by the council at the end of term/duration; and
14. Decides on disposal of Union’s belongings at the winding-up or dissolution.
15. Amend the General Regulations.
16. **National Youth Council** 
    1. The National Youth Council is the second highest organ of the National Youth Union.
    2. The National Youth Council shall be based in the capital city of the Republic of South Sudan.
    3. The term/duration of the National Youth Union Council shall be non-renewable four years (one term) starting from the date of its formation.
    4. The Council shall comprise members from their respective constituencies as follow:
       1. Three (3)members from each State’s delegates;
       2. Three (3) members from Abyei Administrative Area delegates;
       3. Three (3) members from Youth Organizations’ delegates;
       4. Three (3) members from Youth in Diaspora delegates;
       5. Three (3)members from Faith Based Youth; and
       6. Three (3) members from youth with disabilities’ delegates.
    5. The National Youth Council shall be presided over by the speaker of the National Youth Council.
    6. The Chairperson of the National Youth Union shall be an honour member of the Council by the virtue of his/her position.
    7. The National Youth Council shall meet twice every year but may convene any number of extra-ordinary meetings whenever deemed necessary to address urgent matters on extremely important issues;

* 1. The National Youth Council shall exercise the following powers:

1. Initiate the Amendment of the General Regulations and recommend for the convocation of National Youth Convention for that matter;
2. Adopt, Approve and amend Rules of the National Youth Union in accordance with the General Regulations of the Union;
3. Elect the speaker of the National Youth Council who shall act as an overall speaker for the National Youth Union;
4. Elect the Rapporteur of the Council;
5. Vet and ratify the formation of executive body so appointed by the chairperson of the Union, as such; the council may decide to refuse the appointment of any member to the executive body on reasonable grounds;
6. Suspend the Chairperson of the Union from exercising his/her duties on the grounds of gross misconduct and Administrative, Financial and Moral Corruption for three months, subject to his/her removal or reinstatement by the Convention convened for the said purpose;
7. Elect any member among themselves as an Acting Chairperson of the Union for three Months, subject to resolutions of the convention convened for the said purpose as mentioned in sub-clause (c) above;
8. Form investigation panel to investigate any matter and/or examine any member of the Union;
9. Form specialised committees and other supportive bodies to assist the National Executive Committee, as maybe deemed necessary;
10. Approve the budget of the National Youth Union;
11. draw the strategic Plan of the National Youth Union;
12. Approve Annual Report of the National Youth Union;
13. Approve the polices developed by the National Executive Committee;
14. Approve resolutions of the National Executive Committee;
15. Summon any Executive Committee’s member to testify on specific matter at its sittings;
16. Dissolve the National Executive Committee after the ratification of administrative and financial audited report at the end of the term/duration;
17. Appoint a Preparatory Committee for the convocation of the National Convention after the dissolution of the National Executive Committee at the end of the term/duration;
18. Dissolve itself after the appointment of the Preparatory Committee;
19. Shall nominate to the Chairperson the Executive body if he/she defaulted to appoint the Executive Committee within Seven days from the date of formation of the Council; and
20. Provide general oversight of the performance of the National Executive Committee.
21. **Functions of the Speaker of the National Youth Union**
    1. The Speaker of the National Youth Union shall exercise the following functions:
22. Shall preside over the meetings of the National Youth Council;
23. Shall table the agenda for all council’s meetings in consultation with the Rapporteur, with exception of meetings convened upon request of Council members;
24. Shall appoint heads of specialised committees that may be formed by the Council;
25. Shall have a casting vote in all Council’s decisions; and
26. Assist in national youth matters of national importance provided that such matters are done in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations.
27. Appoint the Deputy Speaker and Rapporteur of the council.
28. **Functions of the Deputy Speaker of the National Youth Council.**
    1. Shall act as a Speaker in his/her absence.
    2. Shall assist the Speaker in performance of his/her duties.
    3. Shall perform any other functions that may be assigned to him/her by the Speaker.
29. **Functions of the Rapporteur of the National Youth Council**
    1. The Rapporteur of the National Youth Council shall exercise the following functions:
       1. shall manage all meetings of the National Youth Council;
       2. shall arrange the agenda for the meetings of the Council in consultation with the Speaker, with exception of meetings convened upon request of council members;
       3. shall be responsible for writing the minutes of all Council’s meetings;
       4. shall act as a secretary to any investigation Panel;
       5. shall keep in custody letterheads and seal of the Council;
       6. shall fix date, time and venue for all Council’s meeting, with exception of meetings convened upon request of Council members; and
       7. Shall announce all meetings of the Council, with exception of meetings convened upon request of Council members.
    2. In case of absence of the Speaker and Rapporteur from the meeting for a mere medical reasons, and the meeting is of such that should not be adjourned, the Council may appoint two eldest members among themselves to administer the said meeting with the same agenda, and for that date only.
30. **Functions of the Deputy Rapporteur of the National Youth Council**
    1. Shall act as a Rapporteur in his/her absence.
    2. Shall assist the Rapporteur in performance of his/her duties.
    3. Shall perform any other functions that may be assigned to him/her by the Speaker.
31. **National Executive Committee**
    1. The National Executive Committee shall be the organ responsible for management, and day-to-day running of operations, activities, projects and programmes of the National Youth Union.
    2. The National executive committee shall be headed and presided over by the Chairperson of the national youth union.
    3. The National Executive Committee shall constitute 28 members only.
    4. Members of the National Executive Committee shall be appointed by the Chairperson of the National Youth Union from members of the National Youth Council.
    5. The National Executive committee seat shall be in the capital city of the Republic of South Sudan.
    6. The National Executive Committee shall ensure appropriate representation of female youth, cultural and ethnic diversity and minority groups in the leadership structure.
    7. The National Executive committee shall exercise the following functions:
32. Manage day-to-day operations, activities, projects and programmes of the Union;
33. Initiate youth activities, programmes and projects;
34. Pass management resolutions of the National Youth Union;
35. Formulate policies for the National Youth Union and shall be approved by the Council;
36. Manage Union Funds in appropriate manure;
37. Guard the assets and stocks of the Union;
38. Make internal policies and guidelines for the National Executive Committee;
39. Implement resolutions passed by the Council and National Youth Convention;
40. Oversee the affairs of the State youth Unions;
41. Liaise with the government, organisations, private sector and other partners of the Union;
42. Form organisational Committees; and
43. Represents the Union at National, Regional and International functions and events.
44. **Composition of the National Executive Committee**

The National Executive Committee shall be composed of the following office bearers:

* 1. Chairperson;
  2. Deputy Chairperson;
  3. Secretary General;
  4. Deputy Secretary General;
  5. Secretary for Finance and Investment;
  6. Deputy Secretary for Finance and Investment;
  7. Secretary for External Affairs;
  8. Deputy Secretary for External Affair;
  9. Secretary for Information and Public Relations;
  10. Deputy Secretary for Information and Public Relations;
  11. Secretary for States Affairs;
  12. Deputy Secretary for States Affairs;
  13. Secretary for Planning and Research;
  14. Deputy Secretary for Planning and Research;
  15. Secretary for Training and Youth Empowerment;
  16. Deputy Secretary for Training and Youth Empowerment;
  17. Secretary for Membership and Home Affairs;
  18. Deputy Secretary for Membership and Home Affairs;
  19. Secretary for Gender and Social Welfare;
  20. Deputy Secretary for Gender and Social Welfare;
  21. Secretary for Culture and Heritage;
  22. Deputy Secretary for Culture and Heritage;
  23. Secretary for Sports;
  24. Deputy Secretary for Sports;
  25. Secretary for Health, Environment and Humanitarian Affairs;
  26. Deputy Secretary for Health, Environment and Humanitarian Affairs
  27. Secretary for Education and Scholarship;
  28. Deputy Secretary for Education and Scholarship

1. **Functions and Competences of the National Youth Union Executive Committee**

The bearers of Offices of the National Youth Union Executive Committee shall exercise the following functions and competencies:

* 1. **The Chairperson of the National Youth Union**

The Chairperson shall have the following functions and competencies:

1. Shall be the head of the National Youth Union;
2. Shall preside over all meetings of the Executive Committee;
3. Shall be the symbol of the National Youth Union and shall represents the National Youth Union at the National events of paramount Importance;
4. Shall appoint members of the National Executive Committee within a period of Seven days from the date of formation of the Council;
5. Shall suspend members of the national executive committee, subject to removal or reinstatement of the member by Council’s resolution devoted for the same;
6. Shall form ad hoc and organisational committees under the national executive committee;
7. Shall sign resolutions, policies, guidelines and documents of the National Youth Union Executive Committee;
8. Shall approve financial request and any other financial matters of the union in consultation with the Secretary General and Secretary of Finance; and
9. Shall be a third signatory to Unions Bank Accounts.

**10.2. The Deputy Chairperson**

The Deputy Chairperson shall have the following functions and competencies:

1. Shall Act on behalf of the Chairperson in his/her absence;
2. Shall Supervise sub-committees;
3. Shall Act as Chairperson of the Union In case of vacancy of the position of the Chairperson for reason of Death, Mental inability or Suspension for Gross misconduct, for a period of 90 days pending the election of the new Chairperson; and
4. Shall carryout nay other duties as may be assigned to him/her by the Chairperson.

**10.3. Secretary General**

The secretary general shall have the following competencies and functions:

1. Shall be responsible for recording the minutes of the executive meetings and other official correspondences of the Union;
2. Shall keep general records and registrations of the union’s assets including stamps, seals, official documents and files;
3. Shall table meeting’s agenda of the executive committee in consultation with Chairperson;
4. Shall arrange for the meetings;
5. Shall be a principal signatory to Bank Accounts of the Union.
6. Shall sign in all financial transactions of the union jointly with Chairperson and Secretary for finance;
7. Supervise the movement of the delegations of the union inside and outside of the country.

**10.4. Deputy Secretary General**

The deputy Secretary general shall have the following competencies and functions:

1. Shall act on behalf of the secretary general in his/her absence;
2. Shall assist the secretary general in the exercise of his/her duties and functions; and
3. Shall carryout any other functions as may be assigned to him/her by the Chairperson.

**10.5. Secretary for Finance and Investment**

The Secretary for Finance shall have the following competencies and functions:

1. Shall keep the union funds and all other financial documents and records;
2. Shall preside over all meetings of financial committees constituted by the union;
3. Shall prepare and submit financial reports to the executive periodically every three months;
4. Shall be a mandatory signatory to Bank accounts of the Union;
5. Shall sign all the financial transactions of the union jointly with the Chairperson and Secretary general;
6. Shall submit the budget and financial reports after auditing to the council and General Convention on behalf of the Executive;
7. Shall prepare plans and programs pertaining to the quick realisation of the revenues of the union;
8. Shall collect subscriptions and government supports including donations and gifts with the knowledge of the Executive;
9. Shall disburse the funds of the union in accordance with the union objectives after obtaining authorisation from the Chairperson.

**10.6. Deputy Secretary for Finance and Investment**

The Deputy Secretary for Finance shall have the following competencies and Functions:

* + 1. Shall act on behalf of the Secretary for Finance in his/her absence;
    2. Shall assist the Secretary for Finance in the exercise of his/her duties and functions; and
    3. Shall carryout any other functions as may be assigned to him/her by the Chairperson.

**10.7. Secretary for External Affairs**

The Secretary for Public Relations and external affairs shall have the following competencies and functions:

1. Shall be the head of the union’s delegations in external occasions;
2. Shall liaise between the union and other counterparts, associations and organisations;
3. Shall execute external polices of the union;
4. Shall explain the policies of the union to its counterparts;
5. Shall represent the union in external functions like seminars, symposiums and conferences;
6. Shall execute any other policies assigned to him/her by the Chairperson.

**10.8. Deputy Secretary for External Affairs**

a. Shall act on behalf of the Secretary for External Affairs in his/her absence;

b. Shall assist the Secretary for External Affairs in the exercise of his/her duties and functions; and

c. Shall carryout any other functions as may be assigned to him/her by the Chairperson.

**10.9. Secretary for Information and Public Relations**

The Secretary for Information shall have the following competencies and functions:

1. Shall be an official spokesperson of the union;
2. Shall work to reflect and ensure that programmes and activities of the union are disseminated rightly in the media;
3. Shall initiate projects that boost media and information capacity of the Union such as Youth Radio and TV, Magazine, Journals, Newspapers, etc.; and
4. Shall carryout any other duties and responsibilities as maybe determined by the Chairperson.

**10.10. Deputy Secretary for Information and Public Relations**

a. Shall act on behalf of the Secretary for information and Public Relations in his/her absence;

b. Shall assist the Secretary for Information and Public Relations in the exercise of his/her duties and functions; and

c. Shall carryout any other functions as may be assigned to him/her by the Chairperson.

**10.11. Secretary for Culture and Heritage**

The Secretary for Culture shall have the following competencies and functions:

1. Shall prepare and implement cultural weeks, folklores and workshops;
2. Shall prepare cultural programmes and endeavour to form traditional and heritage groups in arts, singing, dancing and theatre;
3. Prepare cultural bulletins and magazines;
4. Shall deputies the Secretary of Information; and
5. Shall perform any other tasks that may be assigned to him/her by the Chairperson.

**10.12. Deputy Secretary for Culture and Heritage**

a. Shall act on behalf of the Secretary for Culture and Heritage in his/her absence;

b. Shall assist the Secretary for Culture and Heritage in the exercise of his/her duties and functions; and

c. Shall carryout any other functions as may be assigned to him/her by the Chairperson.

**10.13. Secretary for Sports**

The Secretary for Sports shall have the following duties and competencies and functions:

1. Shall be responsible for sports activities and programmes of the Union;
2. Shall chair all the sports activities and programmes;
3. Shall prepare, organise and supervise sports activities;
4. Shall work initiate and hold sports tournaments;
5. Shall work to ensure availability of sports equipment and undertake to resolve sports obstacles;
6. Shall deputise the Secretary of External Affairs and Public Relations; and
7. Shall perform any other tasks that may be assigned to him/her by the Chairperson.

**10.14. Deputy Secretary for Sports**

a. Shall act on behalf of the Secretary for Sports in his/her absence;

b. Shall assist the Secretary for Sports in the exercise of his/her duties and functions; and

c. Shall carryout any other functions as may be assigned to him/her by the Chairperson.

**10.15. Secretary for Gender and Social Welfare**

The Secretary for Gender and Social Welfare shall have the following competencies and functions:

1. Shall promote gender equality and equity, and welfare within the Union;
2. Shall enlighten the Union on gender issues in considering the cultures and attitudes of the youth;
3. Shall mobilise both male and female youth to participate actively in the Union;
4. Shall work to encourage both male and female youth towards the creation of income generating activities;
5. Shall work to initiate projects aim to encounter girl child marriage, FGM, high dowry issues, HIV/AIDS, etc;
6. Shall deputise the Secretary of Culture; and
7. Shall perform any other tasks that may be assigned to him/her by the Chairperson.

**10.16. Deputy Secretary for Gender and Social Welfare**

a. Shall act on behalf of the Secretary for Gender and Social Welfare in his/her absence;

b. Shall assist the Secretary for Gender and Social Welfare in the exercise of his/her duties and functions; and

c. Shall carryout any other functions as may be assigned to him/her by the Chairperson.

**10.17. Secretary for Planning and Research**

The Secretary for Planning and Research shall have the following competencies and functions:

1. Shall collect specialised information on youth activities locally, nationally, regionally and internationally;
2. Shall conduct scientific research on youth development locally, nationally, regionally and internationally;
3. Shall establish libraries and resource centres at the national as well as states level;
4. Shall plan for academic and scientific discoveries;
5. Shall advice the Council on the formation of specialised committee Planning and Research; and
6. Shall perform any other activities that may be assigned to him/her by the Chairperson.

**10.18. Deputy Secretary for Planning and Research**

The Deputy for Planning and Research shall have the following competencies and functions:

1. Shall Act on behalf of the Secretary for Planning and Research in his/her absence;
2. Shall Supervise work of Committees concerning the secretariat competencies; and
3. Shall carryout nay other duties as may be assigned to him/her by the Chairperson.

**10.19. Secretary for States Affairs**

The Secretary for States Affairs shall have the following competencies and functions:

1. Shall represent the Union in states conferences and workshops;
2. Shall be responsible for the states Unions and their supervisions;
3. Shall constantly update the Secretary General on the activities of the state’s Unions;
4. Shall supervise congresses and Elections of States Unions; and
5. Shall perform other tasks assigned to him/her by the Chairperson.

**10.20. Deputy Secretary for States Affairs**

The Deputy Secretary for States Affairs shall have the following duties and functions:

1. Shall assist the Secretary for states affairs in exercise of his/her duties and functions;
2. Shall act on behalf of the Secretary for states affairs in his/her absence; and
3. Shall carryout any other duties and functions assigned to him/her by the Chairperson.

**10.21. Secretary for Training and Youth Empowerment**

The Secretary for Training and Youth Empowerment shall have the following competencies and functions:

1. Shall be responsible for initiation and implementation of projects aim at youth training and empowerment;
2. Shall draw a comprehensive policy on Youth Empower;
3. Shall advice the Council on the formation of specialised committee for youth of special talents;
4. Shall ensure fair implementation of the Union’s projects;
5. Shall ensure equitable distribution of Youth Empowerment projects in sates and Abyei area;
6. Shall advice, and/or assist the Secretary for Finance on present and future strategies investments programmes;
7. Shall assure development and promotion of the Union’s organs; and
8. Shall prepare plans for training of the state union members;
9. Supervise workshops, seminars, symposiums and conferences;
10. Shall carryout any other duties that may assigned to him/her by the Chairperson;

**10.22. Deputy Secretary for Training and Youth Empowerment**

The Deputy Secretary for Training and Youth Empowerment shall have the following competencies and functions:

1. Shall assist the Secretary for Training and Youth Empowerment in exercise of his/her duties and functions;
2. Shall act on behalf of the Secretary for Training and Youth Empowerment in his/her absence; and
3. Shall carryout any other duties and functions assigned to him/her by the Chairperson.

**10.23. Secretary for Membership and Home Affairs**

The secretary for membership and home affairs shall be responsible for:

1. Registration of members to the Union;
2. Keep all membership records;
3. Take charge of supervision of the office of the Union with all assets; and
4. Any other duties that may be assigned to him/her by the Chairperson

**10.24. Deputy Secretary for Membership and Home Affairs**

a. Shall act on behalf of the Membership and Home Affairs in his/her absence;

b. Shall assist the Secretary for Membership and Home Affairs in the exercise of his/her duties and functions; and

c. Shall carryout any other functions as may be assigned to him/her by the Chairperson.

**10.25. Secretary for Education and Scholarship**

The secretary for Education and Scholarship shall be responsible for:

1. Shall be the Secretary responsible for all academic matters.
2. Shall liaise with other stakeholders with regards to scholarships.
3. Shall strive to provide Education opportunities for members of the Union.
4. Shall negotiate and administer grants, loans with respect to Education.
5. Shall provide policies for youth Education and Scholarships.
6. Shall organise educative functions such as Youth innovation programmes.
7. Shall exercise any other duties that may be assigned to him/her by the Chairperson.

**10.26. Deputy Secretary for Education and Scholarship**

a. Shall act on behalf of the Education and Scholarship in his/her absence;

b. Shall assist the Secretary for Education and Scholarship in the exercise of his/her duties and functions; and

c. Shall carryout any other functions as may be assigned to him/her by the Chairperson.

**10.27. Secretary for Health, Environment and Humanitarian Affairs**

* 1. Shall initiate all health, environment and Humanitarian programs.
  2. Shall make strategies on how fatal disease can be controlled.
  3. Shall organize awareness programs about prevention of dangerous diseases and was of protection
  4. Shall initiate programs on preservation of environment.
  5. Shall initiate humanitarian convoys for the needy youth whenever deemed necessary.

**10.28. Deputy Secretary for Health, Environment and Humanitarian Affairs**

a. Shall act on behalf of the Health, Environment and Humanitarian Affairs in his/her absence;

b. Shall assist the Secretary for Health, Environment and Humanitarian Affairs in the exercise of his/her duties and functions; and

c. Shall carryout any other functions as may be assigned to him/her by the Chairperson.

**Chapter Five**

**Branches of National Youth Union**

1. **State Youth Unions**

The State Youth Unions’ hierarchal order shall have immediate link with the National Youth Union, and it shall be composed of the following leadership organs:

1. State Youth Congress;
2. State Youth Council;
3. State Executive Committee;
4. County Youth council;
5. County Youth Executive Committee;
6. Payam Youth Association; and
7. Boma Youth Society.

**11.1. States Youth Congresses**

1. The States Youth Congress shall be the highest organ of each State Youth Union, and shall be comprised of at least two youth delegates drawn from various counties in each state.
2. The States youth Congresses shall convene every two years, but may call extra-ordinary sittings to decide on any key issues and urgent matters as maybe deemed necessary by the state youth union.
3. The State Youth Congress shall have the following powers as herein under:
4. Nominate members to state youth council;
5. Elect and remove the chairperson of the state youth union;
6. Pass guidelines for the strategic plan of the state youth union;
7. Ratify laws of state Youth Union; and
8. Confirm or revoke decisions of the state youth council.

**20.2. State Youth Council**

1. The State youth council shall be the second highest organ of the state youth union, and shall comprise of at least one member from each County nominated among delegates who were members of the state youth congress;
2. The State Youth council shall be based in the state capital city;
3. The State Youth Council shall meet twice every year, but may convene extra-ordinary meetings whenever deemed necessary to address urgent matters on extremely important issues;
4. The State Youth council shall be presided over by the Speakerof the State Youth Council.

20.3.The state youth council shall have the following powers as herein under:

1. Initiates Rules of the state youth union in accordance with the General Regulations of the National Youth Union;
2. Nominate delegates to the National Youth Convention;
3. Form committees as may be deemed necessary;
4. Approve the budget of the state youth union;
5. Approve the strategic plan of the youth union;
6. Approve annual report of the state youth union;
7. Approve policies developed by the state executive committee;
8. Approve resolutions of the state executive committee;
9. Provide general oversight of the work of the state executive committee;
10. Recommend amendments of the General Regulations to the state youth congress; and
11. Recommend for the removal or re-instatement of the suspended member of the State Executive Committee.

**20.4. State Executive Committee**

1. The State Executive Committee shall be responsible for the management and day-to-day running of operations, activities, projects and programmes of the State Youth Union;
2. The State Executive Committee shall constitute not more than nine members;
3. Members of the State Executive Committee shall be appointed by the Chairperson of the State Youth Union from the members of the State Youth Council;
4. The State Executive committee shall be headed and presided over by the Speaker of the state youth union;
5. The State Executive Committee shall be based in the state capital.

20.5.The State Executive Committee shall have the following powers as herein under:

1. Manage day-to-day operations, activities, projects and programmes of the State Youth Union;
2. Initiate youth activities, projects and programmes in the state;
3. Pass management resolutions of the State youth Union;
4. Formulate policies for the State Youth Union;
5. Make internal polices and guidelines for the State Union Executive Committee;
6. Develop regulations in accordance with the constitution of the state youth union;
7. Implement resolutions passed by the state youth Congress;
8. Oversee the affairs of the county Youth Unions;
9. Liaise with the state government, organisations, private sector and other partners in the State;
10. Nominate delegates to the National Youth Union Convention; and
11. Represent the Union at State functions and events

**20.6. Chairperson of the State Youth Union**

1. The Chairperson of the State Youth Union shall be elected by the State Youth Congress;
2. The Chairperson of the state youth union shall be the head of the Executive Committee of the State Youth Union; and
3. The Chairperson of the State Youth Union shall be the symbol of the State Youth union and shall represent the State Youth Union at the State events and functions.

20.7.The Chairperson of the State Youth Union shall exercise the following powers:

1. Appoints and suspend members of the State Executive Committee;
2. Preside over meetings of the State Executive Committee;
3. Form ad hoc and sub-committees under the State Executive Committee whenever necessary;
4. Sign resolutions, policies, rules and regulations, guidelines and documents of the state youth union.
5. **County Youth Association**

There shall be established a County Youth Union which shall hierarchal fall under State Youth Union, and shall comprise the following organs:

**23.1.** **County Youth Council:**

1. The County Youth Council shall be the highest organ of the County Youth Association and shall comprise from at least one youth delegate drawn from various Payams in the County;
2. The Council shall meet twice a year, but may have extra-ordinary sittings to decide on key issues and urgent matters as may be deemed necessary by the county youth Association.

21.2. The County Youth Council shall have the following powers as herein under stipulated:

1. Elect the Chairperson of County Youth Association;
2. Nominate the County Youth Executive Committee;
3. Elect and remove the Chairperson of the county youth Association;
4. Pass guidelines for the strategic plan of the County Youth Association;
5. Confirm or revoke decisions of the county Youth Executive Committee.
6. Pass and amend By-Laws and other legal instruments of County Youth Association;
7. Ratify the financial and Administrative Report of the County Youth Executive Committee; and
8. form Committees as may be deemed necessary;
9. Approve policies developed by the county executive committee;
10. Approve resolutions of the county executive committee;
11. Develop Rules in accordance with the State Youth Union By-Laws ; and
12. Provide general oversight of the work of the county executive committee;

**21.3. County Executive Committee**

There shall be established at the county level a County Youth Executive Committee as hereinafter stipulated:

1. The County Youth Executive committee shall be the body responsible for the management and day-to-day running of the County Youth Associations operations, activities, projects and programmes;
2. The county executive committee shall be composed of not more than 5 members;
3. Member of the County Youth Executive Committee shall be appointed by the Chairperson of the County Youth Association from members of the County Youth Council;
4. The county executive committee shall be headed and presided over by the Chairperson of the County Youth Association;
5. The county Executive Committee shall be based at the County headquarters; and
6. The County Youth Executive Committee shall serve for one year.

21.4. The County Youth Executive Committee shall exercise the following powers as herein under stipulated:

1. Manage day-to-day operations, activities, projects and programmes ;
2. Initiate Youth activities, projects and programmes in the County;
3. Pass management resolutions of the County Youth Association;
4. Formulate policies for the County Youth Association;
5. Make internal polices and guidelines for County Youth Executive Committee;
6. Implement resolutions passed by the County Youth Council; and
7. Oversee the affairs of the Payam Youth Societies;
8. Liaise with county administration, organizations, private sector and other partners of the Union in the county;
9. Represent the union at county functions and events.
   1. **Chairperson of the County Youth Association**

There shall be a Chairperson of the County Youth Association as provided herein under:

1. The Chairperson of the County Youth Association shall be directly elected by county youth Council;
2. The Chairperson of the County Youth Association shall be the head of the County Youth Association;
3. The Chairperson shall be the symbol of the County Youth Association and shall represent the County Youth Association at County events and functions.
   1. The Chairperson of the County Youth Association shall exercise the following power as herein under stipulated:
4. Appoint and remove members of the County Executive Committee;
5. Preside over meetings of the County Youth Executive Committee;
6. Preside over the County Youth Council’s meetings;
7. Form ad hoc and sub-committee under the County Executive Committee as may be deemed necessary;
8. Sign resolutions, policies, rules, guidelines and documents of the County Youth Association.
9. There shall be established a Payam and Boma Youth Societies at the County Level.
10. The County Youth Association leadership shall enact Laws and Rules that shall govern the activities of the Payam and Boma Youth Societies.
11. The Laws and Rules provided for in clause 23 above shall be drawn in accordance to the provisions of these General Regulations.

**Chapter Six**

**Meetings and Quorum**

1. **Ordinary and Annual Meetings of the Union**

25.1. The Union shall convene the following annual meetings in exercise of its function:

1. Annual meetings of the National Youth Union Council shall take place at the beginning and end of every fiscal year, and shall aim to discuss the following agenda:
   * + 1. Election of the speaker and rapporteur at the beginning of the term;
       2. Vetting and ratification of newly appointed members of the executive;
       3. Approval of budget and plans of the Executive; and
       4. Discussion of financial audit and administrative report of the Executive.
2. The annual meetings of the National Executive Committee shall convene at the beginning and the end of every year, and shall aim to discuss the following agenda:
3. Discuss and pass the Executive Committee work plan;
4. Approve the Executive Budget; and
5. Resolve for financial audit.
6. Any other ordinary meetings may be convened at any time during the calendar year.
   1. The quorum for ordinary meetings shall be the simple majority of **50% +1** of eligible attendance**.**
   2. The quorum for annual meetings shall be the simple majority **50%+1** of eligible attendance.
7. **Extra-ordinary Meetings of the Union**

26.1. The Council may recommend for the conduction of extra-ordinary Convection for that aims for the following agenda:

* 1. To amend the General Regulations; and
  2. To decide over the removal or re-instatement of the Chairperson of the Union; and
  3. Any other urgent matters
  4. The Council may convene extra-ordinary meetings upon request of the Executive.
  5. The Council may convene an extra-ordinary meeting to discuss issues pertaining discipline of members, suspension of members and any other important and urgent matters.
  6. The quorum for convention’s extra-ordinary sitting shall be **(3/4)** of eligible members of the convention.
  7. The quorum for Council’s extra-ordinary meetings shall be **50%+1** of all Council members.
  8. The quorum for Executive extra-ordinary meetings shall be **50%+1** of all Executive Committee members.
  9. The quorum for other committees’ ordinary or extra-ordinary meetings shall be **50%+1** of the committee members.
  10. Extra-ordinary meetings may be requested by a motion of members by collection of **(2/3)** fresh signatures of the members of specific Union’s organ.
  11. Extra-ordinary meetings convened upon a motion of members, may discuss any other matter apart from matters for which the extra-ordinary meeting’s motion was made.

1. The quorum for the second meeting after the failure of the first meeting for lack of quorum shall be **20%** of the members of Convention, Council and Executive.
2. The quorum for the third meeting after the failure of the second meeting shall be any number of members who attended the meeting.
3. **Notice for Meetings**

27.1. The notice for a given meeting shall comprise of the agenda, date and venue.

27.2. The notice of the meeting shall be sent to members by posting on Unions official board, or through announcement in media, or through a registered phone call of a member, or through a registered mail or courier services.

27.3. The notice for annual meetings shall be communicated to members for a period not less than fourteen days prior to the meeting.

27.4. The notice for other ordinary meetings shall be communicated to members for a period not less than two days prior to the meetings.

27.5. The notice for extra-ordinary meetings shall be sent to members within one week time prior to the meeting.

27.6. The responsibility for tabling of agenda, date and venue for meetings convene upon motions of members shall lay on members who called for the meeting.

27.7. Only matters specified in the notice for the meeting shall be allowed to deliberation at the meetings.

1. **Decision making in the meetings**

Decisions in all Union’s meetings shall be taken by simple majority **50%+1**, except meetings devoted for suspension of the Chairperson of the Union, Amendment of the General Regulations, dismissal of member from Union, and dissolution of Union; such decisions shall require voting of not less than **(2/3)** of the membership of each organ, as the case may be.

1. **Keeping order during meetings**

Any member in charge of recording minutes and time keeping during meetings shall have exclusive right to send out of the meeting, whoever he/she see disordering, disorganising or sabotaging the meeting, as such; the minutes recorder or time keeper may act upon emergence of such manners accordingly, and his/her decisions shall be final.

**Chapter Seven**

**Elections and Voting**

1. **Elections of the National Youth Union**

32.1. There shall be elections of office bearers of the National Youth Union at the end of every term as provided in these General Regulations.

32.2. The elections shall be done during the sitting of the National Youth Convention called for that purpose, and the following office bearers shall contest:

* 1. The Chairperson of the South Sudan National Youth Union;
  2. The Speaker of the National Youth Union Council; and
  3. The Rapporteur of the National Youth Union Council.

32.3. The election shall be free and fair.

32.4. Elections of the Chairperson of the Union shall be done at the National Convention, and shall be presided over by an electoral committee which shall be an ad hoc committee of the Youth and Sports Bodies Commission.

3.5. Elections of the Speaker and Rapporteur shall be done at the Council first meeting devoted to that purpose, and shall be presided over by the electoral Committee as mentioned in (32.5.) above.

32.6. Elections of the Chairperson of the State Youth Union shall be at the State Youth Congress, and shall be presided over by an elections committee which shall act as an ad hoc committee of the State Youth and Sports Bodies Commission.

32.7. Elections of the Chairperson of the County Youth Association shall be at the County Council meeting, and shall be presided over by an electoral committee which shall act as an ad hoc committee of the County Youth Council.

32.8. Except for the first elections of the National Youth Union, every subsequent elections of the office shall be conducted within the first two preparatory months of the year in which the elections are to be held.

32.9. The National Youth Union Council shall enact electoral code which shall be the Law governing all elections of the Union, and it shall be in conformity with these General Regulation.

32.10. Any youth who seeks to contest for any of the National Youth Union’s seats mentioned in (32.2.) above shall fulfil the following eligibility criteria:

1. Shall be a South Sudanese National;
2. Shall be aged between 21-31 years old;
3. Shall hold at least bachelor degree from a recognised higher education institution;
4. Shall be a person of sound mind;
5. Shall have at least three years’ experience in Youth activities;
6. Shall be nominated by one State Youth Union and seconded by another two States Youth Unions;
7. Shall be a dedicated and exemplary member;
8. Shall be a person of impeachable integrity and above reproach;
9. Was not convicted of a crime against morality, public order, trust, and corruption; or crime which involved violence;
10. Pays candidature fee; and
11. Shall be able to reside in the **national capital** throughout his/her term of office.

32.11. The same criteria shall apply to the States unions, provided that the minimum educational requirement shall be high School Certificate.

1. **Electoral Committee** 
   1. Every election process of the National Youth Union shall be presided over by the Electoral Committee.
   2. The Electoral Committee shall be formed by the commission for Youth and Sport bodies.
   3. The Electoral Committee shall be comprise of five Youth members, other than Council members.
   4. At least one member of the Electoral Committee shall be from legal background.
   5. The Electoral committee shall be responsible for the organisation of voting, casting of votes and announcement of the results within five (5) hours after the elections.
   6. Electoral committee shall regulate the conduct of the elections and related matters independently.
   7. The Chairperson of electoral committee shall have powers to suspend the election where the circumstances show serious irregularities can affect the result and call for fresh elections.
   8. The Preparatory Committee shall be a caretaker when the term of the office bearers ends, until the inauguration of the new Executive Committee.
   9. The Electoral Committee shall ensure that the Contestants fulfil the necessary requirements as stipulated by these Regulations.
   10. Contestants shall be required to pay a candidature fee to the electoral Committee as part of the requirements for the registration of their candidature.
   11. The Electoral Committee shall ensure that elections are conducted transparently, free and fair; and the contestants shall be given opportunity to address the delegates before elections.
2. **Voting Rights and Elections Petitions**
   1. Every member shall be entitled to vote in any election of the Union by his/her presence, and voting shall be expressed in written form and signed and then poled secretly.
   2. The National Youth Union shall make Rules on the conduct of elections and determining any election petitions.
3. **Modes of Elections**
   1. The Mode of Elections shall be through written secret ballots.
   2. Every member with voting right, is entitled to vote in person, as such; voting by proxy is not allowed.
4. **Term of Office**
   1. The term of office for the members of the National Youth Convention, Council and Executive shall be **four years**. However, the outgoing members of Convention, Council and Executive shall have ~~a~~ no right to serve for a second term, subject to a fresh proceedings of delegation.
   2. The term of office for the members of State Congress, Council, Executive; and County Association, Payam and Boma Societies shall be **two years** subject to renewal for another ~~one~~ two term.

**Chapter Eight**

**Finance and Accountability**

1. **Sources Finances of the Union**
   1. The Union shall have, among others the following sources of finance:
2. Membership registration fees;
3. Membership subscription fees shall be proposed by the Secretary of Finance and Investments for approval by the Executive Council;
4. Budget from the ministry of Culture, Youth and Sport;
5. Financial support from other government Institutions;
6. Special Youth development funds (e.g. schemes such as sale of oil “ one barrel for youth);
7. Donations and grants from partners and well-wishers;
8. Fundraising from members;
9. Revenues from Youth activities, projects and programmes;
10. Support from civil society;
11. Revenues from business and investments of the Union.
    1. The Executive Committee of the Union shall have the responsibility to raise and mobilise funds for activities, projects and programmes of the Union in collaboration with the government, other partners and stakeholders.
12. **Bank Accounts**

All Union’s Money shall be kept in a Bank account where Chairperson, Secretary General and Secretary for Finance shall be signatories to it.

1. **Accountability and Financial Audit**
   1. All financial transactions and payments of the Union shall be conducted in a transparent and accountable manner with proper records and documentation detailing the manner in which the funds have been used compatible with accounting principles.
   2. There shall be an annual audit of the accounts of the Union by an auditor from National Audit Chamber and the audit report shall be presented as part of the annual report to the Youth Union.
   3. The Council of National Youth Union shall draft a Rule to regulate Finance and accountability pursuant to these Regulations
   4. The authorisation of the Youth Union funds shall be in accordance with the amount of money being used in the hierarchy of the organs of the National Youth Union.
2. **Annual Report**

The Executive Committee shall prepare and present an annual report including financial statements and reports to the National Youth Council at the end of every fiscal year, for discussion and approval.

1. **Financial Year**

The financial year of the Union shall start from 1st July to 30th June of the following year.

**Chapter Nine**

**Miscellaneous Provisions**

1. **Committees of the National Youth Union**

**The following shall be the functional committee of the Union;**

* 1. **Advisory Committee**

1. The National Youth Union Council shall form an Advisory committee of seven (7) members with ratio of 4 men and 3 ladies. Five (5) from National Youth Organisation Coalition, and two (2) from senior Youth activists who hail from their various fields of expertise, according to the priority.
2. The committee shall render advice and opinions on matters of expertise.
3. The head of the committee shall be nominated by South Sudan National Youth Organisations’ coalition.
4. The National Youth Council may make Rules for the conduct of its activities.
5. The committee shall cease its work at the end of the term/duration.
   1. **The Specialised Committees**
6. The Council shall form among its members specialised supportive committees to help the Executive in execution of its functions.
7. The committees shall report directly to the secretary concern.
8. Each committee shall comprise of three members.
9. The committee shall cease its work at the end of the term/duration.
   1. **The Disciplinary and Investigation Committee**
10. The Council shall form disciplinary and investigation committee which shall be in charge of investigation and discipline.
11. The committee shall investigate any irregular act done by any member of the Union.
12. The committee shall comprise of five (5) members.
13. At least three (3) members shall be from legal background.
14. The committee may be formed from members other than those serving in the Council or Executive.
15. The Rules and procedure for the conduct of investigations shall be made by the Council.
16. The committee shall cease its work at the end of the term/duration.
    1. **The Preparatory Committee**
17. The Council shall form a preparatory committee to organise the Convention at the lapse of the term/duration of office.
18. The committee shall work to organise the convention within non-renewable period of three (3) months.
19. The committee shall comprise of seven (7) members.
20. At least two (2) member shall be from legal background, and other members shall be from other fields.
21. The committee shall be responsible for organisation of convention only.
22. **Disciplinary Action**
    1. Any allegation against any leader or member of the National Youth Union shall be supported with substantial evidence, and a disciplinary committee shall be informed about the incident to act accordingly.
    2. The sittings of the disciplinary committee shall be open, and the suspect shall be given the right to be heard as a principle of fair hearing.
    3. The decision of the disciplinary committee may be appealed against to the appeals committee who’s its decision shall be appealed before the Commissioner of Youth and sport bodies whose decision shall be final.
    4. False allegations levelled maliciously against any leader or member of the National Youth Union shall result in stern disciplinary action against the complainant.
    5. The Council shall make Rules for the conduct of investigation and penalties thereof.
23. **Appeals Committee**
    1. The Council shall form appeals committee that shall comprise from three (3) members.
    2. At least one (1) of the members shall have legal background.
    3. The committee shall base its decisions on the laws of the Union and any other relevant legal instruments.
    4. The deliberations on appeals shall be done through panel of discussion in a meeting.
    5. The opinion of majority members makes the decisions.
    6. The Council may adopt Rules for the Conduct of the Committee’s activities.
    7. The committee shall cease its work at the end of the term/duration.
24. **Appeals** 
    1. All members shall have right to appeal decisions related to elections, suspension from work and other disciplinary actions.
    2. Appellate bodies shall be:
25. Appeals Committee of the Union; and
26. Youth and Sports Bodies Commission.
    1. In case of appeals against decisions related to elections, the commission shall be the only appellate authority.
    2. Appeals period shall be five (5) days from the date of issuance of the decision.
    3. The Council shall adopt Rules and procedure of appeals.
27. **Inter and intra linkages between the Ministry and the Union**
28. The Union shall carryout all its functions under exclusive supervision of the ministry as such; the ministry’s consultation shall be required in mobilisation of funds, making audit reports, sending of envoys for external missions, organisation of high profile programmes, etc.
29. The Youth and Sport Bodies commission shall be the body in line with the Youth Union as such; all notifications sent to the ministry shall pass through it.
30. The Youth and Sport Bodies commission shall form the Electoral Committee for the organisation of any Union’s Election pursuant to provisions of these Regulations.
31. The Youth and Sports Bodies Commission shall have right to intervene and provide an appropriate solution in case of serious and grave conflict in the Union.
32. The Minister shall appoint a steering committee responsible for organisation of National Youth convention upon failure of the Preparatory Committee to convene the Convention within the period specified for in accordance with provisions of clause (42.4) of these Regulations read together with article (7) of the General Regulations for Youth and Sports Bodies.
33. The Minister shall provide the mandate and term of the committee thereof.
34. **Amendments of the General Regulations**

These General Regulations shall in part or wholly, be amended with approval of two-third (**2/3**) majority of the National Youth Convention.

1. **Adoption**

These General Regulations of South Sudan National Youth Union, is on this ……th day of the month of …………. 2019, is hereby adopted by the National Youth Convention as per the resolutions No. /2019, and hereinafter adopted it in to law.