BOOT Party Electronic Voting (e-Voting) & Electronic Monitoring (e-Monitoring) Policy and Guidelines
(The Electronic Voting Manifesto)

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BOOT Party e-Voting and e-Monitoring Policy and Guidelines

1. General

BOOT Party is the best political party in Nigeria to join. You can join the BOOT Party quickly, easily and safely online at www.BOOT.org.ng/join-us or on BOOT Party app.

As a full registered and verified member, you will be qualified to vote in our next party leadership elections including, Ward, Local Government, State and National levels.

BOOT Party keeps membership very confidential except for members in public facing positions such as Executives or Board of Trustees.

The BOOT Party is a cooperative-like political party registered by INEC in 2019 - https://www.inecnigeria.org/party/boot-party/. We are a political party thinking beyond ourselves, **B**ecause **O**f **O**ur **T**omorrow (BOOT).

2. Scope

These Guidelines apply to all BOOT Party members, INEC and observers that will be voting and/or monitoring BOOT Party elections.

3. Purpose

In line with Article 10.1.2 of the BOOT Party's Constitution, all elections into various Offices of the Party shall be by e-Voting through the BOOT Party's mobile app. BOOT Party's mobile app can be downloaded from https://BOOT.org.ng or Google Play Store.

These Guidelines are for Electronic Voting and Monitoring of BOOT Party Elections.

4. e-Voting Process

i.   All BOOT Party members are registered on the Party's Online Database and identified by their Unique Registration Number (URN).

ii. Full Members, who have registered before the election cut-off date, within an election constituency can vote in the BOOT Party elections.

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5. Accreditation

i. Manifest of full members who have registered before the cut-off date is shared with the relevant electoral bodies including INEC and State Electoral Commissions. This control is automatically enforced in the BOOT Party e-Voting system.

ii. Once the list of eligible voters has been sent to INEC, any membership registrations thereafter will not be able to vote in this particular Election but will be able to vote in future Elections.

6. e-Voting Start and End Times & Dates

i. Electronic Voting will be open at the latest two (2) days before the day of election so that members who may not be able to make it to the physical venue of the election can vote since each member can only vote once in an election.

ii. Election start as well as the officially scheduled end times and dates are communicated to accredited members via The Party website.

iii. Election end time can be extended, not later than 07:00PM (Nigerian Time), if eligible voters are physically present at the Election venue and are yet to vote.

iv. Election end date can be extended with the approval of the National Working Committee.

7. Election Token / Certificate

i. All Full Members from the constituency of an election will receive their e-Voting token/certificate at least 2 days before the day of the Election, Congress or Primary. Those that did not get their token/certificate by email or WhatsApp will be able to retrieve it from the BOOT Party website https://BOOT.org.ng/Token

ii. The BOOT Party ONLY uses the DIRECT method for all its elections. The Party's Constitution does not allow for Delegate System. It is One Person, One Vote.

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8. Voting: Members with Mobile Device

i. Members with mobile device will login to BOOT Party App on their device with Username; Password and Token/Certificate to vote when the election opens.

9. Voting: Members Without Mobile Device

i. Members without mobile device will login to BOOT Party App on approved device at the election venue with Username; Password and Token/Certificate to vote.

10. Monitoring of Election

i. Members of the public will be able to monitor elections through BOOT Party's e-Monitoring System.

ii. Registration for monitoring is not required however, a One-Time Password (OTP) generated through the e-voting App, sent the email address of the observer will be required.

11. e-Monitoring Process

i. e-Voting guarantees transparent and fraud-free elections through automated controls. The BOOT Party e-Voting platform is embedded with advanced automated controls including separation of duties and cybersecurity.

ii. Where a multiple vote was observed by an individual, the additional votes from this individual would be automatically adjudged void by the BOOT Party e-Voting System. This is an automated control.

iii. Where, following the conclusion of an election, it is demonstrated or established in writing and supported with tangible and verifiable evidence that corrupt or illegal practices have substantially impacted the election process, the election into that particular office that is so impacted shall be adjudged void and a re-rerun shall be scheduled as appropriate.

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12. Procedure for Monitoring

i. Election Monitoring Officers will login and securely monitor elections from anywhere in the world while the election is ongoing.

ii. BOOT Party's e-Monitoring portal address, user credentials and procedure will be sent to accredited election officers.

iii. Accredited election officers will login to the e-Monitoring system with their Assigned User ID, Password and One-Time-Passcode (OTP).

13. Security

i. All data traffic to and from the e-Voting and e-Monitoring infrastructure are fully encrypted. BOOT Party log and audit connections to our infrastructure.

14. Vote Integrity (Automated)

i. In addition to automated control of the e-Voting system, BOOT Party officials will monitor and conduct election in a physical location nominated by the appropriate organ of the Party hierarchy.

ii. Election observers can ONLY see how vote are being cast but cannot influence the election or carryout any approval.

15. Separation of Duties (SOD)

i. In addition to security, BOOT Party e-Monitoring system has robust Separation of Duties where no single individual can initiate voting process; approve and publish election results. This includes among others the system requirement for separate officers to validate, approve, void and publish votes.

16. Election Validation (Automated)

i.   Accredited election officer is the ONLY one that can validate and approve the election via the e-Monitoring system.

ii. Verification of the accuracy and soundness of hardware and BOOT Party e-Monitoring System used for counting ballots are carried out before each election.

17. Election Result Publication (Automated)

i.   BOOT Party officer will generate the result ONLY after the election has been approved by election officer.

ii. All election results will be published automatically after the completion and approval of the results on BOOT Party's website https://BOOT.org.ng/results

iii. Where it is so required, election results can be printed out or copied for wet-signature.

18. Violations

i.   It is a criminal offence to impersonate another voter.

ii. Where an eligible voter needs assistance from a proxy for electronic voting, the eligible voter must be physically present with the proxy when casting her/his vote. Voting on someone's behalf is impersonation and it is against the extant electoral laws in Nigeria.

iii. It is an offence to directly or indirectly induce a voter to display her/his voting token or certificate.

iv. It is an offence for electoral officer to show, disclose or expose a member's voting token/certificate to another person.

v.   It is against BOOT Party e-Voting Policy and criminal for an issued Voting token/certificate to be used to solicit for money or other forms of gratifications in consequence of returning a vote for a particular candidate.

vi.   It is an offence for anyone to tamper with the computer system including mobile device used for voting. The BOOT Party will exercise its right under the law and ensure maximum punishment for offenders.

vii.   In addition to provisions of the Electoral Act 2022 and relevant amendments, an aspirant that is found to have violated any provision(s) of this policy shall be disqualified from the election and face disciplinary enquiry of the party including up to termination of his/her membership of the party.

19. Review

These Guidelines will be reviewed at least annually or as may be determined by the National Executive Council.

20. Policy and Guideline Owner

National Chairman of BOOT Party

21. Reference (s)

https://BOOT.org.ng/Constitution
https://BOOT.org.ng/Manifesto
https://BOOT.org.ng/Policies, Standards and Guidelines
https://BOOT.org.ng/Results
https://BOOT.org.ng/Election Monitoring
https://BOOT.org.ng/Elections Guidelines

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22. Revision History

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