

# RULEBOOK ON PARTY MEMBERSHIP

# ZAJEDNO

## Article 1

Any adult citizen of the Republic of Serbia who voluntarily signs the application form and accepts the Program and Statute of the Party and is not a member of another political organization can be a member of the Zajedno Party (hereinafter: the Party) .

The affiliation of a member to a local, municipal, or city and provincial organization of the Party is determined according to the place of residence, if the member so declares.

## Article 2

The Party strives to have an equal number of female and male members within the organization i.e, to establish an equal representation of the sexes, both among the membership as well as in all Party bodies.

## Article 3

Membership in the Party is carried out upon receiving the application form by the Party authority, which is obliged to verify or refuse the application for membership within 30 days.

The competent authority from paragraph 1 of this article is the Presidency of the municipal board, that is, the city board in cities that do not have established municipalities.

If a Commissioner has been appointed in the municipal/city board, the competent authority is the Commissioner.

Upon receipt, the data from the application form is submitted to the Party Membership Committee in an Excel document form.

The request for membership from a candidate who comes from the territory where there is a functioning local committee, as a rule is considered and decided upon by the municipal/city committee, but with the opinion of the said local committee.

The beginning of membership is considered to be the day specified as the day of access in the member's application form .

## Article 4.

The presidency of the municipal/city board can form a Commission to consider the admission to membership, if the scope of activities render it necessary.

The Admissions Commission organizes a meeting as necessary, by inviting all candidates for admission to membership for an interview.

If the candidate responds to the Commission's invitation, the Commission is obliged to prepare and send a positive or negative recommendation to the Party authority regarding the candidate's admission to membership.

If the duly invited candidate does not respond to the commission's invitation, the commission may decide to invite him again for an interview or send a recommendation to the Party authority proposing a negative decision on the candidate's admission to membership.

The Party authority decides within no longer than 15 days from the date of receiving the Commission's proposal.

#### Article 5

The Party body decides on membership admission with the majority of votes present at the session and after the announcement of the Commission's recommendation.

The decision contains the personal data of the new member, the date of the session at which it was adopted and the voting results.

The decision is entered into membership records, which are kept in an electronic data base in the form adopted by the Party's Membership Committee.

Every member of the Party can challenge the decision on admission to membership by forwarding an objection to the Executive Committee within 6 months from the day of the admission.

In the event that the Executive Committee approves the objection from paragraph 4 of this article, the decision on admission to membership is annulled and the admission to membership of the candidate in question is considered rejected.

#### Article 6

The Party authority can make a decision to refuse admission to membership.

The decision to refuse admission to membership must be explained, and the person whose application was refused must be informed of that fact, in the manner decided by the said Party authority, within no longer than 8 days from the date of the decision.

The person referred to in paragraph 1 may submit an objection to the decision to refuse admission to membership to the Executive Body, through the Party authority, within 15 days from the date of receiving the notification of the decision.

In the case referred to in paragraph 2 of this article, a person whose admission to membership has been refused has the right to request from the Party authority the submission of a written copy of the decision, which the Party authority is obliged to issue.

The Party authority is obliged to submit the complaint to the Executive Committee without delay.

The Executive Committee is obliged to make a final decision within 15 days of receiving the complaint.

#### Article 7

The decision on the admission of political parties and other organizations to the Party membership is made by the Presidency, while the Council of Cities and Municipalities verifies this decision. The day of verification is the day of beginning of the membership, with the fact that within 90 days each member of a political party, citizens' association and other organizations must personally fill out the Party's application form.

#### Article 8

A Party member has the right to:

1. elect and be elected after 6 months from becoming member of all Party bodies;
2. participate equally in the activities of the Party;
3. freely express her/his opinions within the Party;

4. motion proposals and initiatives that do not contradict the Statute and political ideas and fundamental programmatic principles of the Party;
5. count on the support of the Party in the event of threats to security and personal integrity in connection with their political party activities;
6. participate in creating and implementing Party policies;
7. be informed about the activities of the Party;
8. request the interpretation of the Statute from the Statutory Commission of the Party through an authorized body of the Party;
9. enjoy other rights provided by the Statute and general legal acts of the Party;
10. rely on the support of the Party for their own personal political development depending on the available means, ideas and policies of the Party.

Exceptionally, the deadline from point 1 of the previous paragraph can be shortened by a decision of the Council of Cities and Municipalities, upon a written and explained proposal of the Presidency.

#### Article 9.

A Party member has the responsibility to:

1. represent and implement the Programme, political decisions of the Party in public;
2. respect the Statute and other general legal acts in accordance with the decisions of the Party bodies;
3. work to maintain and support the Party's reputation and improve its activities;
4. work in favour of the best possible election result during and between election campaigns;
5. pays the membership fee;
6. fulfills other responsibilities according to the Statute and other general legal acts and policies of the Party;
7. work on their own personal political development depending on their personal available means, and the possibilities provided by the Party.

#### Article 10.

When joining the Party, the member becomes familiar with the Statute and confirms that he/she is familiar with the Programme and goals of the Party .

The Party body authorized to admit new members provides them with guidelines necessary for their involvement in the Party's activities .

#### Article 11

The membership fee is the amount of money that the member regularly pays in the manner and under the conditions established by the Statute, this Rulebook, the Rulebook on the membership fee and other acts of the Party.

The membership fee represents the source income of the local organization.

#### Article 12.

The decision on the amount of the annual membership fee is made by the Presidency upon the proposal of the Membership Committee, no later than March 1 for the current year.

The member is obliged to pay the membership fee in the amount and in the manner determined by the decision of the Presidency. The Presidency cannot decide to collect the membership fee in cash.

Any payment made by the member to the party, which exceeds the amount of the annual membership fee prescribed by the decision of the Presidency, will be considered a financial contribution and will be treated in such a way, in accordance with the law.

#### Article 13

The membership fee payment records are kept by the Party Membership Committee. Every 6 months, the Membership Committee compiles and submits a report to the Presidency of the Party on the paid membership fees.

The report on the paid membership fee contains:

1. name of the city/municipal organization;
2. total number of members of the city/municipal organization;
3. number of members of the city/municipal organization who have paid the membership fee;
4. the total amount of the paid membership fee of the city/municipal organization.

If the membership fee is not collected during the year, submitting this report to the Presidency is not mandatory.

#### Article 14

Any individual can support the Party financially or in kind, in contributions or other forms of support determined by the Law.

#### Article 15

The payment of the financial contribution to the Party is made exclusively from the donor's bank account to the Party's bank account, up to the maximum amount established by the Law.

#### Article 16

The record of contributions is kept by the Party Membership Committee.

Every 6 months, the membership committee prepares and submits a report to the Presidency of the Party on the contributions paid.

If there are no contributions received in the reporting period, submission of this report to the Presidency is not mandatory.

#### Article 17

No one can exercise additional or special rights, due to their financial or in-kind contribution to the Party.

#### Article 18.

A member who has not paid the membership fee for the current year cannot vote, nor be a candidate for party positions, nor a candidate for local, provincial, national or presidential elections, on behalf of the Party. The exception can be made by a special permission provided by the Presidency and only in special circumstances.

#### Article 19

Party Membership is terminated:

1. on the day of submitting the written request for terminating the membership Status in the Party;
2. on the day of the final decision on dismissal from membership, after the disciplinary procedure has been carried out;
3. by becoming a member of another political party, moving to another parliamentary group without the clear written consent of ZAJEDNO, running for office on the list of another political party i.e., on an independent list without the clear written consent of ZAJEDNO, or participating in, that is, running a campaign for another political party or an independent list without the clear written consent of ZAJEDNO;
4. after the death of a Party member;

Termination of membership in the case referred to in paragraph 1, item 3 is determined by the Executive Board.

A member whose membership has been terminated on the basis of paragraph 1, items 2 and 3 of this article, acquires the right to re-apply for membership after two years of the termination, with the prior consent of the Executive Board.

#### Article 20

For actions damaging the reputation and the interests of the Party, the member is politically and disciplinary accountable.

Disciplinary action will be taken against a member who does not respect the decisions of the Party and Party bodies, or who violates the Statute and Programme through dishonorable acts and offensive actions and thus damages the reputation of the Party.

The implementation of the measures that can be imposed in the disciplinary procedure are regulated in more detail by the Rulebook on Disciplinary Accountability, which is adopted by the Council of Cities and Municipalities according to the prior proposal made by the Statutory Commission.

#### Article 21

Party members who do not agree with the decision of the majority have the right to continue to represent and defend their opinion within the Party bodies.

A member of the Party cannot be held accountable for the expressed opinion or vote within the Party body.

#### Article 22

Members of the Party's Autonomous Organizations may simultaneously be members of the Party without the special consent of the Party's competent branch, but they are not obliged to do so.

A member of the Autonomous Organization who is not a member of the Party cannot be elected to the bodies of the Party, nor to the bodies of the Autonomous Organization which, according to the Statute and Rules, hold positions in Party bodies.

A member of the Autonomous Organization who is not a member of the Party has the same obligations as members of the Party defined by the Statute of the Party and this Rulebook, except for the obligation to pay the membership fee.

#### Article 23

The Autonomous Organization independently decides on the rules related to its membership and membership rules, with the fact that it has no right to refuse a Party member to become a member of the Autonomous Organization.

#### Article 24

It is forbidden for Party members to use the right defined by Article 23 of this Rulebook in order to abuse rights.

Abuse of rights from Article 23 of this Rulebook is a serious disciplinary offense.

#### Article 25

Membership records are kept in an electronic data base in the form adopted by the Party's Membership Committee.

The authorities of the local organization are obliged to properly record all changes in membership data in the provided form and, periodically or upon request, submit full and

complete records of their local organizations membership to the Party Membership Committee, which, based on these records, maintains the central records of the Party's membership.

The decision on the issuing, design and manner of distribution of Party membership cards is made by the Party Presidency upon the proposal of the Membership Committee.

#### Article 26

This Rulebook enters into force on the day of its adoption.