

Results, OCR and Forms Capture Playbook

How agents protect announced results, upload form images, review OCR prefill, flag serial variance, and keep the stream as the primary source.

BUILT FOR

Stream agents, station agents, tally supervisors, and legal review teams

Election evidence discipline, from stream to final tally.

Command promise

This playbook trains agents to make the form image, OCR output, and manual tally work together instead of competing with one another.

PRIMARY SOURCE RULE

- The stream agent records the first raw result. Ward, constituency, and county agents reconcile upward; they do not pretend to be the polling station stream.
- If a higher-level form does not tally with lower-level forms, enter the higher-level result as received and let the app flag the variance.
- Never overwrite a stream result simply because a later form says something different. The conflict is evidence.

OCR CAPTURE STANDARD

- Take the full form in one frame where possible. Candidate rows, totals, serial number, signatures, stamp, disputed votes, and officer comments should be readable.
- OCR should prefill candidate votes only against the preloaded candidate list for that contest. The agent must review every figure before submission.
- If OCR confidence is weak, keep the image, require manual confirmation, and mark the field for supervisor review.

TALLY ESCALATION

- Twenty streams in one polling station should feed one station tally as uploads arrive. Missing streams should remain visible until resolved.
- For MCA, the tally moves stream to station to ward. For MP, it moves stream to station to constituency. Each level should show reporting coverage.
- The aspirant dashboard should show registered voters, candidates, stations reporting, streams received, and unresolved variances.

Field readiness checklist

- Form image readable
- Candidate rows reviewed
- Signatures and stamp visible
- Variance submitted and flagged
- Serial number captured
- Totals and rejected votes checked
- OCR prefill confirmed manually

Why this matters to the aspirant

OCR is not a shortcut around agents. It is a speed layer over a disciplined result workflow. The app should make the correct tally easier than the wrong one.