

Election Rules & Regulations

1. Any activity or publicity that is illegal, breaches University rules, policies and codes, or SU bye-laws, regulations, policies, constitution, or data protection legislation, is deemed to be in breach of the election rules.
2. The University is still a place of work for students and staff alike during the election period. Candidates must not do anything to disrupt the normal operations of the University or the Union during campaigning.
3. The RO/DRO reserve the right to suspend the elections in the event of a circumstance beyond the Union's control.
4. Candidates running for full-time or part-time officer roles must only run for one position as opposed to multiple.
5. Candidates and campaign teams must not request others to vote using their own devices or those belonging to their campaign team. Additionally, campaign teams and candidates are prohibited from handling or touching other individuals' devices while campaigning.
6. Use of the Students' Union or University logo (apart from the SU-provided Elections marque) on campaign material is prohibited.
7. All publicity must be in English only or have an English translation of anything said in a foreign language, the translation being equal or greater in prominence.
8. Campaign material and activities must not cause damage to University or Union property.
9. Candidates are allowed to use social media or digital communication chat functions, mailing lists, and other forms of group communication only if they have collected consent to be contacted from those individuals during the campaign period and the group was formed for the sole purpose of campaigning in this election.
10. Lecture shout outs (announcements by a candidate at the beginning or end of a lecture) are prohibited.
11. Digital lecture chat functions (e.g., MS Teams channels or meeting chats) must not be used for campaigning without permission of the lecturer or organiser.
12. Candidates and their campaign team must not harass, coerce, bribe or use intimidation to persuade someone to vote or whom to vote for.
13. Candidates and their campaign team must not obscure, tamper with or remove the publicity of any other candidates nor any publicity for non-election related issues or events.
14. Any expenditure must be on activity or items that all candidates could reasonably have had the opportunity to buy or carry out.
15. All campaign material, including any paid for social media advertising, must be accounted for and spend declared, with a suitable receipt.

Note: All the RSU Election Rules should be read in conjunction with below RSU Election Guidelines

