

ELECTIONS RULES

Any breach of the Elections Rules could result in disciplinary action being taken against you by the Deputy Returning Officer (DRO). The DRO reserves the right to distribute sanctions that are deemed to be fair and equivalent to any breach of the Elections Rules.

We expect candidates to behave civilly and honestly and to ensure that they and their campaign teams support this. We ask all candidates to read the Elections Rules and sign it before campaigning starts to show you are aware that you will be held liable for your own and your supporters/team's actions.

Wolves SU aims to:

1. Conduct all elections in a fair, equal, and appropriate manner.
2. Ensure all student members, whose principal relationship at Wolves SU is not as a staff member, have the opportunity to participate fully in all aspects of the Election.
3. Conduct the elections in the spirit of cooperation and friendliness.

Requirements

1. All candidates must be eligible to stand in the elections and agree to adhere to the Elections Rules, signing and returning this before campaigning starts.
2. All candidates must attend a Candidate Briefing session or meet with the DRO before the voting period begins.
3. All candidates should attend election events hosted by Wolves SU.
4. Candidates are permitted to have up to 3 campaign supporters to help with in-person campaigning. Only these three individuals can distribute physical campaign materials on your behalf. Anyone else found to be distributing physical materials other than these students will be in breach of this rule.
 - a. Candidates must provide the names and Student IDs of their supporters to the SU and ensure they understand election rules.

Conduct

- Candidates should remain respectful of all staff, students and others throughout the elections process.
- Candidates are responsible for the activities carried out by their campaign supporters/team.
- The candidate will be held responsible for any breaking of rules by campaign team/supporters, in-person and online. This includes anyone who is found to be distributing the candidate's flyers who is not in the list provided to the SU.
- Candidates may only begin campaigning after attending the training, returned the Elections Rules, attended Candidate Training and the campaigning period has opened. This date/time will be specified during the training session.
- Candidates are not allowed to run in a slate. A slate is defined as a group of candidates joining together to campaign via resources or campaign material. This extends to campaign teams and students. Anyone found to be distributing more than one candidates' flyer will be in the breach of the rules.
- Candidates and their supporters/team may only alter, move or remove their own campaign materials.
- Candidates and their supporters/team are not allowed to use mailing lists to campaign.
- Candidates may use social media but all platforms they use to campaign must be public and accessible to other candidates.

- Candidates cannot campaign when on duty either as a member of Union or University staff.
- Candidates cannot be endorsed by student staff, society committee/executives, societies, external companies, or officers (including previous or current officers).
- Candidates and their supporters/team must not communicate or interfere with voters in any way once they've begun to complete their voting ballot, this includes voting on behalf of a student or allowing voters to use a personal electronic device to vote.
- Candidates are not allowed within 5 metres of a polling station; this includes public computers on campus and mobile phones. As soon as the voting portal appears on any device, this is then defined as a 'polling station'
- Candidates and their supporters/team cannot use behaviour that could be considered intimidation or harassment of an individual to vote in a particular way.
- Candidates and their supporters/team should not engage in behaviour that could be considered abusive or constitute a personal attack on a named individual.
- Candidates must remove any of their campaign materials after the close of voting.
- The SU reserves the right to declare 'campaign free zones' where no candidate and/or their supporters/team will be able to campaign or distribute promotional materials.

Budget and Promotional Material

- No candidate may spend more on their campaign than the budget set by the DRO. This includes using their own funds.
- Items freely and readily available to all campaigners can be used by all candidates.
- Candidates cannot use discounts that are only available to you i.e., loyalty points, member only deals, special relationships ("mates' rates"). This includes 'freebies' donated to the candidate.
- All costs must be declared with receipts before the deadline to receive reimbursement. We will not reimburse any money to candidates who fail to hand in receipts before the deadline.
- Items that campaigners already own can be valued using a price list available from the elections team (natalia.falacinska@wlv.ac.uk). The DRO will value items not on this list within one working day of the request for an evaluation.
- Wolves SU or University logos may not be used in candidate promotional material.
- Candidate promotional material must be signed off by the DRO prior to being used.
- All candidates are responsible for ensuring they have permission to post publicity or to canvass in specified areas.

Complaints and Appeals

- If you wish to complain about a candidate or their campaign team, please contact Complaints.wolvesunion@wlv.ac.uk
- In the event of a candidate wishing to appeal a decision made by the Deputy Returning Officer they may contact the Returning Officer through the following email elections@nus.org.uk.
- Candidates have 60 minutes after the close of voting to submit any complaints or appeals regarding the election. Complaints/Appeals after this time will not be actioned.

I agree to abide by all the above Elections Rules and understand that any breach of the above by me or my supporters/campaign team, may result in sanctions.

Signature	
Name	

Date	
Position	

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