

# **Students' Association Elections: Covid-19 Guidelines**

The purpose of this guidance is to establish election rules specific to the coronavirus pandemic and the 2021 elections season. These rules are based on guidance from the Scottish Government and the University. The Elections Committee reserves the right to amend these guidelines in the case of changing policy; candidates and campaign teams will be made aware of any changes through the candidates' Teams channel.

1. Candidates cannot campaign in person.
  - Due to the ongoing lockdown measures, no candidate or member of their campaign team can campaign in public amongst other people. This includes University/Union premises, private residences, and communal areas of town.
  - Candidates are encouraged to use social media platforms to campaign, as well as engage with student media sources.
2. Candidates cannot hand out physical materials to campaign.
  - This includes (but is not limited to) stickers, posters, and baked goods.
3. In lieu of traditional hustings for SRC and SSC candidates, husting questions will be answered in writing with the documents uploaded to the Students' Association website.
4. Candidates must adhere to all government guidelines on Covid-19.
  - Students should adhere to the limits on physical distancing and the number of people who can gather, including during the creation of digital campaign resources such as photos and videos.
  - No candidate or member of their campaign team should encourage others to break government Covid-19 restrictions, or they will risk disqualification.