

ST ANDREWS STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION REFERENDUM ELECTIONS RULES (Addendum) 2022

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IMPORTANT DATES

- **21 March (00:01) to 25th March (12:00pm):** Nominations Open
- **25th March 15:00:** Mandatory Candidate Meeting
- **26 March, 00:01:** Campaigning
- **1 April, 00:01 to 18:00:** Voting Open
- **1 April 19:30:** Results Announced

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The Elections Team has prepared the following document as an addendum or addition to the normally published Elections Rules. These additional rules are meant to govern the referendum and associated campaigning **only** and do not apply to any By-Election races that may be happening at the same time.

Campaigning teams **must also abide by the rules and principles laid out in the General Election Rules**, in addition to these specific additions regarding referendum campaigning.

These rules are subject to amendment by the Elections Committee at any time. All candidates and campaign teams will be notified via Teams and email regarding any rule changes.

CAMPAIGN TEAMS

- I. The Elections Committee will organize mass meetings to elect one campaign spokesperson and one deputy for each campaign to represent the campaign.
- II. The campaign team as a whole, and the campaign spokespeople individually, will be held responsible for the conduct of the campaigns.
- III. The Senior Election Team reserves the right, on the advice of a campaign team, to bar any Member of the Association from joining a campaign team.
- IV. Only current, ordinary members of the Students' Association may participate in a campaign team. Campaign teams may seek advice or information from non-members; however, non-members may not participate in campaigning efforts.
 - Non-members may be invited to speak at campaign events, such as a hustings or debate, as determined in-advance by the Elections Committee.

BUDGET

- I. Each campaign will be granted a budget by the Association of £100.
- II. All expenditure by the campaign must be from this budget and registered with the Elections Team with receipts and/or invoices.
- III. Any contributions of any kind must be registered with the Elections Team and will be taken from the campaign budget at a rate decided by the Elections Team.

RESULTS

- I. Results will be subject to verification by the Returning Officer (or their nominee) to ensure that the process was fair. The referendum result shall not be considered final until such verification is received in writing.
- II. Either campaign team may challenge the results if they believe the referendum was not free and fair. Such complaints must be submitted in

writing no later than 24 hours following the close of voting on the referendum.

RULE BREAKING

- i. The campaign spokespeople will be held responsible for the actions of members of the campaign teams if the Elections Committee reasonably believe that they had actual knowledge of, could be reasonably expected to have known about, or should have been able to prevent such actions.
- ii. The campaign spokespeople may request that the Elections Committee bans individual members of their campaign teams from campaigning based on their actions if such actions:
 - were in transgression of these rules
 - were made without knowledge or approval of the campaign spokespeople
 - Such a ban will not be treated as prejudicial to the campaign team.
- iii. Campaign Teams will have the right to appeal any sanctions or penalties applied against them to the Returning Officer, as outlined in the Association Bylaws.