

Code of Conduct for the Rectorial Elections

By submission of nomination papers, candidates for the position of Rector of the University of St Andrews agree to adhere to the following code of conduct during their electoral campaign.

This code of conduct is based upon the rules and general principles followed in all Students' Association run elections, and any breaches shall be arbitrated by the Students' Association Elections Committee.

General Principles

1. Campaigns for the position of Rector shall not be run in a negative manner. Candidates should campaign based solely upon their own ideas and qualifications.
2. Information given to voters should be transparent and accurate.
3. Campaigns should not cause nuisance to voters or to the general population of the town.

Conduct of Campaigns

- Definition — Campaigning is understood as any public activity by a candidate or an individual on their team relating to the elections, which is aimed at persuading someone to vote one way or another. The exact enforcement of this definition in rules arbitration lies with the Elections Committee.
 - Campaign teams are bound by the same set of rules as candidates. Consequently, candidates will be held accountable for the actions of their campaign team.
1. All purchases related to publicity material need to be recorded by the Elections Committee and counted towards each candidate's budget. Rectorial candidates may spend no more than £350.
 2. If a candidate maintains a private online group (e.g., Facebook, Google Group), the candidate must ensure that the Senior Elections Officer or Deputy Senior Elections Officer is invited as a member of said group by no later than 12 hours after the submission of their nomination, or 12 hours after the creation of the group, whichever is later. Access is treated confidentially and used only to ensure rule compliance.
 3. No candidate should engage in a conflict with a competitor or with the town folk, play unsociably loud music or other disturbances, pester people, or be abusive to other candidates.
 4. Halls of residence are people's homes, and candidates should not intrude or annoy students in their own homes. Candidates are not allowed to disturb residents at dinner or request that they are allowed to address the dining hall. Candidates should not try to contact Residence Managers or Wardens individually for information. Candidates are allowed to display publicity (e.g., posters, etc.) in halls of residence, but are not allowed to leave them in individual rooms or flats.
 5. No candidate may campaign in lectures, seminars, tutorials, or lab classes. No candidate should ask to speak before or after lectures, or use the lecture theatre as a vehicle for campaigning.
 6. No candidate may campaign actively inside any of the University Library's sites (including leaving items on desks or handing out publicity material), namely – the Main Library, St Mary's and King James Library, JF Allen Library, Purdie Library, and Martyrs Kirk.
 7. No candidate may mark or deface any public property (e.g., pavements, walls) with chalk or anything else. Candidates may only post publicity where they have received explicit permission to do so from the relevant person or body.
 8. No candidate may engage in blackmail, bribery, and harassment in relation to their campaign.
 9. No candidate should break the law (e.g. flyposting) or do anything that would bring the candidate or the Students' Association into disrepute while campaigning. Candidates should be mindful to ensure their safety and the safety of their team members.
 10. No candidate may supply discounted or free alcohol or illegal substances as a way of promoting their campaign.

We, the undersigned, agree to abide by this code of conduct:

Candidate's signature:

Campaign Manager's signature: