



CAMPAIGN VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES

This document serves as a guideline to campaign violations and their associated penalties as prescribed by the AMS Elections Committee. Please review AMS Code, Section IX, Article 3 for a complete description of regulations. Candidates have the right to appeal decisions made by the Elections Committee as per AMS Code, Section IX, Article 8.

Penalty 1 refers to the first time a penalty is issued. If it is the second offense of the same nature, or a candidate does not comply with Penalty 1, Penalty 2 will be imposed, and so forth.

The Example section is not intended to be exhaustive, and other violations may be considered.

	Violation	Examples	Penalty
1	Campaigned before official campaign period	Released online/physical campaign material before official campaign period Campaigned through person-to-person interaction	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The committee will order the candidate to remove of all campaign material within 24 hours.2. Candidate's rights to campaign will be ceased for 24 hours once the campaign period starts. They will be placed in the Penalty Box, as described in the Handbook.3. The candidate must remove all physical and online campaign material for the entirety of the Campaign Period.

2	Exchanged/Bought Votes	Exchanged votes with any kinds of benefits such as, but not limited to, money, alcohol, employment opportunities etc.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Candidate will be disqualified from the election.
3	Campaign material approval	<p>Published campaign material without approval from AMS Elections Committee</p> <p>Modified and published modified campaign materials after approval without notifying the Committee</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Candidate's rights to campaign will be ceased for 24 hours once the campaign period starts. They will be placed in the Penalty Box, as described in the Handbook. 2. The candidate must remove all physical and online campaign material for the entirety of the Campaign Period.
4	Forms of campaigning	Used unapproved campaign methods and materials (methods not listed in the Candidate Handbook or AMS Code)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If physical or online material, the Committee will order the candidate to remove of all unapproved campaign material within 24 hours. If verbal campaigning occurred, a statement of retraction must be published on the candidate's main platform within 24 hours. Furthermore, the candidate's rights to campaign will be ceased for 24 hours once the campaign period starts. They will be placed in the Penalty Box, as described in the Handbook. 2. The candidate must remove all campaign material for the entirety of the Campaign Period.

5	Conflict of interest	A candidate, a financial endorser, or anyone directed by a candidate or acting with their consent, used the materials or resources (includes monetary resources) of any branch of the Society's student government, student groups and clubs, staff offices and other campus organizations and workplace including, but not limited to, photocopiers, printers, telephones, computers, stationary, and equipment like megaphones, speakers, and electronic mailing lists.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The organization involved will be barred from endorsing the candidate for the rest of the campaign period. The Candidate will be barred from using the resources/money/endorsement of the organization for the entirety of the Campaign Period. 2. Candidate's rights to campaign will be ceased for 48 hours once the campaign period starts. They will be placed in the Penalty Box, as described in the Handbook.
7	Slates	Performed slate-like activity (i.e. the appearance of other candidates on one's campaign material, posters that resemble one another, including (but not limited to) similar or the same slogans, etc.)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If physical or online material, the committee will order the candidate to remove of all offending campaign material within 24 hours. If verbal campaigning occurred, a statement of retraction must be published on the candidate's main online platform within 24 hours. 2. Candidate's rights to campaign will be ceased for 24 hours once the campaign period starts. They will be placed in the Penalty Box, as described in the Handbook. 3. The candidate must remove all physical and online campaign material for the entirety of the Campaign

			Period.
8	3rd Party Endorsements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Did not notify the Elections Committee regarding 3rd party endorsements within 24 hours of the endorsement being made 2. Did not specify whether the endorser is a financial endorser or a supporter 3. Sending out mass messages to clubs, constituencies, fraternities, sororities, or resource groups at UBC without granted endorsement by the group 4. Sending “pyramid” or “chain” style emails 	<p>Failure to comply with Example 1: The candidate must publicly reject this endorsement on their main online platform(s). If a financial endorsement has been made, it shall be returned.</p> <p>Failure to comply with Example 2: The candidate will be prohibited to receive monetary endorsements from that specific financial endorser for the rest of the elections period. If a financial endorsement has been made, it shall be returned.</p> <p>Failure to comply with Example 3: The candidate will be prohibited from seeking endorsements for the rest of the Campaign Period. All previous endorsements received via this method will be publicly rejected on the candidates main online platform(s). If it was a financial endorsement, it will be returned.</p> <p>Failure to comply with Example 4: The candidate will be prohibited from seeking endorsements for the rest of the Campaign Period. All previous endorsements received via this method will be publicly rejected on the candidates main online platform(s). If it was a financial endorsement, it will be returned.</p> <p>A second offense, or failure to comply with the penalty of any of the above examples, or</p>

			<p>other violations deemed similar by the Elections Committee will result in: Candidate's rights to campaign will be revoked for 48 hours once the campaign period starts. They will be placed in the Penalty Box, as described in the Handbook.</p>
<p>9</p>	<p>Endorsements by other candidates</p>	<p>Endorsed another candidate within their own race (applicable to AMS Exec, Senate and BoG)</p> <p>Did not state whether that third party will be solely an endorser or also a financial supporter</p> <p>Received financial support from a a third party but did not report the relationship to the Committee beforehand</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The endorsement (financial or other) will be removed by the Elections Committee. The endorsee must publicly reject the endorsement on their main online platform(s) and the endorsee and endorser's rights to campaign will be ceased for 24 hours once the campaign period starts. They will be placed in the Penalty Box, as described in the Handbook. 2. If it involves two candidates (ex. endorsee and endorser) both candidates' rights to campaign will be ceased for 48 hours during the campaign period. They will be placed in the Penalty Box, as described in the Handbook. <p>If it involves one candidate, the candidate's rights to campaign will be ceased for 48 hours during the campaign period. They will be placed in the Penalty Box, as described in the Handbook.</p>

			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. All types of endorsement will be disallowed for the rest of the Campaign Period.
10	Endorsed referendum committees	Candidate endorsed both yes or no committees at the same time	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Elections Committee will decide to either accept or reject the endorsements. This acceptance or rejection must be posted on the candidate's main online platform(s). 2. The candidate will be barred from endorsing any referenda, or receive a reciprocal endorsement, for the remainder of the campaign period.
11	Removal of material	Campaign materials are not removed by the deadline	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The candidate will be charged the Election Committee's expense of paying Polling Clerks/Officers to take down the materials. This expense will be subtracted from a candidate's campaign reimbursement.
13	Campaign spending limits	Exceeded the maximum spending limit for each position	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A candidate's rights to campaign will be ceased for 72 hours within the campaign period. They will be placed in the Penalty Box, as described in the Handbook. • In addition, the extra expenses will not be reimbursed.
14	Volunteers	Penalties apply if a volunteer campaigned for more than one candidate at the same time. Examples include, but are not limited to:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A written warning will be issued to all candidates involved.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Placed two different candidates' posters directly next to each other on poster boards.● Made classroom announcements on behalf of two candidates at the same time .	<ol style="list-style-type: none">2. A candidate's rights to campaign will be ceased for 24 hours once the campaign period starts. They will be placed in the Penalty Box, as described in the Handbook.3. The candidate must remove all physical and online campaign material for the entirety of the Campaign Period.
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