



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 (A), 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(A), 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.

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

	Violation	Examples	Penalty
1	Postering	Postering of any kind, including but not limited to pamphlets, brochures, print outs etc. affixed or glued to a notice board or any other stationary object.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Candidate's right to campaign will be ceased for the duration of the Campaign Period. Poster/s must be removed immediately.2. Candidate will be disqualified. Poster/s must be removed immediately.

2	Unapproved forms of campaigning	Using a form or method of campaigning that is not explicitly listed, or approved by the Elections Committee	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Candidate's rights to campaign will be ceased for 72 hours once the campaign period starts. All campaign material must be removed immediately. 2. Candidate's right to campaign will be ceased for the duration of the Campaign Period. All campaign material must be removed immediately. 3. Candidate will be disqualified. All campaign material must be removed immediately.
3	Exchanged/Bought Votes	<p>Exchanged votes with any kinds of benefits such as, but not limited to, money, alcohol, gifts, incentives, employment opportunities etc.</p> <p>Bought votes with any kinds of benefits such as, but not limited to, money, alcohol, gifts, incentives, employment opportunities etc.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Candidate will be disqualified from the election.
4	Slates or slate like behavior/ activity (except SLFS only)	<p>Appearing on another candidate's campaign materials, including but not limited to flyers, handouts, websites, and other social media sites</p> <p>Producing campaign materials that resemble those of another candidate in colour, branding, design, and/or appearance</p> <p>Using the same slogan or slogans as one or more candidates</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Candidate's right to campaign will be ceased for 48 hours once the campaign period has started. They will also be required to amend the situation. 2. Candidate's right to campaigning will be ceased for the duration of the Campaign Period. And the candidate will not be reimbursed for any campaign expenditure.

		Endorsing another candidate, either in public or in private, and also helping other candidates in any way	3. Candidate will be disqualified.
5	Endorsing other candidates	Receiving endorsement or endorsed another candidate in a race managed by AMS Elections (except same slate members in SLFS race endorsing each other).	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Candidate's right to campaign will be ceased for 48 hours once the campaign period has started. They will also be required to amend the situation. 2. Candidate's right to campaigning will be ceased for the duration of the Campaign Period. And the candidate will not be reimbursed for any
6	Campaign expenditure limit	<p>Submitting campaign expenditure statement with falsified receipts, proof of payment etc.</p> <p>Exceeding the campaign expenditure limit</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Candidate will not be reimbursed for any campaign expenditure.
7	Failure to comply with penalty imposed	<p>Not complying with the penalty after it has been imposed and communicated to the Candidate.</p> <p>Not acting on all parts of the penalty imposed and communicated to the Candidate.</p> <p>Failure to comply with the rulings, even if those rulings are in the process of being appealed.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The next penalty for that violation will be imposed. 2. Candidate's right to campaigning will be ceased for the duration of the Campaigning Period. All campaign material must be removed immediately. 3. Candidate will be disqualified.

8	Possession of debate and/or forum questions	<p>Possessing the list of debate and/or forum questions</p> <p>Distributing the list of debate and/or forum questions</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Candidate's right to campaign will be ceased for 48 hours. All campaign material must be removed for the duration. 2. Candidate's right to campaigning will be ceased for the duration of the Campaigning Period. All campaign material must be removed immediately. 3. Candidate will be disqualified.
9	Conflict of interest	<p>Example 1</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Example 2</p> <p>Not declaring conflict of interest with an Elections Committee Member</p>	<p>For example, 1</p> <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 72 hours. All campaign material must be removed immediately. <p>For example, 2</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Candidate's rights to campaign will be ceased for 72 hours. All campaign material must be removed immediately. Candidate's reimbursement and expenditure limit

			<p>will be reduced by 25%.</p> <p>4. Candidate's right to campaigning will be ceased for the duration of the Campaign Period. And the candidate will not be reimbursed for any campaign expenditure.</p>
10	Threaten/ intimidate/ coerce Elections Officials	<p>Causing hindrance in the work of any Elections Official/s</p> <p>Physically and/or verbally assaulting any Elections Official/s</p> <p>Trying to intimidate any Elections Official/s in any way</p> <p>Bribing any Elections Official/s in any way</p>	<p>1. Candidate will be disqualified.</p>
11	Unapproved campaign material	<p>Published campaign material without approval from AMS Elections Committee</p> <p>Modified and published modified campaign materials after approval without notifying the Elections Committee</p>	<p>1. Candidate's rights to campaign will be ceased for 24 hours. All campaign material must be removed immediately.</p> <p>2. Candidate's right to campaign will be ceased for the entirety of the campaign. All campaign material must be removed immediately.</p>
12	Sending mass emails	<p>Sending out mass email/s using a mailing list of the AMS, Society's constituencies, Society's Administration Office, the Events Office, or other staff offices or room, Society's Clubs, the Student Services, the Student Resource</p>	<p>1. Candidate's rights to campaign will be ceased for 24 hours. All campaign material must be removed immediately after a statement of retraction for the email, with explanation, is issued on Candidate's</p>

		<p>Groups or any other UBC or its affiliate organizations;</p> <p>Sending “pyramid” or “chain” style emails</p>	<p>social media campaign.</p> <p>2. Candidate’s rights to campaign will be ceased for 72hours. All campaign material must be removed immediately after a statement of retraction for the email, with explanation, is issued on Candidate’s social media campaign. Candidate’s reimbursement and expenditure limit will be reduced by 25%.</p> <p>3. Candidate’s right to campaign will be ceased for the entirety of the campaign. All campaign material must be removed immediately.</p>
13	Campaigned before official campaign period	<p>Released online/physical campaign material before official campaign period</p> <p>Campaigned through person-to-person interaction</p> <p>Any and all other forms of campaigning</p>	<p>1. Candidate’s rights to campaign will be ceased for 24 hours. All campaign material must be removed immediately.</p> <p>2. Candidate’s rights to campaign will be ceased for an additional 48 hours. All campaign material must be removed immediately.</p> <p>3. Candidate’s right to campaign will be ceased for the entirety of the campaign. All campaign material must be removed immediately.</p>

14	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 	<p>For example, 1:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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>For example, 2:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 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>A second offense, or failure to comply with the penalty of any of the above examples, or other violations deemed similar by the Elections Committee will result in:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Candidate's rights to campaign will be ceased for 48 hours.</p>
15	Disturb another candidate/s campaign/s	<p>Try to or act in a way that causes hindrance to another candidate/s campaign</p> <p>Interfering another candidate/s campaign</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A written warning will be issued to the candidate. 2. Candidate's right to campaign will be ceased for 24 hours. The reimbursement level will be reduced by 10%.
16	Unauthorized contact with Elections Committee	<p>Contacting any member of the Elections Committee (except CEO) through their personal contacts</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Candidate will receive a written warning. 2. Candidate's right to campaign will be

		<p>Contacting the CEO via personal contacts within 24 hours after sending an email</p> <p>Contacting any member of the Elections Committee (including CEO) through their personal contacts after 10pm</p>	<p>ceased for 12 hours. All campaign material must be removed</p> <p>3. Candidate's right to campaign will be ceased for 24 hours. All campaign material must be removed</p> <p>4. Candidate's right to campaign will be ceased for 48 hours. All campaign material must be removed. The reimbursement level will be reduced by 10%.</p> <p>5. Candidate's right to campaign will be ceased for 72 hours. All campaign material must be removed. The reimbursement level will be reduced by 25%.</p>
17	Removal of material	Campaign materials are not removed by the deadline	<p>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.</p>
18	Endorsed both referendum committees	Candidate endorsed both yes and no committees at the same time	<p>1. A written warning will be issued to the candidate. The candidate must issue a public retraction, through their main online platform, and choose to endorse only one committee.</p> <p>2. The candidate will be barred from endorsing any referenda, or receive a reciprocal endorsement, for the remainder of the campaign period.</p>

19	Mutual volunteers	<p>Penalties apply if a volunteer campaigned for more than one candidate at the same time.</p> <p>Examples include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Distributing two candidates' campaign material at the same time ● Made classroom announcements on behalf of two candidates at the same time . 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A written warning will be issued to all candidates involved. 2. A candidate's rights to campaign will be ceased for 24 hours. All campaign material must be removed immediately. 3. Candidate's right to campaign will be ceased for the duration of the Campaign Period. All campaign material must be removed immediately.
20	Campaigning in Buffer Zones	<p>Any and all forms of campaigning in the Buffer Zone as determined by the Poll Clerks/ Polling Officers/ Elections Officials</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Candidate would be asked to campaign outside the Buffer Zone by the Elections Official. Candidate will receive a written warning. 2. Candidate would be asked to campaign outside the Buffer Zone by the Elections Official. Candidate's right to campaign will be ceased for 24 hours. All campaign material must be removed.