

Candidate Rules

The following rules apply to all candidates in an LTSU managed election and are in addition to [Leeds Trinity University Student Conduct and Discipline Code](#). Failure by candidates to comply may result in penalties or disqualification as deemed fit by the Returning Officer or their nominee. **All candidates are responsible for the actions of those campaigning for or promoting them.**

Candidates, and their promoters, are expected to behave with respect and integrity befitting the [Leeds Trinity Student Union values](#). Where behaviour is deemed to not meet this standard, the Returning Officer, or their nominee, may take disciplinary action that can result in disqualification.

Role Eligibility:

RE 1: Candidates may not run for more than one committee role within a single Club or Society.

RE 2: All candidates must agree to abide by these election rules as part of the nominations process.

Campaigning & Publicity

CAM&PUB 1. Campaigning does not start until **12pm, Friday 25th April**, and no campaign materials may be posted online prior to this time and date.

CAM&PUB 2. Candidates may not use any mailing lists as part of their campaign.

CAM&PUB 3. Candidates may use their Club or Society group chat for campaigning, provided that all candidates are given equal opportunity to do so.

CAM&PUB 4. Candidates must not promote their campaigns via the use of LTSU resources, including official LTSU accounts, staff or President or Vice-President time, unless the service is offered to all candidates via LTSU's provision.

CAMP&PUB 5. Candidates must not promote their campaigns using Club or Society resources, including social media channels and equipment.

CAM&PUB 6. Candidates may attend hustings, or similar meetings, organised by the Club or Society for the purposes of the election, if this provision is offered to all candidates.

CAM&PUB 7. Candidates must not interfere in any way with a voter at the point of voting; candidates may verbally guide a student to the voting page or their voting profile but must do so **without touching the personal device**.

CAM&PUB 8. Candidates must not offer a cash bribe or goods in exchange for votes.

Digital & Physical Materials

LTSU reserves the right to ask candidates to remove unreasonable, untruthful, threatening and libellous online material and take disciplinary measures for materials that fall into this category at the discretion of the Deputy Returning Officer and Returning Officer, which may include removing materials and issuing sanctions.

D&PMAT 1: Election material may only be posted digitally; no physical materials may be used.

D&PMAT 2: Publicity must not copy or be similar to LTSU / LTU material (font, pantone colours).

Current Officers

OFF 1: Whilst Sabbatical Officers that are not participating in the elections may support and campaign on behalf of other candidates, they may not promote any other candidates, themselves or current Officers, during working hours; they may not use LTSU resources. They may only do so in their own time using only their personal resources. Should an Officer be perceived to be campaigning, this may result in them being investigated under LTSU misconduct policies and the candidate(s) being investigated under election procedures.

Budget & Expenses

BUD&EXP 1. No candidate, or campaigner, may spend money on their election campaign.

Hustings

HUS 1. A Club or Society may opt to hold a Hustings event, or similar meeting, for candidates to share their views and answer questions from members.

HUS 2. The meeting must be open to all candidates, ensuring that each candidate has an equal opportunity to present their views.

HUS 3. This meeting should be organised by a member of the Club or Society who is not participating in the election.

Candidate Endorsement

END 1. No endorsements can be announced prior to the start of campaigning.

END 2. Only current LTU students can endorse and support a candidate's election campaign.

END 3. Candidates are not allowed to be endorsed by Student Societies or Sports Clubs.

END 4. Candidates are not allowed to be endorsed or promoted by an external company.