



## ELECTION COMMISSION

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### Grey Period Guidelines

The following guidelines are applicable to hopeful candidates and the GBM at large for the period from 8th August 2023 till further notice.

Candidates are hereby informed of the following regarding inducting campaigners for supporting their candidature:

1. You are not allowed to solicit support from members of the electorate if they express displeasure or disinterest regarding the same. You may not force anyone to join your camp or campaign for you.
2. For the posts of General Secretary and President, a candidate is entitled to have a maximum of **40 campaigners** (upto 30 male). Candidates for the posts of Hostel and Day Scholar Representative may have a maximum of **5 campaigners** of their electorate.
3. A list of your campaigners should be submitted along with your nomination in the prescribed format, which will be communicated later.
4. You must provide details of any disciplinary/academic unfair means record cases against yourselves or your campaigners while submitting nominations. Note that this does not debar anyone with such cases to campaign or stand for elections.

5. The candidates for the posts of President and General Secretary are allowed to solicit support from members of the 2021, 2022 and 2023 batches for inducting them into their respective camps as official campaigners. Any such activity should be done on a strictly **one-to-one** basis. Evidence to the contrary shall invite serious repercussions to your candidature.
6. H-rep and D-rep candidates are allowed to solicit support from members of their electorate only. Any such activity should be done on a strictly **one-to-one** basis. Evidence to the contrary shall invite serious repercussions to your candidature.
7. Any activity that can be categorised as campaigning will be dealt with serious penalties.
8. Hopeful candidates who currently hold offices as part of the Students' Union or the SSMS can continue with their day-to-day responsibilities as required. However, you are not allowed to take up any new initiatives or publicise any past ones until further notice. Attaching your name and credentials to any such activity is not allowed until further notice and the same may be removed at the earliest by 8th August 2023 EOD. Violations will result in penalties.
9. Mass communication with the GBM including but not limited to root mails, social media messages or posts, and public announcements or meets, is not allowed until further notice.
10. Alliances may not be formed between candidates. The formation of alliances will be treated as a flagrant violation of the guidelines and will result in immediate cancellation of the candidature.
11. The candidate or campaigner(s) may not mention the backing of the candidate by current or previous office holders of establishments, including but not limited to the SU or the SSMS.
12. Once the call for nominations is displayed, prospective candidates can put forward their names following the procedure mentioned.

If there is any ambiguity or query regarding the guidelines, the Election Commission should be contacted via email to clarify the same.