



GENERAL RULES

Club and Society Elections

Winter Term (2026)

Basics

- Candidates must follow the expected behaviours outlined in the [LSESU Code of Conduct](#).
- Candidates are not permitted to spend any money on campaigning for votes, or coerce other members into voting for them.
- Candidates must not engage in negative campaigning (i.e. the use of derogatory, libellous and/or defamatory comments about other candidates and/or current/previous committee members).
- Candidates who are re-running for committee positions they already hold are not permitted to use rights afforded to them by their current roles (e.g. Official Group Mailing Lists and Social Media Accounts) for the benefit of their campaign.
- In promoting Club and Society Elections, current committee members are not permitted to show preference for individual candidates within their Club/Society.
- In the event that candidates receive the same (highest) number of votes, ties will automatically be resolved in the results count done by our service provider, MSL.
- Prior vetting / recruitment of candidates by current committee members is not permitted.
- Club and Society membership sales will close at the same time that nominations do, until the Voting period is over.
- Only LSE students with a full Standard Membership to their given Club/Society can take part in the Elections. Associate Members are not eligible to nominate/vote.

Hustings

- Hustings are meetings in which candidates present their manifestos, and answer any questions members may have about their suitability for their chosen role(s).
- Hustings events must only take place once all candidates have been announced.

- Clubs and Societies wishing to host one should follow the normal [Event Form](#) process.

When hosting a hustings event:

- All candidates must be given the opportunity to speak, and for the same amount of time.
- The date and time should allow as many members as possible to attend.
- If candidates can't attend in person, arrangements must be made for them to join digitally.
- If candidates can't attend at all, they should submit a speech to be read out on their behalf.

Complaints

- Any complaints or disputes regarding the integrity of the Elections should be sent to su.societies@lse.ac.uk (for those relating to Societies), or su.sport@lse.ac.uk (for those relating to Clubs).
- These will be dealt with in the first instance by the Student Communities Team (in the capacity of Deputy Returning Officer), and then passed on the Activities and Communities Officer (in the capacity of Returning Officer) should it be deemed necessary.
- Complaints can be submitted at any point during the Elections period, but the deadline for submission is 24 hours after the close of voting.
- Candidates found in breach of these rules may be prevented from standing in the election altogether, and could be subject to disciplinary action under the Code of Conduct referenced above.

Manifestos

- For specific guidance on what can and can't be included within your manifesto, please refer to the separate information sheet under 'Useful Resources' on [this page](#).