BCIT SA Student Association
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GENERAL CAMPAIGN RULES

1. Between the dates of approximately **Wednesday, December 2nd, 2026 at 6:30pm until Monday, December 14th, 2026 at 12:00pm** is designated the "Candidates Campaign Period." No manner of campaigning shall be done prior to this period. For greater certainty, completing the nomination form and collecting student signatures is not campaigning. Any and all printed campaign posters around campus must be removed no later than **Thursday, December 17th, 2026 at 5:30pm**.

    a. The use of lewd, indecent, or suggestive material or the defacing of campaign materials, irrespective of the form they may take, is prohibited. In addition, no candidate may use food products of any kind in their campaign. Any candidate using such materials or acting in such a manner shall be disqualified upon the decision of the Elections Committee.

2. The nomination forms are due by **Monday, November 23rd, 2026 at 2:00pm**; at that time, optional campaign materials may also be submitted for review. The CRO will review them prior to the All Candidates Meetings by **Monday, December 2nd, 2026**. For greater certainty, campaign materials may also be submitted at any other time before or after these dates.

    a. In order to promote student awareness of the 2026 BCITSA By-Elections, candidates are *encouraged* (but not required to do so) to incorporate the 2026 BCITSA Elections logo into campaign material.

3. Posters are only allowed on paper no bigger than 11" x 17" and can only be posted on free public posting cork-boards. BCIT custodial services have authorization to remove any posters not in designated areas.

4. The maximum poster cluster allowed is four 8.5" x 11" posters.

5. If any candidate, campaign manager, or persons associated with a candidate are found to be removing, destroying, or covering over any other candidate's campaign material, the candidate responsible may be disqualified upon the decision of the Election Committee.

6. A candidate wishing to withdraw must do so no later than forty-eight (48) hours before the opening of the polls by tendering their withdrawal, in writing, personally to the CRO or Elections Administrator.

    a. The BCITSA cannot guarantee that withdrawals received after that time will be able to be processed by BCIT before voting begins.

7. Campaign speeches of a spontaneous nature may be made at any location either by the candidate, or by the Campaign Manager on their candidate's behalf. No candidate may campaign within any office or operation of BCITSA.

8. The campaign expenses incurred by any candidate must not exceed one hundred (100) dollars before taxes. Any in-kind donations will be counted against this expense limit at their fair market value. The use of club funds or BCITSA resources is prohibited. **All campaign expenses are to be accounted for and submitted to the CRO by Monday, December 14th, 2026 at 3:00pm** along with the Checklist form.

9. All candidates **must attend** an All Candidates Meeting ("ACM") to be scheduled for **Wednesday, December 2nd, 2026**, in consultation with candidates. If a candidate fails to attend an ACM without notice, they may be disqualified. If a candidate proactively communicates that they are unable to attend one of these Meetings, the Elections Committee may reschedule the meeting, or schedule additional meetings.

10. All elections inquiries are to be made directly to the Elections Administrator or CRO in writing at elections@bcitsa.ca.

11. A complete set of all applicable campaign rules can be found by reviewing the following documents on the BCITSA website:

    a. *Regulation 5 - Elections* (link);
    b. *Student Life Policy 7 - Poster Policy* (link); and
    c. Section 5 of the *BCIT Student Association Bylaws* (link), including the sections on the Elections Committee and the Appeals Committee.

ROLE OF THE CRO AND ELECTION COMMITTEE

It is the role of the Election Committee to oversee the smooth operation of the BCITSA Annual Election and Byelections in conjunction with the Elections Administrator. The Election Committee is chaired by the CRO. Errors of interpretation of the BCITSA Bylaws may be appealed to the Appeals Committee, whose decision is final and binding. The Election Committee is mandated to ensure that the election process invites the participation of the electorate, and ensures both fairness and transparency for each of the candidates.

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR THE ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR

E-mail: elections@bcitsa.ca

All complaints must be placed in writing to the CRO and/or Elections Administrator via e-mail. No candidate is obligated to file a formal complaint if they are unwilling to do so, but all candidates are encouraged to seek clarification as to the interpretation of the rules whensoever such questions arise. In all cases, an appeal of the elections results must be initiated no later than 24 hours after the results have been announced.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

In general, a conflict of interest is a situation in which one individual occupies two positions or undertakes two functions which are in opposition to each other and which can cause that individual to act on the basis of divided or even conflicting situations, but also those where the conflict is potential, as well as those where a third party might perceive conflict.

In the democratic context, these concepts can be applied by directing that anyone participating in the administration of an election should refrain from being a candidate or from openly favouring a candidate. Conversely, no candidate, no person working for a candidate and no person openly favouring a candidate should be admitted to a position in the administration of the election where they would have sole decision-making powers.

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