

UNIVERSITY OF LIMPOPO
2024 SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS
ELECTORAL CODE OF CONDUCT

The School Councils "Electoral Code of Conduct" is aimed at promoting "conditions that are conducive to Free and Fair School Councils Elections" and that create a climate of tolerance, free campaigning and open public debate.

Nominations submitted must be accompanied by the undertaking binding the candidate and observers to adhere to the provisions of the Code, and failure to do so creates the risk of candidates being disqualified from the School Council Elections.

The External Electoral Scrutineers (EES) are empowered by the SRC Constitution, Section 19. (10) to "...publish an Electoral Code of Conduct for the conduct of the elections, the conduct of canvassing and electioneering for the elections".

Promotion of the Code, compliance, commitment and Cooperation

Candidates bound by the Code of Conduct are expected to promote the goals of the Code of Conduct, publicise it during campaigning and to promote and support efforts to educate voters. All candidates are expected to comply with this Code and to instruct supporters to comply with it.

Candidates must state publicly that all have the right to:

- a) Freedom of expression of political beliefs and opinions.
- b) Challenge and debate others 'political' beliefs and opinions.
- c) Publish and distribute election and campaign materials.
- d) Erect banners, billboards, placards and posters.
- e) Canvass for support.
- f) Recruit members.

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- g) Hold public meetings.

Candidates must publicly condemn any action that may undermine the free and fair conduct of the elections. Candidates must accept the results of the election or challenge those results as per the SRC Constitution.

Prohibited conduct

Candidates are not permitted:

- a) Speak or act in a way that incites violence or intimidation.
- b) Publish false or defamatory allegations.
- c) Plagiarise the emblems of other candidates.
- d) Discriminate on the grounds of race, ethnicity, sex, gender, class or religion.

No person is permitted to:

- a) Carry weapons
- b) Prevent reasonable access to voters for campaigning, recruitment or fundraising purposes.
- c) Remove, deface or destroy election materials.

Over and above this Code of Conduct the Student Rules and Regulations of the University of Limpopo shall be applicable and take precedence.