

**UNIVERSITY OF LIMPOPO
2026-27 SRC ELECTIONS
ELECTORAL CODE OF CONDUCT**

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

Candidate lists submitted must be accompanied by the undertaking binding the structure, its candidates and party agents to adhere to the provisions of the Code and failure to do so creates the risk of candidates and/or structure being disqualified from the SRC 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

Registered structures and candidates bound by the Code of Conduct are expected to promote the goals of the Code of Conduct, publicise the Code of Conduct during campaigning and to promote and support efforts to educate voters. All registered parties and candidates are expected to comply with this Code, to instruct candidates, office bearers and agents and members and supporters to comply with it.

Registered structures and 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.
- g) Hold public meetings.

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

Prohibited conduct

Registered structures and 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 structures.
- d) Discriminate on the grounds of race, ethnicity, sex, gender, class or religion.

No person is permitted to:

- a) Use inducements or rewards to get a person to join or not to join a structure, or to attend or not to attend a public event, or to vote or not to vote, or to refuse a nomination as a candidate or to withdraw as a candidate.
- b) Carry weapons
- c) Prevent reasonable access to voters for campaigning, recruitment or fundraising purposes.
- d) 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.