

CAMPAIGN RULES OVERVIEW

2026

NWPSA GENERAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN RULES

To ensure a fair and transparent election the following campaign rules **MUST** be adhered to by all candidates. Deviation from these rules may be subject to expulsion from the election race.

1. Campaign is defined as:
 - a. Any physical and visible items promoting and/or supporting a candidate, including any online promotion of and by the candidate, and;
 - b. All verbal persuasion and pressure to support a candidate by the candidate or campaign representatives, and;
 - c. Scheduled speaking opportunities.
2. A maximum of \$200 CAD may be spent by a candidate on their campaign. To ensure compliance to this rule the candidate expense form and all receipts must be submitted to the Chief Returning Officer (CRO), through email (SACRO@nwpolytech.ca), no later than 10:15am the day following the last day of campaigning. Even if candidates did not spend any money.
3. Only white sticky tack is permitted for hanging posters and other campaign materials within NWP, and only in approved areas.
4. Any negative or slanderous campaigns directed towards any nominees or otherwise will not be tolerated, and may be subject to disqualification, including but not limited to, verbal, print, social, or digital material.
5. Bribery for votes will not be tolerated.
6. Campaigning on topics or issues pertaining to alcohol or other controlled substances is not permitted.
7. Each candidate may print up to thirty (30) 11x17 color posters through the SA office at no charge by sending approved posters to sa@nwpolytech.ca.
8. During the forums, candidates should be prepared to answer questions asked on any number of topics. Questions chosen are at the CRO's discretion.
9. Out of town or otherwise unavailable candidates may receive help from the SA Executive with the placement and/or removal of campaign material, at the discretion of the Chief Returning Officer.
10. All physical campaign material must be removed from campuses no later than 3pm on the last day of the voting period. All other campaign materials, physical or digital must also be removed no later than 3pm on the last day of voting.
11. Candidates are not permitted to volunteer or loiter at or near voting stations during the election.
12. Candidates may campaign during the election period, as permitted by the Chief Returning Officer.
13. Candidates and campaign representatives may remind students to vote; however, they may not tell students to vote for specific candidates or actively facilitate any part of the voting process.
14. Any candidate that does not follow the above guidelines, as determined by the Chief Returning Officer, will be subject for removal from the election process.

PLEASE REFER TO THE NWPSA CAMPAIGNING BOOKLET FOR MORE INFORMATION