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Definitions

0.1 In this Election by-law,

“generative tools” refers to any program, website or other software that generates visual or textual content in response to a prompt, but does not refer to any software where generative content is incidental to the program (such as Grammarly or Photoshop).

“marked content” refers to any material that is marked by the Electoral Moderator, including without limitation legislation, campaign posts or press posts.

Political Parties

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1 A political party, or party, is a group of members of the simulation that may run candidates on a single list or ticket during elections, has recognition with a flair on the subreddit and is listed as a full party on the “Registration” thread.

Party Status

2 To be granted party status a grouping must meet and maintain the following requirements:

- (a)** It must have a constitution that governs internal affairs such as but not limited to how members are admitted, how they may or may not be removed, how their leader(s) are elected, how their leader(s) can be removed, how the party may or may not be dissolved or merged, and how issues of constitutional ambiguity are decided; and
- (b)** It must have a clearly defined mechanism for the leader or designated contact to be removed by reasonable means (as determined by the Electoral Moderator) and an elected leader or designated contact; and
- (c)** It must have a platform, manifesto, or other policy document describing its political positions and/or ideology; and

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(d) It must have, at least, either a subreddit or a Discord Chat, from which to conduct its operations.

(e) It must have at minimum, have 3 Members, all of whom Must be CMHoC Members as defined under the Meta Constitution.

Reservation of Party Name

3 (1) Any member who does not meet the requirements under section 2, may apply, by a method prescribed by the electoral moderator, to “reserve” a party name.

Expiration

(2) Whenever a reserved party name is registered as a party under section 2, or, 14 days after it was reserved, whichever is sooner, the reservation of the party name shall end.

Non Reservable

(3) .No party name may be reserved that

(a) violates section 5, or

(b) which that person applying had previously reserved within the last 30 days.

4 [Repealed]

Refusal or Removal of Registration

5 No Party, as decided by the Electoral Moderator, may be registered or exist within the simulation that,

(a) are similar to an existing party or reserved party name, except by the person who reserved it, in terms of branding;

(b) bring the simulation into serious disrepute;

(c) are used as a front for offensive mockery or casual bigotry;

(d) are toxic, abrasive, or create a hostile environment in general

(e) are satirical;

(f) who's applications for registration are incomplete; or

(g) for any other similar reason.

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Elections

Fixed Date Elections

6 Nothing in this section affects the powers of the Head Moderator, in their capacity as Governor-General, including the power to dissolve Parliament.

(a) Subject to paragraphs (b), (c) and (d), each general election must be held on the third Monday in the Fourth calendar month following the preceding general election.

(b) If the fixed date of a general election under paragraph (a) falls within the months of April, August, or December, that general election must instead be held on the first Monday in the Fifth calendar month following the preceding general election.

(c) Subject to paragraph (d), if parliament is dissolved at least 21 days before the fixed date of a general election under paragraph (a) or (b), that general election must instead be held on the first Monday that falls at least 14 days after the dissolution of parliament.

(d) If, in the opinion of the Electoral Moderator, the date set out in paragraphs (a),(b) or (c) is not suitable, it may be moved.

Calling General Elections

7 The Head Moderator in their capacity as Governor-General, may call an election, either by and with the consent of the Prime Minister, following a loss of confidence and supply, or by any other method allowed by the constitutional conventions of Canada.

Representation Order

8 Prior to the official start of a general election, the Electoral moderator publicly shall set out the Representation Order for that election.

Submission of Candidates

9 Each party must submit their candidates, and each independent candidate must declare candidacy, to the Electoral Moderator, by the deadline set by the Electoral Moderator.

Banned Members

10 Currently banned members may not stand as a candidate.

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Campaigning Subreddit

11 The Electoral Moderator will designate a subreddit as the official campaigning subreddit for the purposes of that general election.

Platforms

12 Each party must submit a platform, manifesto, or other policy document, to the campaigning subreddit, no later than halfway through the campaigning period or a date otherwise set by the Electoral Moderator.

AI usage forbidden

13 (1) Members of the simulation are not permitted to use generative tools to create marked content, regardless of whether the usage of such generative tools is disclosed.

How to prove AI usage

(2) In determining whether a member has used generative tools, moderators are not permitted to rely on any AI checker, but may use such results as an impetus for further investigation in extraordinary circumstances.

Prior Writings

(3) In determining whether a member has used generative tools, administration should, if possible, examine writings made by that user prior to the rise in popularity of generative tools.

Null and void election

(4) The election of a person is null and void and their seat shall be deemed vacant if they have violated subsection (1) in a way that affected the result of the election.

Absolute Liability

(5) For clarity, a person does not have to knowingly have committed the offence for the application of subsection (4).

Not retroactive

(5) No action may be taken under the Election by-law in respect of any usage of generative tools that occurred prior to April 5, 2024, but any suspected usage of generative tools may be taken into account in an investigation after April 5, 2024 even if it occurred before April 5, 2024.

Release of Election Results

14 After every election, the Electoral Moderator will release the official results of the election.

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Parliamentarians

15 [Repealed]

Expulsion of Members of Caucus

16 By notification to the Parliamentary Moderator, parties may expel members of their party from their parliamentary caucus at any time, at which time the members themselves will become independent members of parliament.

Dissolution of Parties

17 Upon the dissolution of a party, MPs will retain their seats as independents.

(a) In order for parties to merge either fully or partially, they must fulfill the constitutional requirements of their parties for a merger, and the parties must seek approval from the Head Moderator. If the vote passes, all MPs and Senators shall retain their seats under the merged party.

(b) If parties merge without an agreement vote being held, or if an agreement vote fails and parties merge regardless, MPs and Senators will retain their seats, and may either join the merged party or become independent.

18 [Repealed]

Advertising on Reddit

Mass Messaging Disallowed

19 Members or parties may not send mass direct messages to members of Reddit, hereinafter referred to as redditors, with the intention of recruiting them for any purpose directly related to the model, unless they are their friends or associates.

Must Follow Rules of Other Communities

20 Members or parties may not post advertisements on any subreddit if the rules of the subreddit disallow the posting of advertisements or otherwise promotional material.

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Advertising off Reddit

Advertising on Social Media

21 Members or parties may advertise for specific parties on social media, but may not do so in a disruptive manner, as defined by the Head Moderator.

Events

Canon Events

22 The Head Moderator has the power to create fictional canon events.

Negotiations with Government

23 The Head Moderator may negotiate with the Government, or representatives thereof, when needed.

Canonicity of Subreddits and Messages

Subreddits are Canon

24 All simulation-related subreddits, as defined in Section 1 of the meta constitution, except for /r/CMHoCMeta are fully canon.

Canon Discord Channels

25 No Discord server is fully canon, but channels in the main server clearly marked as canon and channels in other servers explicitly designated as such by the Head Moderator with the consent of the server owner are canon.

Two Party Consent to Canonicity

26 Private communications between individuals are never canon unless clearly agreed to as such by both parties.

Rules of the Simulation Apply

27 All rules of the simulation and Discord apply to all servers within the purview of the simulation, the purview being defined as:

- (a) The main server,

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- (b) All servers belonging to parties,
- (c) All servers belonging to press organizations,
- (d) Any other server whose purpose is explicitly related to the simulation and substantially impacts the canon, as designated by the Head Moderator.

Press Organizations

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28 CMHoC Members may register, in a method prescribed by the Electoral Moderator, press Organizations.

Flair

29 Press organizations shall be recognized with a flair on the press subreddit.

Refusal or Removal of Registration

30 No Press Organization, as decided by the Electoral Moderator, may be registered or exist within the simulation that,

- (a) are similar to an existing Press Organization name in terms of branding;
- (b) bring the simulation into serious disrepute;
- (c) are used as a front for offensive mockery or casual bigotry;
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CBC/Radio-Canada

Moderator Press Organization

31 (1) CBC/Radio-Canada shall be deemed to have been registered as a Press Organization, and shall be operated by the Executive.

Marked Content Limit

(2) No Marked Content may be published by any member of the simulation purporting to be from or endorsed by CBC/Radio-Canada without the express written permission of a Member of the Executive.

Ban on Real Life Press Organizations

32 Except as otherwise provided under this Election By-law, no marked content may be published by any member of the simulation purporting to be from or endorsed by any real life news or press organization.

33 [Repealed]

34 [Repealed]

Canon Resets

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35 (1) Canon Resets are permitted.

Cleared with Head Moderator

(2) All Canon Resets must be cleared by the Head Moderator.

(a) Canon Resets will only be approved for good reason (e.g. starting a new political persona for roleplaying, IRL reasons, etc)

(b) Resetting to avoid a scandal that occurred on the current persona will not be classed as a good reason.

Returning to a Retired Persona

36 (1) Once a persona has been retired through a Canon Reset, a player may not make an active return to that persona without the direct explicit permission of the Head Moderator.

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Using Retired Personas

(2) This includes using said persona to refer to a previous or current event in the Press.

Canon Reset Required

(3) A player must retire through a Canon Reset any other non press personas, prior to making an active return to a retired non press persona.

Retired Press Personas

(4) A player must retire through a Canon Reset any other press personas, prior to making an active return to a retired press persona.

Press Personas

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37 CMHoC Members may register, in a method prescribed by the Electoral Moderator, press personas.

Separate Personas

38 (1) A Press persona registered by a CMHoC Member is treated as a different person from their main persona within canon.

Third Party

(2) Individuals utilising a press persona in this way may not leak information they are privy to for the purposes of publishing, information must come from a third party in this case.

(3) [Repealed]

39 [Repealed]

Press Debuff

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40 Any member who publishes marked content on r/CMHoCpress shall be subject to a maximum of 3 posts per day.

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Exceeding Cap

41 For any member who exceeds the maximum limit of posts under section 40, the modifiers they originally earned for all their posts for that day shall be modified according to the following formula.

$$\text{ORIGINAL AMOUNT OF MODIFIERS} \times (3 \div \text{TOTAL NUMBER OF POSTS ON DAY BY USER})$$

42 [Repealed]

43 [Repealed]

By Elections

Same Rules

44 By-elections will be subject to the same rules as General Elections.

If Parliament Dissolved

45 If Parliament is Dissolved after the writs for a By-Election have been issued, but before they have been returned, the By-Election will be cancelled, and the Election held as part of the General Election.

Fixed Date-By Elections

45.1 (1) Subject to subsection 2, by-elections shall be held on the first and third monday of each calendar month, except where one of those dates conflicts with a fixed date general election under section 6.

Exception

(2) If in the opinion of the Electoral Moderator, the date set out in subsection (1) is not suitable, it may be moved.

Issue of By-Election Writ

45.2 (1) The Writ for a By-Election shall be issued no less than 14 days before the date of the by-election being called.

Writ for All Electoral Districts Issued

(2) Writs for By-Elections for all electoral districts that stood vacant at the start of the 14th day before the date of the by-elections being called shall be issued together as a group.

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Clarity

(3) For greater clarity, any electoral district that becomes vacant on or after the 14th day before a By-Election date shall not be held until the next set of by-elections.

46 [Repealed]

Nomination Contests

Same Rules

46.1 (1) Subject to subsection (2), Nomination Contests will be subject to the same rules as General Elections.

Exception

(2) Only the Political Party the Nomination Contest is being contested for may submit candidates in the Nomination Contest, and no independent candidates shall be allowed as candidates.

Calling a Nomination Contest

46.3 A Nomination Contest for a Political Party in an Electoral District shall be called upon the submission by the party leader or designated contact a request to the Electoral Moderator that the Nomination Contest be held.

Fixed Date Nomination Contests

46.4 (1) Subject to subsection 2, nomination contests shall be held on the first Monday falling at least 7 days after the nomination contest is called, except where that date conflicts with a fixed date general election under section 6, or where that date conflicts with a by-election being held in that electoral district.

Exception

(2) If in the opinion of the Electoral Moderator, the date set out in subsection (1) is not suitable, it may be moved.

Greater Clarity

46.5 For greater clarity, a Political Party is not bound by the result of a nomination contest to submit the winning candidate in that electoral district in a by-election or a general election.

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Interim Leader Limitations

Parties May Not Merge or Dissolve

47 (2) Notwithstanding any Party Constitution, Parties shall not merge or dissolve unless the permanent leader of each party has consented.

Greater Clarity

(2) For greater clarity, a persona who is the leader of their party but has not yet been confirmed in accordance with their party's constitution is not considered to be the permanent leader of their party.

Provincial Simulations

Application of Provisions to Provincial Simulations

48 The provisions of this Election by-law are made applicable to the respective Provincial Simulations as if those Provisions were re-enacted and made applicable to the respective Provincial Simulations, with the substitution of,

- (a)** the Community Administrator of that Provincial Simulation for any member of the executive,
- (b)** The Lieutenant Governor of that Province for the Governor General,
- (c)** The Government of that Province for the Federal Government,
- (d)** The Premier of that Province for the Prime Minister,
- (e)** the name of the provincial legislature of that province for "House of Commons",
- (f)** The respective acronym or title for the respective provinces for "MP" or "Member of Parliament,"
and
- (g)** first Monday in the Fourth calendar month for third Monday in the Fourth calendar month.

Notwithstanding

49 Notwithstanding Paragraphs 6(a) and (b), if, 14 days before a general election in a provincial simulation is to be held under one of those paragraphs, the Community Administrator of that Provincial Simulation is of the opinion that the day that would be election day under either of those paragraphs is not suitable for that purpose because it overlaps with a federal election, the general election shall be held 14 days after the date prescribed by that paragraph.

Canon Cutoff

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50 For the purposes of the canon of CMHoC, “canon cutoff” is the date at which “Real Life” events ended, and the canon of the simulation began.

Time of Cutoff

50.1 The time of a canon cutoff shall be at 12:00 A.M. Eastern Time on the day of the canon cutoff.

Deemed to be cutoff

51 August 19, 2025 is deemed to have been a canon cutoff.

Periodic Canon ending

52 The existing CMHoC canon shall be ended on the first dissolution of Parliament that occurs at least 2 years after the day on which the previous canon cutoff occurred.

New Canon Cutoff

53 A new canon cutoff will occur and a new canon will be created 7 days after the end of a CMHoC Canon under section 52.

54 [Repealed]

Party Formation

55 Upon the end of a canon under section 52,

- (a) all parties then existing shall be deemed to have been deregistered,
- (b) new parties may be registered,
- (c) If requested by a group of 3 or more members, the Electoral Moderator may create, register, and host leadership elections, for those real life federal political parties that the electoral moderator deems to be “major parties”.

Floor Crossing Circuit Breaker

Proclaiming a Circuit Breaker

56 If,

- (a) A party leader or designated contact switches their membership to another party, or
- (b) 3 or more Members of Parliament switch their membership to another party within a 12 hour period,

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The Electoral Moderator may proclaim a 24 Hour “Circuit Breaker” by a post made on r/CMHoCMeta.

Party Registrations Terminated

57 No parties may be granted party status under section 2, and no person may reserve a party name under section 3, during a circuit breaker.

Party Switching Not Allowed

58 No Person, who is already a member of a party with Party Status, may switch their membership to another party during a circuit breaker.

Exception

59 Notwithstanding Section 58, The Electoral Moderator may allow members they deem to have genuine intentions to switch their membership to another party during a circuit breaker.