



## 2025 FALL ELECTION RULES

The following policies outline how the 2025 Fall New College Student Council (herein “NCSC”) Elections will be administered. Our objective in upholding these policies is to facilitate an electoral process with integrity, and one that is accessible, fair, and impartial. As such, please read this document in full to understand your obligations as a prospective candidate and note that all events and components of the election will be conducted online (with the exception of campaigning). Prospective candidates will have the option to campaign in-person, online, or in a hybrid combination.

### I. Elections Team

The individuals below will be your points of contact throughout the election process for any questions, concerns, or feedback you may have.

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### II. Elections Timeline

Prospective candidates must be responsive in their communication over email with the Chief Returning Officer (herein “CRO”) and Deputy Returning Officer (herein “DRO”) for the full duration of the dates listed below.

EVENT	DURATION	FORMAT	TIME (ET) INTERVAL
<b>Eligibility Period</b>	10 business days	Email submission	Monday, September 8, 2025 at 9:00 AM — Friday, September 19, 2025 at 5:00 PM
<b>All Candidates’ Meeting</b>	1.5 hours	Virtual meeting	Friday, September 19, 2025 at 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM
<b>Campaigning Period</b>	10 business days	Hybrid	Monday, September 22, 2025 at 9:00 AM — Friday, October 03, 2025 at 5:00 PM
<b>Forum Night</b>	2 hours	In-person meeting in the New College Student Council Office	Monday, September 22, 2025, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM
<b>Voting Period</b>	5 business days	Ballot on <a href="https://utoronto.simplyvoting.com">utoronto.simplyvoting.com</a>	Monday, September 29, 2025 at 9:00 AM — Friday, October 03, 2025 at 11:59 PM

<b>Results Announcement</b>	1 business day	NCSC to announce over email, Instagram, and website	By 5:00 PM on Friday, October 10, 2025
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### III. Qualifying Guidelines

**A. Eligibility.** To be an eligible candidate in the 2025 Fall NCSC Elections, **you must submit the following information via email to the CRO and DRO** with the subject line: Full Name—(Position) Candidate **by 5:00 pm ET on Friday, September 19, 2025.**

- Signed and dated electronic copies of the following documents:**
  - [Nomination Form](#).** Your intent to run as a candidate must receive the support of ten signatories from the NC student body, review this form for full details.
  - [Media Release & Consent Form](#).** If you wish to opt-out of the NCSC sharing the details of your candidacy on our social media and website, please fill out p.g. 2, otherwise you may simply sign it to acknowledge that you have consented to have your information shared. *Note: A witness is any constituent, regardless of your relationship with them, who can vouch for you having read and understood the document.*
  - 2025 Fall Election Policies** (this document). Please print your name under section VIII, convert this document to a PDF file, and submit with your signature and date in the gray boxes.
- A single PowerPoint slide** that includes, but is not limited to, your name, pronouns, the position you are applying for, and a description that can contain biographical information and information related to your platform (e.g., year/program of study, previous experiences that would be an asset for the position you are running for, what you hope to accomplish if granted the opportunity to become a member of the NCSC). Please edit a copy of the following template: [Candidate Profile for 2025 Fall Elections](#).
- A short written paragraph (max. 150 words)** about yourself, why you want to be elected for the position, and your goals. This will be used as your description on the voters' ballots.
- Your campaign materials**, including all physical posters/cards, social media materials (feed posts, stories, reels and other video formats), and any other materials that provide information about your platform or candidacy to encourage constituents to vote for you. You must submit these to the CRO and DRO for approval before putting them up on campus or posting on any social media platform.

**B. Campaign Restrictions.** The CRO/DRO will ensure that these guidelines are met by all candidates and reserve the right to strike a candidate for violating any of them.

1. "In-person campaigning" is permitted, but limited to putting up posters/cards in approved locations only; any brown bulletin board (e.g., front desk, ORSL office) on the New College campus is approved, with the exception of the New College Residence building. *You are not permitted to stick materials to the walls. If any campaign materials are found on the walls, they will be removed by NCSC members or New College staff and you will subsequently receive a strike.*
  - If you have another method of campaigning you would like to use, send an email to the CRO and DRO to learn if it is permitted.
2. Vandalism of fellow candidates' campaign materials or attacks on fellow candidates' existing materials are not permitted.
3. Each person who runs for a position is permitted to spend a maximum of \$35, and every candidate will receive \$10 back after presenting receipts to the CRO. The CRO will then make the receipts available to the Vice-President Finances for reimbursement. To file for reimbursement, please email the CRO and DRO with the subject line: Full Name—2025 Fall Elections Reimbursement.

#### **IV. Social Media Rules**

- A. All statuses, media, and texts must be approved by the CRO and DRO. We recommend preparing key campaign materials in advance and submitting them by 5:00 pm on Friday, September 19, 2025. Additionally, you may create materials during the Campaign Period (see II.) and post them once they have been approved by the CRO and DRO.
- B. You may use any social media platform (Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, etc.) to post your campaign materials as long as they have been approved by the CRO/DRO.
- C. You may not send personal and/or direct messages regarding your campaign or a fellow candidates' campaign to anyone. You may only send the following general message through personal messaging:
  - "This is a reminder to vote in NCSC's 2025 Fall Elections. You can vote online at [utoronto.simplyvoting.com](https://utoronto.simplyvoting.com) (September 29-03)."
  - "NCSC is hosting their 2025 Fall Elections! If you're interested in learning about the candidates and their platforms, please join me at the Forum Night in-person, on Friday, September 22 from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm ET at the NCSC Office (45 Wilcocks, Room 100) or virtually, at the Zoom link in NCSC's Linktree."
- D. You may only post campaigning material on your personal social media profile page/story and after it is approved by the CRO/DRO.
- E. You can answer questions from constituents on any of your social media platforms, e.g., in an Instagram livestream. This does not need to be approved by the CRO/DRO, however, you must publish this livestream on your page so that it is visible.

- F. Practice appropriate online/social media etiquette. As a prospective candidate, you represent the NCSC during your campaign period and are obligated to uphold the values and code of conduct of New College and the University of Toronto at large.

## V. Forum Night

### A. This Forum is mandatory. If you cannot attend, you must arrange:

1. A proxy: A new college constituent who will represent you and your platform on the night of the Forum;
2. A pre-recorded video or voice-recording stating who you are and your platform; and
3. A speech to be read by the DRO which must be sent by 5:00 PM EST on Friday, September 19, 2025.

### B. Speaking Restrictions

- Each Presidential candidate will have a max. of 5 minutes to speak.
- Each Vice Presidential candidate will have a max. of 3 minutes to speak.
- Each Commissioner and Representative candidate will have a max. of 2 minutes to speak.
- If you are unable to attend and are submitting the materials outlined in V.A. above, please note that the video and speech must be within the same time constraints as those outlined in this section.

C. **Questions will be posed to all candidates**, and each candidate will have a max. of 2 minutes to answer each question. *Constituents who are unable to attend the Forum Night may submit questions before the event to the DRO ([dro@ncsc.ca](mailto:dro@ncsc.ca)). When appropriate, the DRO will relay these questions to the respective candidates.*

D. **Candidates may ask each other questions.**

E. **Candidates must be respectful to the audience and to their fellow candidates.** Please respect your fellow candidates' preferred personal pronouns in your speech.

F. **All candidates must stay until the end of the Forum Night**—barring any reasonable circumstances that are communicated to the CRO in advance or on the day of the Forum to prevent the risk of disqualification.

## VI. Penalties, Disqualifications, and Appeals

A. **Penalties are based on a “three (3) strikes, you’re out” policy:** Three (3) warnings will result in immediate disqualification. Warnings are issued by the CRO and DRO and discussed during the Grievances and Elections Committee meetings which consist of the CRO, DRO, 2 elected NCSC members (who are not running for any position in the current election), and members from the Office of Residence and Student Life (ORSL) administration and the New College Registrar as attendees.

B. **Warnings.** The following examples are some minor violations that could potentially put the candidate(s) at an unfair advantage and will result in a warning:

- You or anyone else swaying the vote in person (e.g. campaigning near voting polls, handing people electronic ballots, telling people to vote for you).

- You or anyone else swaying the vote through online means (e.g. personally messaging people telling them to vote for you). Note: This does not include sending the general voting message provided under section IV.C.
- Campaigning by means of personal text or email.
- Campaigning on residence floors (e.g. going door-to-door, putting up posters).
- Any other actions that go against the election rules listed on this form.

**C. Immediate Disqualification.** The following examples are of more serious offenses that will result in immediate disqualification:

- Use of offensive, derogatory, and/or unethical language.
- Using campaigning material (posters, messages) that promote ideas opposing another candidate's campaign (e.g. sharing that candidate X will not fulfill their role).
- Vandalizing other candidates' campaigning materials.

**D. Disclaimer.** Please note this list is not exhaustive and penalties (warnings and disqualifications) may be issued at the discretion of the CRO and DRO.

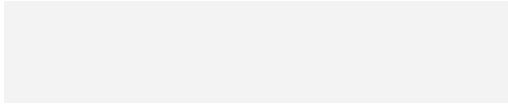
**E. All penalties will be officially issued via email by the CRO and/or DRO.** Only candidates can receive penalties; therefore, candidates may receive penalties even if a non-candidate is breaking rules that position the same candidate advantageously.

## VII. Key Notes

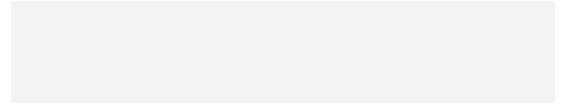
- A. The CRO and DRO will respond to your emails within 2 business days to ensure that your campaign moves forward within the timeline indicated above.
- B. If you need an accommodation, please email the CRO or DRO with details so that a feasible alternative or solution can be sought.
- C. Grievances can be made by New College constituents during the campaigning period and within 24 hours following the end of the voting period.

## VIII. Statement of Agreement

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (print name), acknowledge that I have read, understood and will adhere to the contents/rules set out in this document relating to NCSC's 2025 Fall Elections.



CANDIDATE SIGNATURE



CRO/DRO SIGNATURE

Thank you and best of luck! We look forward to working with you!

Sincerely,

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