

2022 Chief Executive Election
House Rules of Central Counting Station cum Media Centre

1. Only activities related to the 2022 Chief Executive Election will be permitted in the Central Counting Station cum Media Centre (“CCS-cum-MC”). Persons at or in the vicinity of the CCS-cum-MC must comply with these house rules.
2. No person shall fail to comply with a lawful direction given by the Returning Officer (“RO”); or without reasonable excuse, display any propaganda material relating to any candidate or the election of the Chief Executive; or use a sound amplifying system or device for any purpose without lawful authority or the express permission of the RO; or disrupt the counting of the votes or disturb or cause inconvenience to any person; or otherwise misconduct himself/herself in the CCS-cum-MC. [Section 47(3) of the Electoral Procedure (Chief Executive Election) Regulation, Cap 541J]
3. The RO may require a person to produce his/her identity card for inspection; and order a person to leave the CCS-cum-MC immediately if, the person contravenes rule no. 2 mentioned above; or the RO reasonably considers that, having regard to the conduct of a person, the person’s presence at the CCS-cum-MC is for a purpose other than that for which such presence is permitted or authorized. No person shall fail to produce his/her identity card when required to do so under this rule. If a person fails to leave when ordered to do so under this rule, he/she may be removed by a police officer or a person authorized by the RO. [Section 47(4) - (6) of the Electoral Procedure (Chief Executive Election) Regulation, Cap 541J]
4. A person who is removed may not enter the CCS-cum-MC again on the same day except with the permission of the RO. [Section 47(7) of the Electoral Procedure (Chief Executive Election) Regulation, Cap 541J]
5. At the commencement of the counting or re-count (if any) of the votes and before the completion of the counting or re-count, a person shall not film, take photograph or make any audio or video recording, in a counting zone without the express permission of a member of the Electoral Affairs Commission or the RO. [Section 47(2) and (2A) of the Electoral Procedure (Chief Executive Election) Regulation, Cap 541J]
6. Any person who contravenes rules no. 2 to 5 as mentioned above commits an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine of HK\$5,000 and to imprisonment for 3 months. [Section 82(1) of the Electoral Procedure (Chief Executive Election) Regulation, Cap 541J]
7. In order to maintain order at the CCS-cum-MC, ensure public safety as well as the proper and smooth conduct of the counting of votes, persons seeking entry into the CCS-cum-MC shall undergo security check. A person shall not bring into, use or display in the CCS-cum-MC any article which may cause any nuisance, inconvenience, disturbance, interference, obstruction or danger to other persons (including but not limited to articles as stipulated in the “**Reference List of Prohibited Articles**”) or

distribute in the CCS-cum-MC any promotional materials, souvenirs or give-away items without the prior permission of the RO. The staff of the Registration and Electoral Office (“REO”) or the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre (“HKCEC”) have the authority to inspect the personal belongings of persons seeking entry to or at the CCS-cum-MC. If any prohibited articles are found, the relevant person will be asked to deposit such items at the cloak room, or the person must leave the CCS-cum-MC immediately to ensure compliance with the above rules.

8. Owing to limited space and the implementation of social distancing measures in the CCS-cum-MC, the RO will display a notice outside the CCS-cum-MC setting out the admission capacity of the public area. Only authorized persons are allowed to enter the non-public area in the CCS-cum-MC (including the media area, stage, the area for Election Committee (“EC”) members and the area for candidates and agents).
9. Participants entering or present at the CCS-cum-MC shall not deliberately cause obstruction at points of entry or exit, stairways, aisles, emergency exits or access routes for emergency services within the CCS-cum-MC.
10. Found property will be handled by the REO or its authorized officers without further notice.
11. Participants should comply with all the House Rules of the HKCEC.
12. The RO and the REO reserve the right to amend these house rules any time as they consider appropriate.
13. Upon the implementation of the “vaccine pass” arrangements, all persons entering or remaining on the CCS-cum-MC (including EC members), save for those who hold specified medical exemption certificates or other exempted persons, are required to have received at least 2 doses of vaccine. Prior to entering the venue, all persons must be subject to body temperature screening. All persons will have to wear masks throughout their stay in the venue and, will be required to use the “LeaveHomeSafe” mobile application to scan the CCS-cum-MC QR code. (Note: Persons who are aged below 12 or aged 65 or above, and those with disabilities that render use of the “LeaveHomeSafe” app difficult, will be exempted from the requirement of using the “LeaveHomeSafe” app when they enter the CCS-cum-MC. However, they are required to complete a record form to register their names, the first four digits or letters of their identification documents, their contact numbers and the date and time of their visits. They are also required to present relevant identification documents for verification at the request of the staff of the REO or the HKCEC on site during registration. The staff of the REO or the HKCEC will also verify the contact numbers by making telephone calls.) The REO may deny entry to the CCS-cum-MC of any persons who refuse to comply with the above preventive measures or persons with signs of fever, respiratory symptoms or sudden loss of taste or smell.
14. No eating or drinking (except drinking water) is allowed in the CCS-cum-MC.