

2016 Election Committee Subsector Elections

House Rules of Central Counting Station

1. Only activities related to the 2016 Election Committee Subsector Elections will be permitted in the Central Counting Station (including the Media Centre inside the Central Counting Station) (“CCS”). Persons at or in the vicinity of the CCS must comply with these house rules.
2. A person who, at or in the vicinity of the CCS, behaves in a disorderly manner (including shouting, yelling or creating a lot of noise; or causing nuisance, inconvenience, disturbance, obstruction or danger to others etc.) or fails to comply with a lawful order given by the Chief Returning Officer (Subsectors) or the Returning Officer, commits an offence and is liable to a fine of HK\$5,000 and to imprisonment for 3 months. The Chief Returning Officer (Subsectors) or the Returning Officer may order the person to leave the CCS or the vicinity of the CCS, as the case may be, immediately. [Sections 67(3), (4) and 68(3) of the Electoral Affairs Commission (Electoral Procedure) (Election Committee) Regulation, Cap 541I]
3. The Chief Returning Officer (Subsectors) or Returning Officer, as the case may be, may order a person to leave the CCS immediately if, having regard to the conduct of the person, the person’s presence at the CCS is for a purpose other than that for which such presence is permitted or authorised. [Section 68 of the Electoral Affairs Commission (Electoral Procedure) (Election Committee) Regulation, Cap 541I]
4. If a person fails to leave the CCS when ordered to do so by the Chief Returning Officer (Subsectors) or the Returning Officer, the person may be removed by a police officer or by an authorised person. A person who is so removed may not enter the CCS again on that day unless the Chief Returning Officer (Subsectors) or the Returning Officer who ordered his or her removal permits him or her to do so. [Section 68(5) and (6) of the Electoral Affairs Commission (Electoral Procedure) (Election Committee) Regulation, Cap 541I]
5. A person who, during the relevant period, films or takes photographs or makes any audio or video recording within a counting zone without the express permission of any member of the Electoral Affairs Commission, the Chief Returning Officer (Subsectors) or the Returning Officer in charge of that counting zone, commits an offence and is liable to a fine of HK\$5,000 and to imprisonment for 3 months. [Section 67(1) and (4) of the Electoral Affairs Commission (Electoral Procedure) (Election Committee) Regulation, Cap 541I]

6. To keep order at the CCS, ensure public safety and ensure the proper and smooth conduct of the counting of votes, no person shall bring into the CCS, or use or display in the CCS, any article which may cause any nuisance, inconvenience, disturbance, obstruction or danger to other persons (including loudhailers), without the prior permission of the Chief Returning Officer (Subsectors) or the Returning Officer in charge of that counting zone. The staff of the Registration and Electoral Office or AsiaWorld-Expo may inspect the personal belongings of persons seeking entry to or at the CCS to ensure compliance with the above rules.

7. Only authorised persons are allowed to enter the CCS (including the media area, stage and the area for candidates and agents in the Media Centre). The Chief Returning Officer (Subsectors) reserves the right to regulate the number of persons allowed to enter the CCS.