

2021 Election Committee Subsector Ordinary Elections
House Rules of Central Counting Station

1. Only activities related to the 2021 Election Committee Subsector Ordinary Elections will be permitted in the Central Counting Station (“CCS”) (including the Media Centre inside the CCS). Persons at or in the vicinity of the CCS must comply with these house rules.
2. A person at or in the vicinity of the CCS shall not behave in a disorderly manner (including shouting, yelling or creating a lot of noise; or causing nuisance, inconvenience, disturbance, interference, obstruction or danger to others, etc.) or fails to comply with a lawful order given by the Chief Returning Officer (“CRO”) (Subsectors) or the Returning Officer (“RO”). Otherwise, he/she commits an offence and is liable to a fine of HK\$5,000 and to imprisonment for 3 months. The CRO (Subsectors) or the RO 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 authorized. [Section 68 of the Electoral Affairs Commission (Electoral Procedure) (Election Committee) Regulation, Cap 541I]
4. If a person fails to leave the CCS when the CRO (Subsectors) or the RO ordered to do so, the person may be removed by a police officer or by an authorized person. A person who is so removed may not enter the CCS again on that day unless the CRO (Subsectors) or the RO 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. After the commencement of the counting of votes and before the completion of the counting or re-count, a person shall not film, take photographs or make any audio or video recording, within a counting zone without the express permission of any member of the Electoral Affairs Commission, the CRO (Subsectors) or the RO in charge of that counting zone. Otherwise, he/she 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 maintain order at the CCS, ensure public safety as well as the proper and smooth conduct of the counting of votes, persons seeking entry into the CCS shall undergo security check. A person shall not bring into, use or display in the CCS 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 any promotional materials, souvenirs or give-away items without the prior permission of the CRO (Subsectors) or the RO in charge of that counting zone. 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. 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 immediately to ensure compliance with the above rules.

7. Owing to limited space and the implementation of social distancing measures in the CCS, the CRO (Subsectors) will display a notice outside the CCS setting out the admission capacity of the public area. Only authorized persons are allowed to enter the non-public area in the CCS (including the media area, stage and seating area for candidates and agents in the Media Centre).
8. Participants entering or present at the CCS shall not deliberately cause obstruction at points of entry or exit, stairways, aisles, emergency exits or access routes for emergency services within the CCS.
9. Found property will be handled by the REO or its authorized officers without further notice.
10. Participants should comply with all the House Rules of the HKCEC.
11. The CRO (Subsectors) and the REO reserve the right to amend these house rules any time as they consider appropriate.
12. In view of the latest situation of COVID-19 epidemic in Hong Kong, all persons entering the CCS will have to wear masks properly and be subject to body temperature screening. They will also be required to use the “LeaveHomeSafe” mobile app or to record their names, contact numbers and the dates and times of entries on the registration form. The REO may deny entry to the CCS of any persons who refuse to comply with the above preventive measures or persons with signs of fever, or persons with respiratory symptoms or sudden loss of taste or smell.
13. No eating or drinking is allowed in the CCS unless otherwise within the specified area.