2026 Election Committee Subsector Ordinary Elections
House Rules of Central Counting Station

1. Only activities related to the 2026 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 lots 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 CRO (Subsectors) or RO, 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(4) 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 CRO (Subsectors) or the RO, 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. 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. In order 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 temporarily store such items at the cloak room. Otherwise, the person must leave the CCS immediately to ensure compliance with the above rules.

7. Due to limited space 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 areas in the CCS (including the media area, stage and the area for candidates and agents in the Media Centre).

8. Persons 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 in relation to the CCS.

9. Unclaimed articles will be handled by the REO or its authorized officers without prior notice.

10. Participants must 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. No eating or drinking (except drinking water) is allowed in the CCS.