

2018 Legislative Council By-election

House Rules of Central Counting Station

1. Only activities related to the 2018 Legislative Council By-election 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 the 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 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 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 68A(3), (4) and 69(2) of the Electoral Affairs Commission (Electoral Procedure) (Legislative Council) Regulation, Cap 541D]
3. If a person fails to leave the CCS when the Chief Returning Officer or the Returning Officer ordered to do so, the person may be removed by a police officer or by an authorised person. [Section 69(3) of the Electoral Affairs Commission (Electoral Procedure) (Legislative Council) Regulation, Cap 541D]
4. A person who is so removed may not enter the CCS again on that day unless the Chief Returning Officer or the Returning Officer who ordered his or her removal permits him or her to do so. [Section 69(4) of the Electoral Affairs Commission (Electoral Procedure) (Legislative Council) Regulation, Cap 541D]
5. After the commencement of the counting of vote and before the completion of the counting and re-count, any person who films, takes photographs or makes any audio and video recording, in a counting zone without the express permission of any member of the Electoral Affairs Commission, the Chief Returning Officer 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 68A(1) and (4) of the Electoral Affairs Commission (Electoral Procedure) (Legislative Council) Regulation, Cap 541D]
6. To maintain 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, umbrellas) or publicity materials of any kind (including banners, bunting flyers), or distribute in the CCS any promotional materials, souvenirs or give-away items, without the prior permission of the Chief Returning Officer or

the Returning Officer in charge of that counting zone. The staff of the Registration and Electoral Office or Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre 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 reserves the right to regulate the number of persons allowed to enter the CCS.