

2022 Legislative Council Election Committee Constituency By-election **House Rules of Central Counting Station**

1. Only activities related to the 2022 Legislative Council Election Committee Constituency By-election 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 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 RO 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 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 RO who ordered his or her removal permits him or her to do so. [Section 69(3) and 69(4) of the Electoral Affairs Commission (Electoral Procedure) (Legislative Council) Regulation, Cap 541D]
4. 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 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 68A(1) and (4) of the Electoral Affairs Commission (Electoral Procedure) (Legislative Council) Regulation, Cap 541D]
5. 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 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. 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.

6. Owing to limited space and the implementation of social distancing measures in the CCS, the RO 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, the area for Election Committee (“EC”) members and the area for candidates and agents in the Media Centre).
7. 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 within the CCS.
8. Found property will be handled by the REO or its authorized officers without prior notice.
9. Upon the implementation of the “vaccine pass” arrangements, all persons entering or remaining on the CCS (including EC members), save for those who hold specified medical exemption certificates or other exempted persons, are required to have received at least 3 doses of COVID-19 vaccine and to comply with the relevant “Vaccine Pass” requirements. Prior to entering the venue, all persons must undergo body temperature screening. All persons must wear masks throughout their stay in the venue. The REO may deny entry to the CCS 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.
10. No eating or drinking (except drinking water) is allowed in the CCS.
11. Participants must 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.