



MIT UNDERGRADUATE ASSOCIATION

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Spring 2022 Campaign Rules and Guidelines

In order for elections to be fair for everyone, we have several rules and guidelines about campaigning. The purpose of these rules is to prevent a candidate from gaining an unfair advantage in the election, or for the legitimacy of the election to suffer due to a perception of unfairness. It is impossible to comprehensively list every possible action one may do to gain an unfair advantage. Therefore, the list below should not be seen as comprehensive. Please follow the spirit of the election.

- There may be absolutely no campaigning **before Monday, March 28th at 8:00 am**. Official candidates may begin campaigning at that time.
- Posters must follow the rules of the postering boards they are on.
 - For most public posters, this is the **ASA postering rules**: <http://web.mit.edu/eventguide/advertising/asaposter.html>
 - For posters inside living groups, the living group's government may set its own rules.
 - No posters may be hung in or near the UA Chambers (W20-400) or UA Office (W20-401).
 - Note that operators of poster boards may have their own additional rules regarding size or contents of posters.
- Candidates may spend **no more than \$250** on their campaign. Before being declared winner, they must present a full summary of their expenses to the Election Commission.
- Chalk may be used as part of the campaign, as long as candidates chalk only on horizontal spaces. Walls and stairs may **not** be chalked.
- Non-excessive emailing may be used as part of the campaign.

If the Commission observes or is notified of a violation, it will contact the candidate and notify them. Except in particularly egregious cases, first time violations will be responded to with a formal warning. These warnings for postering and chalking violations will be accompanied by a **strict deadline** by which you must remedy the violation. The Commission reserves the right to levy sanctions including **disqualification from the election**.

Additionally, the ASA may issue a fine for repeated or egregious postering violations. Any fines incurred from any campaign activity, including ASA postering violations, are the sole responsibility of the candidate.