

Candidates Pledge of Fair Play - Leadership Elections 2025

This Pledge sets out the standard of behaviour we expect from candidates & campaign teams throughout elections.

Specifically, your signature below indicates that you:

- Pledge not to bully, harass or intimidate any candidate, campaign team member, student, staff member or any other person as part of your election activity.
- Promise to campaign positively and cooperatively; allowing other candidates and campaign teams the space and opportunity to engage students and campaign on their own views and issues.
- Will not 'instruct' any student to vote for any particular candidate.
- Will not vote for or on behalf of any other student.
- Will only campaign during the times permitted, in the places permitted and using the resources and methods permitted.
- Will not spend over the budget limit and will provide all expenses receipts to the elections team within the agreed timeframe. You accept that that failure to do so may result in you forfeiting your right to reimbursement and further sanctions as deemed appropriate by the Deputy Returning Officer.
- Will attend any meetings, training sessions or briefings at which you are required to be present.
- Will not attempt to canvas any member of the Students' Union or University staff and will not accept any endorsement (e.g. formal backing by a staff member or club/society/network).
- Ensure that do not put academic studies at risk during the elections process (and talk to the SU if you are worried).
- If in a slate, will accept the risks if the rules are breached by any member of the slate.
- If you are a candidate, accept that it is your responsibility to ensure that your campaign team is aware of the election rules, and that any breach by the campaign team will be considered a breach by the candidate.
- Accept that your conduct throughout elections is subject to the University Code of Conduct and Worcester Students' Union's Bye Laws and Member Code of Conduct, and any breach of these may result in disciplinary action.
- Accept the authority of the RO, DRO and Union Staff and will abide by their decisions in relation to the interpretation of elections rules.

By signing this pledge, you agree to abide by the SU's values, and the behaviour code set out above. You are also subject to the rule of law and the University's Student Code of Conduct and any other rules regarding the elections which are set out in the Elections Rules or adopted by the SU at any time before or during elections. Any breach will be subject to investigation, potential disciplinary action by the Students' Union or the University, and, where appropriate, removal from the election.

Signed: _____

Date: ____/____/____

Print Name: _____

Running for the position of: _____