

CHIEF RETURNING OFFICER / ELECTIONS & REFERENDUM COMMITTEE RULING

Toronto Metropolitan Students' Union By-Elections 2023

The following is a ruling of the Election & Referenda Committee relating to the 2023 TMSU By-Election.

The rules and procedures of the election are determined by the TMSU By-Laws and the Election Procedure Code, which can be found here: yourtmsu.ca/election

Ruling Code #	ERC#0012NS
Date Received:	11/20/2023
Date of Ruling:	11/23/2023
Related Rulings	N/A
Type of Decision	Initial Ruling
Nature of Decision	If the complaint is founded then it would be a violation of the Elections Procedure Code committed by the Candidate
Complainant/CRO:	Complainant
Nominee/ Candidate:	Team Empire
Alleged Violation in By-laws or the Code	The alleged violation from the complaint relates to section 8.1.17 (Environmental Protection and Recycling)
Relevant Penalties provided in the Code	Maximum of 15 demerit points



Evidence presented by the Complainant/CRO:

The complainant reported a large poster of the Empire Team stating that it was without the official TMSU election stamp. A photo was provided of the poster.

Evidence presented by the Nominee/Candidate:

N/A

CRO/ERC Decision:

Section 8.1.17 of the Election Procedures Code states that physical campaign materials must be recyclable and shall contain a phrase or graphic in plain sight encouraging reuse and recycling. The ERC found that the photo of the poster provided did in fact include a recycling icon on the bottom right-hand corner. Although the poster does not include an official TMSU stamp, these materials were approved.

CRO/ERC Decision	
Penalties Issued	N/A
Deadline to Appeal	N/A this is an ERC ruling

