

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#0014TE
Date Received:	11/22/2023
Date of Ruling:	11/24/2023
Related Rulings	N/A
Type of Decision	Initial ruling
Nature of Decision	Violations of the Code under Physical Campaign Materials and Methods
Complainant/CRO:	Complaint
Nominee/ Candidate:	Team Empire - Muhammed Awais, Hafsa Iqbal & Nikole Dan
Alleged Violation in By-laws or the Code	Violations of the Code under section 8.1.22 and 8.1.23
Relevant Penalties provided in the Code	Maximum 5 demerit point - Multiple violations in the same location / building Maximum 5 demerits - Multiple violations for the same Campaign Material



Evidence presented by the Complainant:

The complainant submitted 2 different photos in different locations. The photos show that Team Empire 11x17 posters are being placed on top of team Vibe & Thieves posters, as well as Team Empires posters being placed less than one (1) foot apart from their other posters.

Evidence presented by the Slate:

No additional evidence was needed from the Slate since sufficient photo evidence was provided.

ERC Decision:

The ERC has decided that Team Empire did in fact violate section 8.1.22 and 8.1.23 of the Elections Procedures code. The ERC has issued a total of 5 demerit points for these violations.

CRO/ERC Decision	
Penalties Issued	8.3.7.1. Violation - Campaign Material: Multiple violations in the same location / building - 5 demerits
Deadline to Appeal	N/A this is an ERC ruling

