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I. Sanctions used in the elections

The I2th section of the election regulations of the Aalto University Student Union enables the use of the following election sanctions for breaking the regulations.

I.I. Notification

A notification is given to a candidate, electoral alliance or electoral coalition when the party in question has broken the election regulations or supplementary provisions defined by the Central Election Committee accidentally or otherwise slightly.

I.2. Written Warning

A written warning is given to a candidate, electoral alliance or electoral coalition when the party in question has broken the election regulations or supplementary provisions defined by the Central Election Committee slightly, regardless of being notified. A written warning is always public and will be published.

1.3. Restrictions on election advertising

The advertising of a candidate, electoral alliance or electoral coalition will be restricted if the election advertising has broken the election regulations or supplementary provisions defined by the Central Election Committee more than slightly. Depending on the nature of the offence, the restriction can be defined as restricting a certain theme in advertising up to completely barring any advertising made by the party in question. If the offence is distributing election advertisements in forbidden places or channels, the Central Election Committee will always order the advertisements to be removed.

I.4. Disqualifying a candidate from the elections

If a candidate breaks the regulations or supplementary provisions defined by the Central Election Committee clearly to their own benefit (directly or indirectly), the candidate will be disqualified from the elections.

I.5. Disqualifying an electoral alliance from the elections

If an electoral alliance breaks the regulations or supplementary provisions defined by the Central Election Committee clearly to their own benefit (directly or indirectly), the electoral alliance will be disqualified from the elections.

I.6. Disqualifying an electoral coalition from the elections

If an electoral coalition breaks the regulations or supplementary provisions defined by the Central Election Committee clearly to their own benefit (directly or indirectly), the electoral coalition will be disqualified from the elections.

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Examples:

Remark: A remark may be given, for example, to a candidate, an electoral alliance or an electoral circle if the party in question has covered the advertisements of other candidates with their own advertisements or has placed the advertisements in a space without the permission of the operator managing the space.

Warning: A warning can be given, for example, about disturbing advertising. In accordance with the Central Election Committee's advertising regulations, for example, discriminatory advertising that provokes unlawful conduct or causes unreasonable offence may be regarded as disturbing advertising.

Restriction of electoral advertising: if a candidate, an electoral alliance or an electoral circle persists in violating the Election Rules or other provisions of the Central Election Committee, despite the warning, the Central Election Committee may, for example:

- remove the answers of the candidate, the electoral alliance or the electoral circle from the voting advice application,
- remove the candidate's picture and information from the electoral alliance's election advertisements in the places indicated by the Central Election Committee,
- remove the election advertisements of the electoral alliance or the electoral circle in the places indicated by the Central Election Committee,
- remove the candidate, the electoral alliance or the electoral circle from the Central Election Committee's notices informing of the student union council election,
- prohibit the candidate, the electoral alliance or the electoral circle from distributing electoral material on the campus of the University under threat of exclusion from the election.
- withdraw the student union's financial contribution to the electoral alliance.

Exclusion from the election: A candidate, an electoral alliance or an electoral circle may be excluded from the election if, despite a warning, the party in question continues to violate the Election Rules or the supplementary or interpretative regulations issued by the Central Election Committee in a gross manner. In the events under section 50 of the Election Rules, it is also possible to exclude from the election without a warning.