



Class of 2023 Elections

Eligibility

- Candidates for the Class of 2023 must be first-year students at the university having no more than 24 credit hours upon starting at the university.
- Candidates must be enrolled in a minimum of 6 hours throughout their term.

Filing

- Representatives will file through an online application made public by the Elections and Regulations committee.
- Applications will be due by the end of the filing period
- Candidates will be notified when their filing documents have been approved.
- An election time-line will be provided by the elections and regulations committee at the time of the application opening.

Campaigning

- Campaigning is defined as any public action initiated by either a candidate or a member of the candidate's campaign team to persuade members of the student body to vote for against one or more candidates.
- No campaigning will be permitted prior to the campaign period, which will be set by the Elections & Regulations committee.
- Candidates for representative are not permitted to have campaign teams or volunteers, meaning no one may campaign for the candidate besides themselves.
- Campaign materials promoting multiple candidates will not be allowed.
- Candidates for representative are limited to \$100 in spending for campaigning purposes.

Campaign Violations and Appeals

- Campaign violations include but are not limited to:
 - Early campaigning
 - Exceeding campaign spending limits
 - Misstating campaign expenses
 - Using campaign methods not permitted per the Election Code
 - Violating the University Code of Student Conduct or other applicable university and SGA policies
 - Engaging in any form of negative campaigning including defamation of character, libel, slander or altering an opponent's campaign materials
- All violations will be assessed by the Elections & Regulations Committee, and the appropriate sanctions will be conveyed to the candidate
- Sanctions may include, but are not limited to –
 - Revoking of tabling privileges



- Removal of yard signs or other campaign materials
 - Being prohibited to speak to student organizations
 - Revoking of social media privileges
- Should a candidate be found in violation of campaigning procedures and rules on multiple accounts, the status of their candidacy will be reviewed.
- The Judicial Board will act as an appellate court for election violation decisions contested by the sanctioned candidate. The candidates must appeal decisions within 48 hours after the Elections & Regulations Committee notifies the candidate of the decision regarding the violation. The Judicial Board must meet to hear appeals within 48 business hours of the candidate contesting the sanction.

Elections and Results

- All students classified as first-year students will receive a unique voting link to their TCU email.
- The winners will be the two candidates receiving the most votes.
- Winners will be announced the day following the election.

Oath

- The Speaker of the House shall take the oath of all newly elected 2023 representatives at the regular House meeting following the election. The oath shall be as follows:
 - “I (state your name) do most solemnly and sincerely swear to faithfully serve the students of Texas Christian University, to represent the interests of my constituency and the student body as a whole and to maintain and uphold the constitution of the student body, so help me God.”
 - The religious reference may be omitted at the request of the representative taking the oath.