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# Society Committee Elections 2024

Everything you need to know

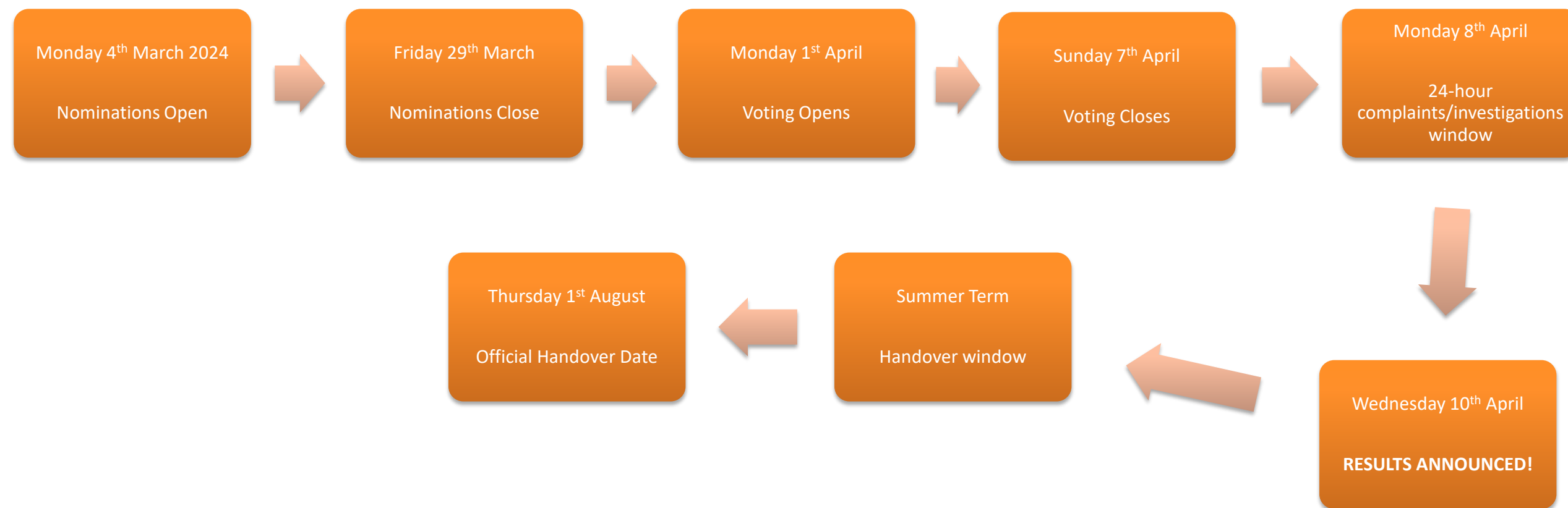


- Every year, societies are expected to elect a new committee for the next academic year.
- No matter what your society is, or how new it is, you are required to hold an election.
- This presentation contains everything you will need to know about elections 2024, from when they will run, to what the rules and regulations are.
- **Please read the document carefully and in full.**



What are committee elections?





# Society Committee Elections 2024 Timeline

- Elections will be held online via the Students' Union website
  - In exceptional circumstances, we may allow internal elections through an Annual General Meeting. There are many requirements for this, so please email [sucommunities@city.ac.uk](mailto:sucommunities@city.ac.uk) telling us why you want to host your election this way.
- All societies will have an election set up for them based on the positions that currently exist
  - For example, if you currently have a President, Finance Officer and Communications Officer, these are the positions that will be posted on the elections page
- All students, when they log into the SU page, will see an elections widget
  - This will feature all societies that they are a member of
  - Once nominations open, all members will be able to see a nominations page, where they can put themselves forward for the election
  - During the voting week, this widget will change, and all members will be able to vote for the candidates that put themselves forward



How do elections actually work?

## Things to keep in mind

Only members can run and vote in the elections. Even if you are a committee member, you need to purchase a membership.

**If you are not a member by the time nominations open, you cannot run in the election.**

All candidates will be able to upload a manifesto when standing in the election. Members will see these on the voting page.

If you are a committee member currently wanting to keep your position, you still need to run in the election and be voted in.

All positions will need to be re-elected, even those that you added throughout the year.





1. Coercive tactics, such as forcing people to vote for you, are not permitted and candidates caught doing this will be disqualified.
2. Vote buying (offering to pay for someone's membership in exchange for their vote) is not permitted. This includes any other financial or gift-based incentive. Candidates caught buying votes will be disqualified.
3. Current committee members re-running cannot use society tools to further their campaign. For example, you cannot use your official society social media pages/email address to campaign.
4. Current committee members re-running cannot use society funds for their campaign.
5. Any positions that do not have any candidates will be posted again in our Bye-Election period in April. Any positions that are still not filled after this will be considered vacant, and we will work with societies to fill these roles in the new academic year.

6. If you are a WhatsApp group chat admin (e.g. for your society) you cannot remove other candidates' campaign posts.
7. Please use WhatsApp group chats, specifically for other societies, sparingly.
8. If you, or any member, has not bought their membership by the time nominations opens, there is nothing that can be done.
9. Candidates can vote for themselves during vote week.

**If you would like to report anything you see that breaks these rules, please email [subcommunities@city.ac.uk](mailto:subcommunities@city.ac.uk). All complaints will remain anonymous.**



## Next Steps:

- Keep an eye out for communication from the SU around elections.
- Begin thinking about your plans for the elections period.
- Plan an AGM to inform your members how to run (if you want to, but we'd recommend it!).
- **Ensure that all members AND committee members have purchased a membership to your society.**



So, what happens now?