

## Election Commission Point System

### Complaint Procedure:

1. Election Commission receives complaint form from ticket/candidate with documented evidence. The complaint is for a violation occurring in the last 48 hours.
2. Election Commission decides if there is clear and convincing evidence for the possibility of a violation. If there is not, then the complaint is dismissed.
3. If there is a possibility for a violation, the Election Commission will publish the complaint and ask for reply briefs within 24 hours.
4. Once reply briefs are given, the complaint and reply brief will be forwarded to Supreme Court and IUSG advisors. Both will also be posted on the IUSG website.
5. Election Commission will determine if a violation has occurred. 70% of EC must agree that a violation has occurred.
6. Election Commission will publish a final determination as to whether a violation occurred.
7. If there is a violation, Election Commission will tell ticket/candidates the number of points that they received due to the violation. The point total will only be known to that ticket.
8. After election, final complaints and reply briefs are submitted by appropriate deadlines.
9. Appeals: Candidates have *48 hours* after all complaints are finalized to *appeal all* complaint decisions from throughout the election.
10. Points not released until after the election is certified, unless someone gets to 10 points before then.

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### **Tier System:**

Complaint Violations will fall into one of three tiers with discretion for some of them:

<b>Point</b>	<b>Severity</b>	<b>EC Code Sections</b>
1	Minor	403 (financial statement)*, 502 (email), 505 (interference), 506 (RPS), 507 (restricted areas), 509 (animals)
4	Moderate	404 (intermediate financial statement)*, 503 (IUSG office), 508 (university policies)*, 510 (campaigning outside period)
6	Severe	204 (academic requirement), 205 (candidacy for more than one office), 206 (sexual misconduct), 402 (contributions), 405 (failure to submit final financial statement), 406 (Congress submit Final financial statement), 504 (causing violations), 601 (voter fraud)*, 602 (excessive donations), 603 (spending), 604 (candidate honesty)*

### **Pursuant to Section 707 of the Election Code:**

If the Election Commission has ruled that a complaint violation has occurred, then the Election Commission will issue a set number of points to the ticket or candidate based upon the point system. The point system will be determined by the Election Commission and published to all tickets before the election. Only the ticket or candidate in violation will be kept notified of how many points that they have. The number of points that each ticket or candidates has will not be public information to other candidates or tickets. If a candidate or ticket is in violation of the Election Code and reaches a total 10 points or more, then this is grounds for disqualification.

***\*These sections have additional discretion for the amount of points given. Please see the additional criteria for each one below.***

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### **The following violations are grounds for automatic disqualification:**

Section 204: Academic Requirement (2.5 at time of application)

Section 205: Candidacy for more than one office (at the same time)

Section 206: Sexual Misconduct

Section 402: Contributions exceed the amount set and were not returned within the allotted amount of time (same as rule 602)

Section 404: Failure to submit intermediate Executive financial statement

Section 405: Failure to submit final Executive financial statement

Section 406: Failure to submit final Congressional financial statement

Section 601: Voter Fraud

Any act that attempts to remove a voter's right to cast a vote for himself or herself

Any act in which anyone attempts to cast a vote for another voter without their expressed consent

Preventing a voter from casting a vote or preventing a voter from casting a vote for the candidate they desire.

Changing a vote once it has been cast or using false information to cast a vote.

Section 602: Excessive Campaign Contributions

Section 603: Excessive Campaign Expenditures

Section 604: Intent to deceive the Election Commission

### **Repeated Violations:**

If a candidate or ticket has repeated the same violation, after receiving a complaint and point for the first instance, then the second, repeated violation moves up a tier. The same violation for these purposes does not mean the violation falls into the same numbered code violation. The same violation means it is the same repeated action from the first instance. The violation will continue to move up another tier if it is repeated and multiple of the same violation is grounds for disqualification.

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### \*Violations with Discretion:

#### 403 Financial Statement

One piece of information missing and no reasonable explanation of why, candidate(s)/ticket did not make an effort to collect information-1 points

More than one piece of information missing and no reasonable explanation of why, candidate(s)/ticket did not make an effort to collect information-4 points

#### 404 Intermediate Financial Statement

Failure to submit it-Disqualified

Late submission-4 points

#### 406 Congress fails to submit financial statement after reminder

#### 508 Violations of University Policies: 4-6 points

Discrimination or harassment of another candidate is automatic disqualification

#### 601 Voter Fraud: 4-6 points

Disqualification: Any act that attempts to remove a voter's right to cast a vote for himself or herself

Disqualification: Any act that attempts to purchase the ability to vote for a voter

Disqualification: Any act in which anyone attempts to cast a vote for another voter without their expressed consent

4: Intimidating a voter or offering a voter any amount of money or services in exchange for a vote. Goods given to voters after a vote must be below two dollars (\$2.00) in value (stickers, candy, pens, etc. are acceptable).

Disqualification: Preventing a voter from casting a vote or preventing a voter from casting a vote for the candidate they desire.

Disqualification: Changing a vote once it has been cast or using false information to cast a vote.

4: Pressuring a voter to vote one way or another while they are in the immediate process of voting.

4: Providing technology of any sort to a voter through personal solicitation – essentially serving as a polling station.

#### 604 Intentionally Deceiving the Election Commission

Disqualification: Any deliberate action that would have incurred a severe violation or automatic disqualification had it been reported to the Commission

6: Any deliberate action that would have incurred a moderate violation had it been reported to the Commission

4: Any deliberate action that would have incurred a minor violation had it been reported to the Commission