



Sligo County Council Local Elections Count Centre Conditions of Entry / Code of Conduct

All persons entering the count centre are obliged to comply with the following terms and conditions:

- **1.** A valid count pass is required in order to be permitted to enter the count centre.
 - On entry you are obliged to present your count pass to the security person on duty at the entrance.
 - Possession of a count pass does not guarantee entry to the count centre.
 - · Admission to the count centre at all times is at the discretion of the Returning Officer and his staff.
- 2. It is not permitted to have in your possession any item or items which could pose a risk to yourself, or others present in the count centre. Please further note that flags and banners are not allowed in the count centre and any such items will be confiscated by the security personnel on duty and you may be asked to leave the premises.
- 3. All persons present in the count centre must comply with the directions of the security personnel and any staff employed by the Returning Officer at all times. Any person who refuses any such directions will be asked to leave the count centre.
- 4. Any person engaging in any behaviour which is disruptive and interferes with the operation and enjoyment of the count centre you may be asked to leave the count centre.
- **5.** Harassment of staff, candidates or members of the public by the use of offensive, abusive, racist, obscene, threatening or inappropriate language is not permitted, and any person engaging in such conduct will be asked to leave the count centre.
- **6.** Any person engaging in violence or threats of violence towards staff employed by the Returning Officer, candidates or members of the public will be asked to leave the count centre.

- 7. Any person engaging in any behaviour which causes damage to the count centre or any items or property of the Returning Officer will be asked to leave the count centre.
- **8.** The consumption of alcohol or illicit drugs while in the count centre is not permitted. If you are displaying signs of being intoxicated due to the consumption of alcohol or illicit drugs you will not be permitted to enter the count centre.
- 9. Any person requested to leave by the Returning Officer or by a member of his staff as a result of any of the issues referred to above (Points 2. 8) and who refuses to leave, will be escorted from the count centre by security personnel with the assistance of An Garda Síochána if required.
- **10.** Smoking and vaping in the count centre or immediately adjacent to the entrance to the count centre is not permitted.
- **11.**Leaving personal property unattended while in count centre is not permitted and any such items will be removed by security personnel.

John Moran Returning Officer

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