

- F. If a candidate does not comply with the set budget, it will result in an immediate disqualification from the election.

Election Day

- A. Elections for Legislative and Executive branches will take place on April 4, 2024.
- B. Elections will be held online. The link to the voting server will be posted on the SGA website and social media on the day of the election. Links to the voting server will also be emailed to students.
- C. Polls will open at 8:00 AM CST and close at 4:30 PM CST. Counting will begin immediately following the close of the polls.
- D. The election results will be posted on the SGA website: tntech.edu/sga/elections and social media.

Prohibited Conduct

- A. No candidate, nor agents of candidates, shall bribe or coerce students into voting. Bribes include but are not limited to the promise or exchange of goods, favors, and/or drawing entries for raffles for promised votes.
- B. It is the responsibility of the candidate to inform their respective organizations of the SGA election rules.
- C. The collection of T-Numbers and/or PIN numbers will be strictly prohibited.
- D. With proof of the collection of any student voter login information, the candidate will be immediately disqualified from the election and referred to the Dean of Students.
- E. No endorsements from colleges, academic departments, campus departments, employees or contractors of the University acting in their official capacity
 - a. Endorsements include but are not limited to distributing campaign material, posting on social media, and/ or taking part in photo ops with any candidate.
 - b. Colleges and academic departments are permitted to inform students in their unit of their respective candidates.
- F. Senators shall adhere to the following rules regarding joining executive tickets:
 - a. Senator candidates are permitted to endorse executive candidates via social media and publicly express support for them.
 - b. Senator candidates are prohibited from working tabling events or engaging in joint promotional activities with executive candidates.
 - c. Senator candidates are not allowed to appear on any promotional material with executive candidates, including but not limited to flyers, buttons, yard signs, etc. This includes both physical and digital promotional materials.
- G. Candidates are prohibited from making misleading statements, spreading false information, engaging in personal attacks, or using offensive language about their opponents or their own qualifications during the campaign. Violation of this rule may result in penalties, including disqualification from the election.

Campaign Violations

The SGA Election Commission Committee shall determine and enforce all rules regarding SGA elections. If an alleged violation is filed against a candidate, the candidate will be notified and

have an opportunity to appear before the commission or submit a short statement/explanation regarding alleged violation prior to a ruling by the Election Commission. The Election Commission Committee will follow strict guidelines to ensure fair and ethical rulings are made based on the violation. Campaign Violations may be reported to the SGA President via email at sgapresident@tntech.edu. All violation reports will be kept confidential.

Possible consequences for being found in violation of the rules are as follows:

1. Probation: A probationary period means that if the candidate is found violating the rules again before the final budgets and receipts are approved, the candidate is disqualified.
2. Subtraction of Votes: The Election Commission may find that a candidate has given themselves an illegal or unfair advantage in the election and may choose to take away that advantage by the subtraction of votes based on the severity of the violation. No more than two-hundred and fifty (250) votes may be subtracted.²⁰
3. Disqualification: Within a probationary period, if the candidate is found violating the rules again before the final budgets and receipts are approved, the candidate is disqualified.