

Terms and Conditions for E-rallies@Suntec

1 Campaigning at e-Rallies

- 1.1 The Government will provide venues at the **Suntec Singapore Convention Centre** and timeslots for live streaming i.e. e-rallies beginning from **1 July 2020 to 8 July 2020**. The use of these venues by candidates is optional: online campaigning in the form of live streaming can be carried out without the use of these venues. This document sets out the legally binding terms and conditions for the use of those venues.
 - 1.1.1 The e-rally venues will come equipped with general lighting, air conditioning, internet connectivity and basic furniture (2 tables and 10 chairs). Candidates will provide their own filming/recording equipment and crew for the e-rallies at the venues. The number of persons in each e-rally venue, and their conduct, must comply with these terms and conditions for the use of the venue and all prevailing COVID-19 advisories and guidelines (please refer to www.moh.gov.sg/covid-19/phase-2-sector-related-advisories for more details).
 - 1.1.2 Candidates will use their own IT infrastructure, including any smartphone, computer, online and social media assets, to publish the live streaming feed on their own platforms that have been declared to the Returning Officer under the Parliamentary Elections (Election Advertising) Regulations.
- 1.2 Candidates are responsible for their own cybersecurity. They must take precautionary measures to safeguard against potential cyber threats related to the use of their IT infrastructure.
- 1.3 The content and conduct of the e-rallies will be subject to prevailing laws, including but not limited to the Parliamentary Elections Act and the Protection from Online Falsehoods and Manipulation Act.
- 1.4 Foreigners (i.e. persons who are not Singapore citizens) are prohibited from taking part in any election advertising or publishing election advertising, including participating in or appearing at the e-rallies.
- 1.5 The e-rallies will not be broadcast or telecast "live" on free-to-air television and radio.

Application

- 1.6 Candidates or their election agents can submit their applications via the Candidate Services page on ELD's website (www.eld.gov.sg) to use the

provided venues for live streaming on their declared platforms. The venues (up to 10 a day) will be open for live streaming at the following hours from 1 July 2020 to 8 July 2020:

- 7.00am to 10.00am
- 12.00pm to 3.00pm
- 7.00pm to 10.00pm

1.6.1 Applicants may submit **one** application for each timeslot one day in advance (e.g. application on 30 June for slots on 1 July, application on 1 July for slots on 2 July, and so on). Applicants may apply for up to three timeslots in the same day in one application.

1.6.2 Multiple applications by applicants representing the same political party contesting in the same Group Representation Constituency will be regarded as one application.

1.6.3 The window for applying for timeslots to use the live streaming venue is as follows: -

Day of Application	Hours for Applications
30 June 2020 [Nomination Day]	3.00 pm to 6.00 pm
1 July 2020	8.00 am to 1.00 pm
2 July 2020	8.00 am to 1.00 pm
3 July 2020	8.00 am to 1.00 pm
4 July 2020	8.00 am to 1.00 pm
5 July 2020	8.00 am to 1.00 pm
6 July 2020	8.00 am to 1.00 pm
7 July 2020	8.00 am to 1.00 pm

1.6.4 Applicants will need to submit their applications by 6.00pm on 30 June 2020 or by 1.00pm on 1–7 July 2020. Any application submitted after 6.00pm on 30 June 2020 or 1.00pm on 1–7 July 2020 will not be processed.

1.6.5 Candidates will be informed of their slot allocation on the day of application by 6.30pm on 30 June 2020 or by 3.00pm on 1–7 July 2020, by email.

1.6.6 The applicant must provide the details (name, NRIC number, and contact number) of a point of contact (“POC”), if not himself, who will register at the venue before the e-rally as required in paragraph 1.8.1 below.

1.6.7 The applicant must provide the details (name and NRIC number) of the candidate(s) and his working crew (up to 10 persons, including the applicant

and/or the POC) in the application to facilitate entry. Persons whose details were not registered will be refused entry.

- 1.6.8 The applicant must also provide the details of any vehicle(s) (up to two) that will be used at the venue, to facilitate parking and loading/unloading arrangements. Only commercial plate vehicles can access the loading/unloading bay at the venue. Unregistered vehicles will not be allowed to park or use the loading/unloading bay at the venue.
- 1.6.9 In submitting the application, the applicant also agrees to share the information provided in the form with Suntec Singapore Convention Centre in order to facilitate the e-rally process.
- 1.6.10 The applicant may only request to withdraw his application within the application window by writing to e-rally_suntec@imda.gov.sg.

Allocation and Ballot

- 1.6.11 There are 10 e-rally venues available for each timeslot. The system for allocation of timeslots will be as follows.
- 1.6.12 Where there are 10 or fewer applications submitted for a timeslot, venues for that timeslot will be allocated to all the applicants.
- 1.6.13 Where there are more than 10 applications submitted for a timeslot by candidates from 10 or fewer different 'political entities' (defined as either a political party or an independent candidate), each political entity will be allocated a venue for that timeslot as follows. Where there is more than one applicant from the same political entity, a first ballot will be held to pick one applicant from that political entity to be allocated a venue for that timeslot. After every political entity has been allocated a venue for the timeslot in this way, a second ballot will be held to decide on the allocation of the remaining venues for that timeslot amongst the remaining unallocated applications.
- 1.6.14 Where there are more than 10 applications submitted by candidates from more than 10 different political entities, 10 different political entities will be allocated a venue for that timeslot as follows. A first ballot will be held with one lot per political entity to pick 10 political entities to be allocated a venue. Where there is more than one applicant from any political entity that has been allocated a venue in the first ballot, a second ballot will be held to pick one applicant from that political entity to be allocated a venue for that timeslot.

- 1.6.15 Applicants who are not allocated a timeslot on a given day after balloting will be invited to apply for the same timeslot on the following day. Such applications will be given priority for allocation as follows. Where there is more than one political entity with more than one applicant, a ballot will be held to pick one applicant from that political entity to be allocated a venue for that timeslot.
- 1.6.16 In any scenario not covered in paragraphs 1.6.12–1.6.15 above, the procedure for allocation of timeslots will be determined by the Info-communications Media Development Authority. Their decision will be communicated to the affected applicants and will be final.
- 1.6.17 Where a ballot is to be held, applicants will be informed via email on the day of application, by 6.30pm on 30 June 2020 or by 3.00pm on 1–7 July 2020, that a ballot for that timeslot will be conducted. This ballot will be conducted via live streaming on the day of application, by 7.00pm on 30 June 2020 or by 3.30pm on 1–7 July 2020. Candidates whose allocation is to be decided through the ballot will be invited via email to view the livestream.
- 1.6.18 The livestream will begin with the ballot for the 7.00am–10.00am timeslot, followed by that for the 12.00pm–3.00pm timeslot, and finally that for the 7.00pm–10.00pm timeslot.
- 1.6.19 The results of the allocation will be published on the Elections Department’s website on the day of application, by 9.00pm on 30 June 2020 and 7.00pm on 1–7 July 2020.

Closure of Applications

- 1.6.20 In the event that all venues for a particular timeslot on a given day are fully allocated to applicants who were unsuccessful in balloting for timeslots on the previous day (under paragraph 1.6.15 above), that timeslot will be closed for new applications.

Payment

- 1.6.21 All successful applicants must pay a nominal fee of \$107 via PayNow (payment details will be provided via email) for each slot allocated to him/her by the cut-off time on the day of application, which is 8.00pm on 30 June 2020 and 6.00pm on 1–7 July 2020.
- 1.6.22 The allocation of an e-rally timeslot is only final when payment is made before the cut-off time. If the payment is not made by the cut-off time, the applicant’s

timeslot allocation will be voided. This timeslot will not be re-allocated to other applicants.

Cancellation of booking

- 1.7 Fees paid for a timeslot will not be refunded even if the applicant eventually decides to forego the use of the venue after a timeslot is allocated to him.
- 1.7.1 Fees will be refunded if the venue is no longer available for use during the allocated timeslot in the interests of safety and security e.g. in compliance with safe distancing measures due to COVID-19.

Conducting e-rallies

- 1.8 There shall be no more than 10 persons, including the candidate(s), at any one time inside the venue. Among the 10 persons, up to 5 persons at any one time may be unmasked when speaking on screen during the e-rally.
- 1.8.1 The applicant or the POC must register at the venue before the e-rally with a printout or a screenshot of the email notification of a successful allocation, and proof of payment (e.g. screenshot of the successful PayNow transaction notification).
- 1.8.2 Only the applicant or the POC can register for the candidate(s) and the rest of his working crew at the venue. If neither of them is present, the entire group will be refused entry. The applicant or the POC must also stay on site throughout the e-rally.
- 1.8.3 Setup of the e-rally at the venue can only commence no earlier than 1 hour before the start of the e-rally. The venue must be vacated, with all equipment brought in removed, within the allocated timeslot. Candidates must not remove any furnishing provided in the venue.
- 1.8.4 Candidates must only use the venue within the timeslot allocated to them and must leave the premises of the e-rally venue promptly at the end of the timeslot.
- 1.8.5 Candidates shall only use the venue for an e-rally i.e. for live streaming, and not for any other purposes, such as recording of a film to introduce a manifesto for publication online at a later time.
- 1.8.6 Candidates are expected to conduct themselves in an orderly and respectful manner when in the live streaming venue. For example, they should not cause

annoyance, disrupt other candidates' sessions or consume any food or drink (except plain water) in the venue.

Termination of use for breach

- 1.9 The use of the e-rally venue may be terminated in the interests of safety and security. This will be determined by the Info-communications Media Development Authority and their decision will be final. Under such circumstances, booking fees paid will be refunded to affected applicants.
- 1.10 Candidates' use of the e-rally venue may be terminated for any breach of these terms and conditions by the respective political parties or candidates. This will be determined by the Info-communications Media Development Authority and their decision will be final. Under such circumstances, no fees will be refunded.
- 1.11 Candidates and crew must immediately leave the premises of the e-rally venue quietly and peacefully if their use of the venue is terminated under the terms and conditions.

Info-communications Media Development Authority
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