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## CHIEF RETURNING OFFICER RULING

***Carleton University Students' Association General Elections 2026***

**Date of Ruling:** January 19, 2026

**Ruling Code:** 2026GE-CRO-001

This public report is issued pursuant to Section 67(a) of the CUSA Electoral Code. It summarizes the outcome of a ruling made by the Chief Returning Officer (CRO) in relation to complaints arising during the nomination period of the 2026 CUSA General Election.

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### I. Summary of Complaint

The CRO received complaints alleging that Aryan Singh - a prospective Presidential candidate engaged in activities during the nomination period that exceeded what is permitted under the Electoral Code. Specifically, the complaints raised concerns regarding:

- public solicitation of campaign team members prior to the official Campaign Period; and
- the creation and public use of election-related materials and platforms without prior approval from the CRO.

Complainant identities are confidential pursuant to Electoral Code s.63.

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### II. Findings

After reviewing the complaints, supporting materials, and written submissions from Aryan Singh, the CRO determined beyond a reasonable doubt that:

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1. The prospective candidate publicly solicited campaign team members during the nomination period, which constitutes campaigning prior to the authorized Campaign Period under the Electoral Code; and
2. The prospective candidate failed to obtain prior approval from the CRO for certain election-related materials and platforms, as required.

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## **III. Electoral Code Violations**

The following minor electoral offences were established:

- Campaigning prior to the Campaign Period
- Failure to obtain CRO approval for campaign materials

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## **IV. Penalties Issued**

In accordance with Schedule IV of the Electoral Code, the following penalties were imposed on Aryan Singh:

- 2 demerit points for campaigning prior to the Campaign Period
- 2 demerit points for failure to obtain CRO approval for campaign materials

Total: 4 demerit points

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## **V. Additional Information**

A full Notice of Decision, containing the complete complaint details, evidence reviewed, and rationale, has been provided directly to the prospective candidate in accordance with Electoral Code s.67(b).

This public report is provided for transparency and does not include confidential or identifying information.