

Rule 07.03.01.T1 Political Campaign Events in Facilities Under the Control of Tarleton State University



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Rule Statement

As a state-supported institution of higher education, Tarleton State University is required to remain neutral in partisan political activities. Individual faculty, staff, and students enjoy all constitutional rights and privileges concerning freedom of speech and participation in political events, subject to reasonable time, place and manner restrictions. This rule is required by and supplements System Regulation 07.03.01, *Political Campaign Events in Facilities Under the Control of The Texas A&M University System*, and is established to provide guidance specific to the use of facilities under the control of Tarleton State University (Tarleton or university) for political campaign activities and events.

Rule

1. ENDORSEMENT OF CANDIDATES AND OFFICEHOLDERS

- 1.1 In accordance with state law and System Regulation 07.03.01, Tarleton will not endorse, recommend, or otherwise indicate partisan political support for any candidate for an elected office, or for any current officeholder of such an office.

2. USE OF FACILITIES

- 2.1 Any individual, university organization, or political party desiring to use facilities under the control of Tarleton for campaign or related political events must make a formal request to the Office of the President or designee. The use of Tarleton facilities may require a rental fee.
- 2.2 Applications for use of facilities under this rule by student, faculty, or staff organizations that have been officially recognized and/or approved by the university will be processed as specified in Tarleton SAP [51.99.99.T0.01, Facility Use Fee](#). These groups are eligible to request the use of facilities.
- 2.3 Requests from non-institutionally affiliated entities will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. In review of such requests, Tarleton will not discriminate against any non-

institutionally affiliated entity based on political affiliation or doctrine, including favor of any political organization or doctrine over any other.

- 2.4 Should facilities under the control of Tarleton be approved for use by political candidates or parties, a sign with the words that follow must be displayed near the event.

“State law requires Tarleton State University to remain neutral in partisan political activities. The use of facilities under the control of Tarleton by candidates and political organizations does not imply or indicate support for any candidate or political party.”

3. USE OF SYMBOLS, INSIGNIA, OR MARKS

- 3.1 Tarleton prohibits the use of any of its symbols, insignias, or other identifying marks in association with any activity that involves the endorsement, support, or promotion of political candidates or partisan political activities. This prohibition also includes any university sponsored or recognized organizations that officially represent the institution. University sponsored or recognized organizations will be determined by the Vice President for Student Affairs.

Related Statutes, Policies, or Requirements

[Tex. Edu. Code § 51.9315](#)

[Tex. Gov't Code Ch. 556](#)

System Policy [07.03, Conflicts of Interest, Dual Office Holding and Political Activities](#)

System Regulation [07.03.01, Political Campaign Events in Facilities Under the Control of The Texas A&M University System](#)

Tarleton [SAP 51.99.99.T0.01, Facility Use Fee](#)

This rule supersedes:

Rule 33.01.01.T1 *Political Campaign Events on Property Under the Control of Tarleton State University*

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