

Doubtful ballot papers – allowed votes

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Put the number 3 in the voting box next to your third choice. **And so on.**

BARBER, All 5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY Pelican Party	3	◆	<input type="checkbox"/>
BOOTS, Dusty 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ League of Line Dancers	4	⌘	<input type="checkbox"/>
CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary 9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 E34 Independent	2		<input type="checkbox"/>
GREY, Earl 2 Cedar Lane, Anytown, AT23 4YD Mad Hatter's Tea Party	1	★	<input type="checkbox"/>
HOOD, Robin 64 Purple Road, Anytown, AT12 7HT Forest Party	6	△	<input type="checkbox"/>
MILLER, Windy 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK Alternative Power Forum	5	⬮	<input type="checkbox"/>

Allow – Rule 44(2)(a), elsewhere than in the proper place.

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BARBER, All 5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY Pelican Party		◆	<input type="checkbox"/>
BOOTS, Dusty 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ League of Line Dancers	3	⌘	<input type="checkbox"/>
CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary 9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 E34 Independent			<input type="checkbox"/>
GREY, Earl 2 Cedar Lane, Anytown, AT23 4YD Mad Hatter's Tea Party		★	<input type="checkbox"/>
HOOD, Robin 64 Purple Road, Anytown, AT12 7HT Forest Party	1	△	<input type="checkbox"/>
MILLER, Windy 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK Alternative Power Forum	2	⬮	<input type="checkbox"/>

Allow for Hood, Miller and Boots as first, second and third preference respectively. Rule 44(2)(c), by more than one mark.

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BARBER, All 5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY Pelican Party	two	◆	<input type="checkbox"/>
BOOTS, Dusty 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ League of Line Dancers	one	⌘	<input type="checkbox"/>
CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary 9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 E34 Independent			<input type="checkbox"/>
GREY, Earl 2 Cedar Lane, Anytown, AT23 4YD Mad Hatter's Tea Party		★	<input type="checkbox"/>
HOOD, Robin 64 Purple Road, Anytown, AT12 7HT Forest Party	three	△	<input type="checkbox"/>
MILLER, Windy 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK Alternative Power Forum	four	⬮	<input type="checkbox"/>

Allow – Rule 44(2)(b), otherwise than by means of a figure.

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BARBER, All 5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY Pelican Party	X	◆	<input type="checkbox"/>
BOOTS, Dusty 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ League of Line Dancers	3	⌘	<input type="checkbox"/>
CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary 9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 E34 Independent	4		<input type="checkbox"/>
GREY, Earl 2 Cedar Lane, Anytown, AT23 4YD Mad Hatter's Tea Party	2	★	<input type="checkbox"/>
HOOD, Robin 64 Purple Road, Anytown, AT12 7HT Forest Party		△	<input type="checkbox"/>
MILLER, Windy 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK Alternative Power Forum		⬮	<input type="checkbox"/>

Allow – 'X' is taken as first preference for Barber. Rule 44(2)(b), otherwise than by means of a figure.

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Put the number 3 in the voting box next to your third choice. **And so on.**

BARBER, All 5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY Pelican Party	5	◆	<input type="checkbox"/>
BOOTS, Dusty 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ League of Line Dancers	6	⌘	<input type="checkbox"/>
CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary 9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 E34 Independent	7		<input type="checkbox"/>
GREY, Earl 2 Cedar Lane, Anytown, AT23 4YD Mad Hatter's Tea Party	2	★	<input type="checkbox"/>
HOOD, Robin 64 Purple Road, Anytown, AT12 7HT Forest Party	1	△	<input type="checkbox"/>
MILLER, Windy 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK Alternative Power Forum	3	⬮	<input type="checkbox"/>

Partially accept – allow for Hood, Grey and Miller as first, second and third preference respectively. Rule 44(2)(c), by more than one mark.

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Put the number 3 in the voting box next to your third choice. **And so on.**

BARBER, All 5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY Pelican Party	3	◆	<input type="checkbox"/>
BOOTS, Dusty 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ League of Line Dancers	1	⌘	<input type="checkbox"/>
CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary 9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 E34 Independent	2		<input type="checkbox"/>
GREY, Earl 2 Cedar Lane, Anytown, AT23 4YD Mad Hatter's Tea Party	3	★	<input type="checkbox"/>
HOOD, Robin 64 Purple Road, Anytown, AT12 7HT Forest Party	3	△	<input type="checkbox"/>
MILLER, Windy 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK Alternative Power Forum	3	⬮	<input type="checkbox"/>

Partially accept – allow for Boots and Clover as first and second preference respectively. Thereafter the ballot becomes non-transferable as the next preference is not clear.

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BARBER, All 5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY Pelican Party		◆	<input type="checkbox"/>
BOOTS, Dusty 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ League of Line Dancers		⌘	<input type="checkbox"/>
CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary 9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 E34 Independent			<input type="checkbox"/>
GREY, Earl 2 Cedar Lane, Anytown, AT23 4YD Mad Hatter's Tea Party		★	<input type="checkbox"/>
HOOD, Robin 64 Purple Road, Anytown, AT12 7HT Forest Party		△	<input type="checkbox"/>
MILLER, Windy 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK Alternative Power Forum	millar	⬮	<input type="checkbox"/>

Allow for Miller as first preference (provided there is no other candidate called Miller). Rule 44(2)(b), otherwise than by means of a figure.

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BARBER, All 5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY Pelican Party		◆	<input type="checkbox"/>
BOOTS, Dusty 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ League of Line Dancers		⌘	<input type="checkbox"/>
CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary 9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 E34 Independent	yes		<input type="checkbox"/>
GREY, Earl 2 Cedar Lane, Anytown, AT23 4YD Mad Hatter's Tea Party		★	<input type="checkbox"/>
HOOD, Robin 64 Purple Road, Anytown, AT12 7HT Forest Party		△	<input type="checkbox"/>
MILLER, Windy 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK Alternative Power Forum		⬮	<input type="checkbox"/>

Allow – yes is taken as first preference for Clover. Rule 44(2)(b), otherwise than by means of a figure.

Doubtful ballot papers – rejected votes

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BARBER, All 5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY Pelican Party	❖	4
BOOTS, Dusty 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ League of Line Dancers	⌘	1
CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary 9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 E34 Independent		1
GREY, Earl 2 Cedar Lane, Anytown, AT23 4YD Mad Hatter's Tea Party	★	1
HOOD, Robin 64 Purple Road, Anytown, AT12 7HT Forest Party	△	2
MILLER, Windy 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK Alternative Power Forum	⚙	3

Reject – Rule 44(1)(c), more than one first preference.

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BARBER, All 5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY Pelican Party	❖	3
BOOTS, Dusty 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ League of Line Dancers	⌘	2
CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary 9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 E34 Independent		4
GREY, Earl 2 Cedar Lane, Anytown, AT23 4YD Mad Hatter's Tea Party	★	7
HOOD, Robin 64 Purple Road, Anytown, AT12 7HT Forest Party	△	6
MILLER, Windy 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK Alternative Power Forum	⚙	5

Reject – Rule 44(1)(b), no first preference

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BARBER, All 5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY Pelican Party	❖	2
BOOTS, Dusty 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ League of Line Dancers	⌘	4
CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary 9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 E34 Independent		1
GREY, Earl 2 Cedar Lane, Anytown, AT23 4YD Mad Hatter's Tea Party	★	3
HOOD, Robin 64 Purple Road, Anytown, AT12 7HT Forest Party	△	5
MILLER, Windy 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK Alternative Power Forum	⚙	6

Reject – Rule 44 (1)(d), voter can be identified.

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BOOTS, Dusty 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ League of Line Dancers	⌘	
CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary 9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 E34 Independent		3
GREY, Earl 2 Cedar Lane, Anytown, AT23 4YD Mad Hatter's Tea Party	★	
HOOD, Robin 64 Purple Road, Anytown, AT12 7HT Forest Party	△	
MILLER, Windy 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK Alternative Power Forum	⚙	

Reject – Rule 44(1)(b), no first preference and Rule 44(2)(b), vote not marked otherwise than by means of a figure.

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BOOTS, Dusty 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ League of Line Dancers	⌘	
CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary 9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 E34 Independent		
GREY, Earl 2 Cedar Lane, Anytown, AT23 4YD Mad Hatter's Tea Party	★	
HOOD, Robin 64 Purple Road, Anytown, AT12 7HT Forest Party	△	
MILLER, Windy 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK Alternative Power Forum	⚙	None of the above 1

Reject – Rule 44(1)(e), void for uncertainty.

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BOOTS, Dusty 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ League of Line Dancers	⌘	X
CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary 9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 E34 Independent		2
GREY, Earl 2 Cedar Lane, Anytown, AT23 4YD Mad Hatter's Tea Party	★	1
HOOD, Robin 64 Purple Road, Anytown, AT12 7HT Forest Party	△	
MILLER, Windy 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK Alternative Power Forum	⚙	

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BOOTS, Dusty 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ League of Line Dancers	⌘	
CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary 9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 E34 Independent		
GREY, Earl 2 Cedar Lane, Anytown, AT23 4YD Mad Hatter's Tea Party	★	
HOOD, Robin 64 Purple Road, Anytown, AT12 7HT Forest Party	△	
MILLER, Windy 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK Alternative Power Forum	⚙	

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BOOTS, Dusty 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ League of Line Dancers	⌘	
CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary 9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 E34 Independent		
GREY, Earl 2 Cedar Lane, Anytown, AT23 4YD Mad Hatter's Tea Party	★	
HOOD, Robin 64 Purple Road, Anytown, AT12 7HT Forest Party	△	
MILLER, Windy 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK Alternative Power Forum	⚙	

Reject – Rule 44(1)(e), unmarked.