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Vote for only one candidate by putting a cross <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in the box next to your choice	Pleidleiswch ar gyfer un ymgeisydd yn unig trwy roi croes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yn y blwch wrth ochr eich dewis
Candidate A - Ymgeisydd A Party A - Plaid A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Candidate B - Ymgeisydd B Party B - Plaid B	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate C - Ymgeisydd C Party C - Plaid C	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate D - Ymgeisydd D Party D - Plaid D	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate E - Ymgeisydd E Independent / Annibynnol	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate F - Ymgeisydd F Independent / Annibynnol	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate G - Ymgeisydd G Independent / Annibynnol	<input type="checkbox"/>

Allow for candidate A – Berwick-upon-Tweed case and Rule 58(2)(a).

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Candidate B - Ymgeisydd B Party B - Plaid B	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate C - Ymgeisydd C Party C - Plaid C	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate D - Ymgeisydd D Party D - Plaid D	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate E - Ymgeisydd E Independent / Annibynnol	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate F - Ymgeisydd F Independent / Annibynnol	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate G - Ymgeisydd G Independent / Annibynnol	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Allow for Candidate G – Cirencester case, *Eley v Durant* and Rule 58(2)(c).

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Candidate B - Ymgeisydd B Party B - Plaid B	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate C - Ymgeisydd C Party C - Plaid C	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate D - Ymgeisydd D Party D - Plaid D	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate E - Ymgeisydd E Independent / Annibynnol	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate F - Ymgeisydd F Independent / Annibynnol	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Candidate G - Ymgeisydd G Independent / Annibynnol	<input type="checkbox"/>

Allow for Candidate F – Rule 58(2)(a).

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Candidate B - Ymgeisydd B Party B - Plaid B	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Candidate C - Ymgeisydd C Party C - Plaid C	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate D - Ymgeisydd D Party D - Plaid D	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate E - Ymgeisydd E Independent / Annibynnol	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate F - Ymgeisydd F Independent / Annibynnol	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate G - Ymgeisydd G Independent / Annibynnol	<input type="checkbox"/>

Allow for Candidate B – Rule 58(2)(a).

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Vote for only one candidate by putting a cross <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in the box next to your choice	Pleidleiswch ar gyfer un ymgeisydd yn unig trwy roi croes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yn y blwch wrth ochr eich dewis
Candidate A - Ymgeisydd A Party A - Plaid A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate B - Ymgeisydd B Party B - Plaid B	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate C - Ymgeisydd C Party C - Plaid C	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate D - Ymgeisydd D Party D - Plaid D	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate E - Ymgeisydd E Independent / Annibynnol	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate F - Ymgeisydd F Independent / Annibynnol	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate G - Ymgeisydd G Independent / Annibynnol	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Allow for Candidate G – Rule 58(2)(a) and (b).

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Vote for only one candidate by putting a cross <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in the box next to your choice	Pleidleiswch ar gyfer un ymgeisydd yn unig trwy roi croes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yn y blwch wrth ochr eich dewis
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Candidate E - Ymgeisydd E Independent / Annibynnol	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate F - Ymgeisydd F Independent / Annibynnol	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate G - Ymgeisydd G Independent / Annibynnol	<input type="checkbox"/>

Allow for Candidate A – *Ruffle and Rogers* and Rule 58(2)(a) and (b) [provided there is no other candidate by the name of A].

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Vote for only one candidate by putting a cross <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in the box next to your choice	Pleidleiswch ar gyfer un ymgeisydd yn unig trwy roi croes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yn y blwch wrth ochr eich dewis
Candidate A - Ymgeisydd A Party A - Plaid A	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
Candidate B - Ymgeisydd B Party B - Plaid B	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Candidate C - Ymgeisydd C Party C - Plaid C	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
Candidate D - Ymgeisydd D Party D - Plaid D	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
Candidate E - Ymgeisydd E Independent / Annibynnol	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
Candidate F - Ymgeisydd F Independent / Annibynnol	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Candidate G - Ymgeisydd G Independent / Annibynnol	<input type="checkbox"/> 7

Allow for Candidate C – Rule 58(2)(b).

National Assembly for Wales election Ballot paper to elect the Assembly Member for theconstituency	Etholiad Cynulliad Cenedlaethol Cymru Papur pleidleisio i ethol Aelod Cynulliad ar gyfer etholaeth
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Candidate A - Ymgeisydd A Party A - Plaid A	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Candidate C - Ymgeisydd C Party C - Plaid C	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate D - Ymgeisydd D Party D - Plaid D	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate E - Ymgeisydd E Independent / Annibynnol	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate F - Ymgeisydd F Independent / Annibynnol	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate G - Ymgeisydd G Independent / Annibynnol	<input type="checkbox"/>

Allow for Candidate B – *Levers v Morris* and Rule 58(2)(b). See also Schofield's Election Law, Volume 5, Appendix E, E20 (Shaw and Sons, 2008 as update by supplement issue no.1).

Doubtful ballot papers – rejected votes: Constituency

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Candidate A - Ymgeisydd A Party A - Plaid A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Candidate B - Ymgeisydd B Party B - Plaid B	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate C - Ymgeisydd C Party C - Plaid C	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate D - Ymgeisydd D Party D - Plaid D	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Candidate E - Ymgeisydd E Independent / Annibynnol	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate F - Ymgeisydd F Independent / Annibynnol	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate G - Ymgeisydd G Independent / Annibynnol	<input type="checkbox"/>

Reject – more than one vote given. Rule 58(1)(b).

National Assembly for Wales election Ballot paper to elect the Assembly Member for theconstituency	Etholiad Cynulliad Cenedlaethol Cymru Papur pleidleisio i ethol Aelod Cynulliad ar gyfer etholaeth
Vote for only one candidate by putting a cross <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in the box next to your choice	Pleidleiswch ar gyfer un ymgeisydd yn unig trwy roi croes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yn y blwch wrth ochr eich dewis
Candidate A - Ymgeisydd A Party A - Plaid A	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Candidate D - Ymgeisydd D Party D - Plaid D	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate E - Ymgeisydd E Independent / Annibynnol	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate F - Ymgeisydd F Independent / Annibynnol	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate G - Ymgeisydd G Independent / Annibynnol	<input type="checkbox"/>

Reject – voter can be identified. *Woodward v Sarsons*, *South Newington Case*, and Rule 58(1)(c).

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Reject – voter's intention uncertain. *Rowe v Cox* and Rule 58(1)(b).

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Candidate E - Ymgeisydd E Independent / Annibynnol	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate F - Ymgeisydd F Independent / Annibynnol	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate G - Ymgeisydd G Independent / Annibynnol	<input type="checkbox"/>

Reject – voter's intention uncertain. *Buckrose case* and Rule 58(1)(d).

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Candidate D - Ymgeisydd D Party D - Plaid D	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate E - Ymgeisydd E Independent / Annibynnol	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate F - Ymgeisydd F Independent / Annibynnol	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate G - Ymgeisydd G Independent / Annibynnol	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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Candidate F - Ymgeisydd F Independent / Annibynnol	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate G - Ymgeisydd G Independent / Annibynnol	<input type="checkbox"/>

Reject – ballot paper unmarked. Rule 58(1)(d).