









# Doubtful ballot papers – allowed votes: Constituency

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Election of Members of the Scottish Parliament for the [XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX] Constituency		
Vote for <b>only one candidate</b> by putting a cross in the box next to your choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
<b>Candidate A</b> A Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Candidate B</b> B Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Candidate C</b> Independent		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Candidate D</b> D Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Candidate E</b> Independent		<input type="checkbox"/>





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

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Vote for <b>only one candidate</b> by putting a cross in the box next to your choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
<b>Candidate A</b> A Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Candidate B</b> B Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Candidate C</b> Independent		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Candidate D</b> D Party		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Candidate E</b> Independent		<input type="checkbox"/>





Allow for candidate D – Rule 58(2)(c).

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Vote for <b>only one candidate</b> by putting a cross in the box next to your choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
<b>Candidate A</b> A Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Candidate B</b> B Party		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Candidate C</b> Independent		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Candidate D</b> D Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Candidate E</b> Independent		<input type="checkbox"/>





Allow for candidate B – Rule 58(2)(a) and (b).

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Vote for <b>only one candidate</b> by putting a cross in the box next to your choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
<b>Candidate A</b> A Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Candidate B</b> B Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Candidate C</b> Independent		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Candidate D</b> D Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Candidate E</b> Independent		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Allow for candidate E – Rule 58(2)(a) and (b).





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<b>Candidate A</b> A Party		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Candidate B</b> B Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Candidate C</b> Independent		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Candidate D</b> D Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Candidate E</b> Independent		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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





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<b>Candidate A</b> A Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Candidate B</b> B Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Candidate C</b> Independent		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Candidate D</b> D Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Candidate E</b> Independent		<input type="checkbox"/>

Candidate A

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

Election of Members of the Scottish Parliament for the [XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX] Constituency		
Vote for <b>only one candidate</b> by putting a cross in the box next to your choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
<b>Candidate A</b> A Party		4
<b>Candidate B</b> B Party		3
<b>Candidate C</b> Independent		1
<b>Candidate D</b> D Party		5
<b>Candidate E</b> Independent		2

Allow for candidate C – Rule 58(3).





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<b>Candidate A</b> A Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Candidate B</b> B Party		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Candidate C</b> Independent		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Candidate D</b> D Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Candidate E</b> Independent		<input type="checkbox"/>

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





# Doubtful ballot papers – rejected votes: Constituency

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Election of Members of the Scottish Parliament for the [XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX] Constituency		
Vote for <b>only one candidate</b> by putting a cross in the box next to your choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
<b>Candidate A</b> A Party		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Candidate B</b> B Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Candidate C</b> Independent		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Candidate D</b> D Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Candidate E</b> Independent		<input type="checkbox"/>





Reject – voted for more than one candidate. Rule 58(1)(b).

Election of Members of the Scottish Parliament for the [XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX] Constituency		
Vote for <b>only one candidate</b> by putting a cross in the box next to your choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
<b>Candidate A</b> A Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Candidate B</b> B Party		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Candidate C</b> Independent		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Candidate D</b> D Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Candidate E</b> Independent		<input type="checkbox"/>





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

Election of Members of the Scottish Parliament for the [XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX] Constituency		
Vote for <b>only one candidate</b> by putting a cross in the box next to your choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
<b>Candidate A</b> A Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Candidate B</b> B Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Candidate C</b> Independent	R. Brown 77 Poppy Drive 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Candidate D</b> D Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Candidate E</b> Independent		<input type="checkbox"/>





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

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Vote for <b>only one candidate</b> by putting a cross in the box next to your choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
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<b>Candidate B</b> B Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Candidate C</b> Independent		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Candidate D</b> D Party		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Candidate E</b> Independent		<input type="checkbox"/>





Reject – voted for more than one candidate. Rule 58(1)(b).

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Vote for <b>only one candidate</b> by putting a cross in the box next to your choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
<b>Candidate A</b> A Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Candidate B</b> B Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Candidate C</b> Independent		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Candidate D</b> D Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Candidate E</b> Independent		<input type="checkbox"/>





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

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Vote for <b>only one candidate</b> by putting a cross in the box next to your choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
<b>Candidate A</b> A Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Candidate B</b> B Party		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Candidate C</b> Independent		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Candidate D</b> D Party		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Candidate E</b> Independent		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Reject – Voting for more than one candidate. Rule 58(1)(b).

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<b>Candidate E</b> Independent		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Reject – voter's intention uncertain. Rule 58(1)(e).

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Vote for <b>only one candidate</b> by putting a cross in the box next to your choice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
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<b>Candidate B</b> B Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Candidate C</b> Independent		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Candidate D</b> D Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Candidate E</b> Independent		<input type="checkbox"/>

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