

Liberal Party of NL – Complaint Procedure under the Rules

The following complaint procedure, adopted by the Leadership Committee in its meeting on March 2, 2020, says as follows:

1. The complainant shall:
 - (a) Be a candidate;
 - (b) Be a member/supporter of the party at the relevant time in the context of the complaint; or,
 - (c) Be a person that was demonstrably impacted by any alleged breach of the rules.
2. No anonymous complaints will be accepted.
3. Complaints shall be made to the Leadership Committee within 7 calendar days of the alleged infringement of the Rules coming to the attention of the complainant.
4. Where the Committee decides to proceed with a complaint pursuant to section 6 herein, it shall be heard through a “documents only” process in which:
 - (a) the complainant provides its written complaint to the Leadership Committee;
 - (b) the Leadership Committee will provide the complainant’s written complaint to the campaign(s) concerned and they will be given the opportunity to respond by way written statement within a reasonable timeframe set at the discretion of the Leadership Committee.
 - (c) the Leadership Committee reserves the right to compel sworn affidavits to support complaints and/or written responses when it deems it appropriate to do so in its sole discretion.
5. A complaint shall demonstrate reasonable grounds to believe that a campaign has contravened the Rules and provide sufficient particulars to enable the Leadership Committee to make an informed decision. The Leadership Committee may, in its sole discretion, refuse to proceed with a complaint whereby the complainant failed to provide sufficient particulars or where it determines, in its sole discretion, there is no reasonable basis to pursue the matter further.
6. The Leadership Committee shall provide a written decision after receipt of the written complaint and the campaign response as soon as is practicable. The Leadership Committee shall release its written decision to the complainant and the campaign concerned.
7. Should the Leadership Committee find any contravention of the Rules, the Leadership Committee retains sole discretion to determine any corresponding penalty.
8. The Leadership Committee maintains sole discretion to amend this procedure as necessary.