

Media FAQs – Scottish Parliament Election

1. Venue Information

Where is the count?

Dundee International Sports Centre (DISC), Mains Loan, Dundee DD4 7AA.

Where is the media centre?

On the balcony/mezzanine.

Where are the toilets?

On the ground floor.

Is the venue accessible for wheelchair users?

The venue is accessible, but the media centre is not. Anyone with accessibility requirements should get in touch as soon as possible to discuss options:

pr@dundeecity.gov.uk

Are there accessible toilets available?

Yes.

2. Timing & Process

What time does the count start?

09:00 am, Friday 8 May 2026.

What time is the count expected to end?

Approximately 3pm.

How will results be announced?

By microphone by the Returning Officer.

Where can media obtain official results data?

From the council's media officer or when uploaded to the council website.

3. Accreditation & Entry

Do journalists need accreditation to attend the count?

Yes.

How do I apply for media accreditation?

Email pr@dundeecity.gov.uk

Is there a deadline for accreditation applications?

Yes. Friday 1 May 2026.

What security checks will take place on arrival?

All bags will be searched on arrival.

4. Parking & Logistics**Is there parking at the count?**

There are a limited number of parking spaces available on a first-come, first-served basis. If you require broadcast vehicle access, please let us know as soon as possible.

Are power points available for equipment?

Yes. However, there are only a limited number available. Please contact us to confirm your requirements to ensure there are enough for everyone.

Extension cables are not permitted.

Do my electronic devices need to be PAT tested?

Yes. You will be asked to confirm that all your electronic devices are PAT tested.

What happens if they are not PAT tested?

You will not be allowed to plug any devices into the provided sockets.

Is Wi-Fi available at the venue?

Yes, public Wi-Fi is available.

5. Media Access, Filming & Broadcasting**Am I allowed on the count floor?**

Yes.

Are TV cameras and photographers allowed inside the venue?

Yes, but only on the balcony/mezzanine unless otherwise authorised.

Are there restrictions on filming the count floor?

Media must not film or take photos on the count floor unless authorised.

Can interviews be conducted inside the venue?

Yes, but only on the balcony/mezzanine.

Are live broadcasts permitted inside the venue?

Yes.

Are media allowed to approach counting staff or candidates on the floor?

No.

Are audio feeds available for the count?

Yes. Audio feeds from the microphone are available—please get in touch for details.

Are there restrictions on social media updates during the count?

No.

6. Refreshments

Are there refreshments at the count for media?

Water will be available