Doubtful ballot papers - allowed votes: straightforward examples

Straightforward examples of allowed votes are provided here. All of these examples are based on the specific rules for the elections. Ultimately the decision on any particular ballot paper rests with the Local Returning Officer. References are to the Police and Crime Commissioner Elections Order 2012.

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Allow for Grey as first preference and Miller as second preference. Rule 53(2)(a) - vote marked elsewhere than in the proper place.



Allow for Williams as first preference and Jiang as second preference. Rule 53(2)(c) – vote marked by more than one mark.

Vote once 🗶 in column 1 for your fire Vote once 🔀 in column 2 for your se	t choice, an cond choice	d
	Column 1 first shoke	Column I sacond shelee
80073. Dusty The Longue of Line Dancers Candidate		
GREY, Earl The Mad Hatter's Tex Party Condition	Rez	
NOCO, Robin The Forest Party Candidate		
JANG, Mike Independent		Rez
MILLER, Windy The Alamatike Power Forum Candidate		
WILLIAMS, Rhys		

Allow for Grey as first preference and Jiang as second preference. Rule 53(2)(b) – vote marked otherwise than by means of a cross.

Vote once 🐹 in column 1 for your fin Vote once 😰 in column 2 for your se	at choice, an cond choice	nd .
	Column 1 first choice	Column 2 second choice
BOOTS, Dusty The League of Live Descens Candidate 🖀		
GREY, Earl The Med Hatter's Tele Party Candidates		\checkmark
HODD, Robin The Farest Party Candidate	\checkmark	
JANG, Mile Independent		
MILLER, Windy The Alternative Power Forum Candidate		
WILLIAMD, Rhys		-

Allow for Hood as first preference and Grey as second preference. Rule 53(2)(b) – vote marked otherwise than by means of a cross.

Doubtful ballot papers - allowed first preferences only

Suggested examples of allowed first preferences only are provided here. All of these examples are based on the specific rules for the elections. Ultimately the decision on any particular ballot paper rests with the Local Returning Officer. References are to the Police and Crime Commissioner Elections Order 2012.

References to Rule 53(1) should be read, in respect of a second preference vote, with Rule 60(5).



Allow for Boots as first preference and reject second preference – Rule 53(1)(b) - giving more than one second preference vote.

Vote once 🗶 in column 1 for your firs Vote once 🗶 in column 2 for your se	at choice, and choice	d
	Column 1 first choice	Column 2 second cheice
SOOTS, Dusty The League of Line Dancers Candidate 🖀		
GREY, Earl The Mail Hather's Teal Party Candidana 👘	Х	Х
HOOD, Robin The Famil Party Cancidate		
JIANG, Mise Independent		
MILLER, Windy The Alternative Power Forum Candidate 💥		
WILLIAMS, Rhys		-

Allow for Grey as first preference and second preference cannot be counted. Rule 60(2)(b) – second preference cannot be counted. If Grey has been eliminated from the contest, a ballot paper marked up in this way will not be included in the count of second preferences. If Grey has remained in the contest, the second preference is not included in the count because the voter has already given their first preference to Grey.

Vote once 🔀 in column 1 for your fir	st choice, and	
ton olde Managara to you se	Column 1 Colle	nn 2 mit
80075. Dusty The League of Line Dancers Candidate		
GREY, Earl The Mad Hatter's Teo Party Conditione	>	<
HOCO, Robin The Forest Party Candidate		
JANG, Mike independent		
MILLER, Windy The Alternative Power Forum Candidate 💥		

Allow for Grey as first preference, as equivalent to a cross in each box against Grey, and second preference cannot be counted. Rule 60(2) (b) – second preference cannot be counted.



Column 1 fest choice	Column 2 second cheks
	
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X	
	X

Allow for Grey as first preference and reject second preference. Rule 53(1)(e) – reject second preference vote as void for uncertainty as to the second preference vote. In this example, the inclusion of the candidate's name 'Miller' in the voting box conflicts with the cross in the second preference column and casts doubt over who the voter intended to vote for as to their second preference.

Doubtful ballot papers - allowed votes

Suggested examples of allowed votes are provided here. All of these examples are based on the specific rules for the elections. Ultimately the decision on any particular ballot paper rests with the Local Returning Officer. References are to the Police and Crime Commissioner Elections Order 2012.

Vote once 🔀 in column 1 for your first Vote once 🔀 in column 2 for your sec	choice, an ond choice	đ
	Column 1 Rest shoice	Column 2 second choice
BOOTS, Dusty The Lesgue of Live Dencers Candidate 🖀	\checkmark	X
GREY, Earl The Met Hatler's Tea Party Candidates	X	X
HOOD, Robin The Forest Party Carelidate	×	X
JANG, Miles Independent	Х	\checkmark
MILLER, Windy The Atlentative Power Forum Candidate	\times	X
WILLIAMS, Rhys	X	X

Allow for Boots as first preference and Jiang as second preference. Rule 53(2)(b) and (c) – vote marked otherwise than by means of a cross and by more than one mark. In this example, the voter's intention is clearly indicated through the use of 'ticks'. Crosses have been used consistently as a negative statement, rather than as an indication of a positive choice.



Allow for Jiang as first preference and Grey as second preference. Rule 53(2)(b) – vote marked otherwise than by means of a cross.

Vote once 🗶 in column 1 for your firs Vote once 🗶 in column 2 for your se	t choice, an cond choice	nd t
	Column 1 first choice	Column 2 second choice
80075, Dusty The League of Line Dancers Candidate 🖀	1	
GREY, Earl The Med Hatter's Tee Perly Cardotate		
RODD, Robin he Forest Party Cancidate		
JANG, Mise Integer dert		
MILLER, Windy The Alternative Power Forum Candidate		
WILLIAMS, Rhys		2

Allow for Boots as first preference and Williams as second preference. Rule 53(2)(b) – vote marked otherwise than by means of a cross.

Vote once 🗶 in column 1 for your first Vote once 😥 in column 2 for your se	it choice, an cond choice	đ
	Golume 1 Erest choice	Column 2 second shoice
BOOTS, Dusty The Leegue of Line Dencers Candidata 🖀	X	
GREY, Earl The Mad Hatter's Test Party Candidate		
HOOD, Robin The Forest Party Candidate		
JANG, Mike Independent		
MILLER, Wody The Alternative Power Forum Candidates 💥		\triangle
WILLIAMS, Rhys		

Allow for Boots as first preference and Miller as second preference. Rule 53(2)(b) – vote marked otherwise than by means of a cross (in relation to the second preference vote).

Vote once 🔀 in column 1 for your fin Vote once 🔀 in column 2 for your se	t choice, an cond choice	d
	Column 1 Erst shelce	Column 2 second of site
BOOTS, Dusty The League of Line Device's Candidates	1	
GREY, Earl The Mad Hatter's Tax Party Candidates		
HOOD, Robin The Forest Platy Cancildans	2	
JIANG, Mike independent		
MILLER, Windy The Alternative Power Forum Candidate 💥		
WILLIAMS, Rhys		

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Allow for Boots as first preference and Hood as second preference. Rule 53(2)(a) and (b) – vote marked elsewhere than in the proper place (in relation to the second preference vote) and otherwise than by means of a cross.

Vote once 🔀 in column 1 for your fin Vote once 🔀 in column 2 for your se	it choice, an cond choice	d
	Column 1 Reat shore	Column 2 second shelce
BOOTS, Busty The League of Line Darkers Candidate		
GREY, Earl The Med Haber's Tes Party Candidate		
HOCO, Robin The Forest Party Cancildans X		
JIANG, Mite Independent		
MILLER, Wridy The Alternative Power Forum Candidate		Χ
WILLIAMS, Rhys		

Allow for Hood as first preference and Miller as second preference. Rule 53(2)(a) – vote marked elsewhere than in the proper place (in relation to the first

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Vote once 🗶 in column 1 for your first Vote once 🗶 in column 2 for your se	t choice, an	d
	Column 1 first choice	Column 2 second choice
BOOTS, Dusty The League of Line Darkers Candidate		2
GREY, Earl The Mad Hatler's The Party Candidates		
HOOD, Robin The Forest Party Cantildate		
JANG, Miles Independent		1
MILLER, Windy The Alternative Power Forum Candidates		
WELLIAMS, Rhys Independent		

Allow for Jiang as first preference and Boots as second preference. Rule 53(2)(a) and (b) – vote marked elsewhere than in the proper place (in relation to the first preference vote) and otherwise than by means of a cross.

Vote once 🔀 in column 1 for your fe	st choice, an scond choice	d
1. Hopit 2. Mailtr	Column 1 Eret shoke	Column 2 second choice
BOOTS, Dusty The League of Line Directing Candidate		
GREY, Earl The Med Hatler's Tes Perty Candidate		
HOCO, Robin The Farest Party Cancidate		
JANG, Milan Independent		
MILLER, Wody The Alternative Power Forum Candidate 💥		
WILLIAMS, Rhys		-

Allow for Hood as first preference and Miller as second preference. 53(2)(a), (b) and (c) – vote marked elsewhere than in the proper place, otherwise than by means of a cross and by more than one mark.

Doubtful ballot papers – rejected votes

Suggested examples of rejected votes are provided here. All of these examples are based on the specific rules for the elections. Ultimately the decision on any particular ballot paper rests with the Local Returning Officer.

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Vote once 🕱 in column 1 for your fin Vote once 🕱 in column 2 for your se	at choice, an cond choice	d
	Column 1 Bret shoke	Column 2 second shake
BOOTS, Dusty The League of Line Dansers Candidate 🖀		
GREY, Earl The Med Haller's Tes Perty Candidate		
HOOD, Robin The Forest Party Candidate	X	
JIANG, Mike Independent		
MILLER, Wody The Alternative Power Forum Candidate		
WELLIAMS, Rhys	X	



Rule 53(1)(d) - Ballot paper is unmarked.

Vote once 😰 in column 1 for your first choice, and			
lote once 🔀 in column 2 for your set	cond choice	ŝ.	
F. Brown 5 River Close AT15 GYC	Column 1 first choice	Column 2 second choice	
SOOTS, Dusty The League of Line Dancers Candidate 🖀			
GREY, Earl The Mild Hadler's Tee Perty Candidates	Х		
HOCO, Robin The Forest Party Candidate		×	
ZANG, Mitan Independent			
MILLER, Wody The Attentiaties Prever Forum Candidates 💥			
WILLIAMS, Rhys			



Reject. Rule 53(1)(e) – void for uncertainty as to the first preference vote. It is unclear whether the 1 in the second preference column is intended as a first preference vote o whether the voter used a 1 in the second column to indicate their second preference vote. rence vote or

Vote once 🗵 in column 1 for your first choice, and Vote once 🔟 in column 2 for your second choice		
	Column 1 Eret choice	Column 2 second shake
BOOTS, Dusty The League of Line Dancers Candidate 🖀		
GREY, Earl The Med Hatler's Tes Perty Candidates		
HOOD, Robin The Forest Party Candidate		
JANG, Mita Independent		
MILLER, Wody The Alternative Prever Forum Candidate 💥		
WILLIAMS, Rhys Independent	X	×

Vote once 🕱 in column 1 for your first choice, and Vote once 🕱 in column 2 for your second choice		
	Column 1 Eret shoke	Column 2 second chalse
BOOTS, Dusty The League of Line Dancers Candidate 🖀		X
GREY, Earl The Med Haller's Tes Perty Candidate		
HOOD, Robin The Forest Party Cancidate		
JIANG, Mitan Independent		
MILLER, Wody The Alternative Power Forum Candidate 💥		
WILLIAMS, Rhys		_

Reject. Rule 53(1)(e) – void for uncertainty as to the first preference vote. In this example, the cross in the second column could mean the voter intended to vote for Boots as their second preference and forgot to mark their first preference, or it could mean that they intended to vote for Boots as their first preference. It is therefore not clearly apparent whether the vote was intended as a first preference





Vote once 🗶 in column 1 for your first choice, and Vote once 🗶 in column 2 for your second choice		
	Column 1 first choice	Column 2 second choice
BOOTS, Dusty The League of Line Dancers Candidate		
GREY, Earl The Med Hatter's Tole Party Candidate	X	
HOCO, Robin The Fuest Party Cascidate		
JANG, Mile Independent		X
MILLER, Windy The Alternative Power Forum Candidate		
WILLIAMS, Rhys		

Reject. Rule 53(1)(e) – void for uncertainty as to the first preference vote. In this example, the inclusion of the candidate's name 'Hood' next to the cross against Grey casts doubt over who the voter intended to vote for as a first preference. As a result, no first preference vote is clearly apparent.

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