



Elections

Regulations

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NOTTINGHAM TRENT STUDENTS' UNION

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These regulations will apply to all candidates running in the Main Executive, Part Time Executive, Equality and Diversity Network Chair, Confetti Officer and Mansfield Officer Elections. Sports and society committees and School Officers will have their own regulations.

Anybody found to have broken these regulations or the rules will be subject to sanctions at the discretion of the Elections Committee, which could include disqualification.

1. Rules and regulations

- 1.1. The Elections Committee has the power to add, amend or remove regulations at any stage during the elections period. These will be communicated appropriately, should they occur.
- 1.2. Anybody found to have broken these rules and regulations will be subject to sanctions at the discretion of the Elections Committee, which could include disqualification. The rules are defined in the [NTSU Democratic Procedures Document](#).

2. Eligibility to run

- 2.1. Candidates who are running for a full-time position (President or Vice President Roles) may not run for any other position.
- 2.2. Candidates who are running for a Student Council position (President and Vice Presidents, Equality and Diversity Network Chairs, Brackenhurst Officer, Confetti Officer, Mansfield Officer) may only run for one of these roles as they cannot hold more than one seat on Student Council.
- 2.3. Candidates running for a part-time position may also run for or hold School Officer, society & sports club positions.
- 2.4. To stand for any position, the individual must be a fully enrolled student at Nottingham Trent University at the time of nomination.
 - 2.4.1. To stand for any part time officer position, the individual must intend to remain a fully enrolled student at Nottingham Trent University throughout their term in office.
 - 2.4.2. To stand for the Vice President Postgraduate position, the individual must be currently enrolled on a postgraduate course at NTU.
 - 2.4.3. To stand for the Brackenhurst Officer, Confetti Officer or Mansfield Officer positions, the individual must be currently enrolled on a course registered at the respective campus.
 - 2.4.4. To stand for a Network Chair or Vice Chair Position, the individual must be a member of the respective network.

3. Campaign Budget

- 3.1. Candidates for Executive Team positions will be allowed to spend up to £80 for their election campaigns.
- 3.2. Mansfield and Confetti Officer Candidates will be allowed to spend up to £30 for their election campaigns.
- 3.3. Network Chair or Vice Chair Candidates are not permitted to spend any money for their election campaign. They are also not permitted to use any items or services which other candidates would not reasonably have access to free of charge.
- 3.4. All spending related to an election campaign must be declared to NTSU, and any overspends will incur sanctions at the discretion of the Elections Committee.
- 3.5. Failure to declare spending by the specified time will lead to discretionary sanctions. We will not release election results until we have received declarations and receipts from all candidates.
- 3.6. Campaign budgets will be reimbursed providing the candidate receives at least 5% of the vote share in their category.
- 3.7. Any items obtained for free or discounted for the purpose of campaigning, will be assigned a market

value. This will be at the discretion of the Elections Committee.

- 3.8. Pre-owned items that are used for campaigning, and that explicitly feature a candidate's image, brand or motto/slogan will be assigned a cost at the discretion of the Elections Committee.

3.8.1. It will be at the sole discretion of Elections Committee to determine whether any items are not pre-owned, and therefore assigned a cost.

4. Campaigning

- 4.1. Campaigning must not take place outside of the designated period:

- 4.1.1. Digital campaigning opens at 9am on Monday 5th March 2023;
- 4.1.2. All other campaigning opens at 8pm on Friday 10th March 2023;
- 4.1.3. Campaigning closes at 5pm on Friday 17th March 2023;
- 4.1.4. Notwithstanding points 4.1.1.–4.1.3., candidates are permitted to wear their own campaign material for the purposes of official NTSU hustings prior to the start of campaigning. This provision does not extend to any other campaigners.

- 4.2. Attendance to a candidate briefing is mandatory.

- 4.3. Campaigning must be lawful, considerate, fair, and positive. Candidates and campaigners should consider their safety and welfare of themselves and others whilst campaigning.

- 4.4. A list of relevant laws and policies which must be adhered to, can be found [here](#).

- 4.5. Candidates cannot use NTSU, NTU, NTU Sport or any NTU School branding as part of their campaign. This includes the use of any of the NTSU brands, which includes, but is not limited to: District, Trent Army, Fluid, etc.

- 4.6. Candidates are entirely and completely responsible for the actions made when people are campaigning on their behalf. This is regardless of their relationship and is inclusive of social media activity.

- 4.7. Campaigners and candidates must not harass and pressure students into voting.

- 4.8. Candidates and campaigners must not influence a student whilst they are voting.

- 4.9. Campaigns cannot be sponsored or endorsed by trade unions, political parties, local venues, or any other external organisation or entity.

- 4.10. Candidates and campaigners who are also employed by NTSU, must not campaign whilst they are on shift. Any candidate or campaigner found doing this may be subject to HR proceedings.

- 4.11. Campaigning in halls of residence will not be permitted.

- 4.12. Campaigning must not take place in NTU Sport gym facilities or changing rooms.

- 4.13. The Elections Committee will define further physical areas on each campus where campaigning cannot take place. This will be communicated in due course.

- 4.14. The Elections Committee will take into consideration the views of NTU regarding space and campaigning.

- 4.15. Candidates and campaigners must not use their own personal mobile devices (including, but not limited to mobile phones and tablets) to enable students to vote and must not watch or stand near students whilst they are voting.

- 4.16. Candidates and campaigners may make reference to and/or challenge the policies and manifestos of other candidates. Candidates and campaigners must not direct personal attacks at other candidates.

- 4.17. Campaigners must be current students of Nottingham Trent University. Campaigner is defined by any individual influencing another to vote for their chosen candidate.

4.17.1. For the avoidance of doubt NTU graduates or alumni who are not currently studying on a course at NTU may not be a campaigner.

- 4.18. Societies and sports clubs may endorse candidates, providing the decision to do so is made democratically.

4.18.1. Trent TV, Platform Magazine and Fly Live will not be allowed to endorse candidates.

- 4.19. Campaigning may not take place at Society and Sport Club sessions unless permission has previously been granted by the Society / Club or their committee.

5. Publicity

- 5.1. Publicity must be appropriate for public display and inoffensive. Candidates are asked to bear in mind the different demographics of students they will be representing. Elections Committee will have sole discretion for determining what is offensive.

- 5.2. Publicity must be checked by Elections Committee before it is used. Unchecked publicity on display will be removed immediately and no refunds or reimbursement will be given. Elections Committee will respond to publicity checks by 10am the following working day after it is submitted.
- 5.3. Digital publicity is embargoed until 5th March 2023 at 9am. This means no publicity can be released until then.
 - 5.3.1. All other publicity is embargoed until 8pm on 10th March 2023. This means no publicity, with the exception of digital publicity, can be released until then.
- 5.4. Candidates must obtain permission from building managers before placing publicity in a building. NTSU prohibits publicity in its own building by candidates, in accordance with the building management team.
- 5.5. Ink stamps must not be used during campaigning.
- 5.6. NTSU and NTU can remove any publicity without warning if it feels it needs to.
- 5.7. If the Elections Committee ask you to remove any online content regarding elections, you must do so immediately.

6. Results

- 6.1. Results will be calculated in accordance with the [Democratic Procedures Document](#)
- 6.2. Results can only be calculated once the complaint deadline has passed (One hour after the close of voting).
- 6.3. The count is electronic, so there is no physical process to observe. In this instance, candidates or campaigners are entitled to have the counting system explained to them should they wish to.