



# ***Elections Regulations***

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# NTSU Elections Regulations 2025

**These regulations will apply to all candidates running in the Full-Time Executive, Part-Time Executive, and Mansfield Officer Elections. Sport Clubs and Society Committees 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](#).
- 1.3. If sanctions have been issued to candidates, as per regulation 1.2, they will be published on the NTSU website.

## 2. Eligibility to run

- 2.1. Candidates may only run for one officer position (including Full-Time Executive, Part-Time Executive, and Mansfield Officer).
- 2.2. Candidates running for a part-time position may also run for society committee and sport club committee positions.
- 2.3. To stand for any position, the individual must be a fully enrolled student at Nottingham Trent University at the time of nomination.
  - 2.3.1. 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.
  - 2.3.2. To stand for the Vice President Postgraduate position, the individual must be currently enrolled on a postgraduate course at NTU.
  - 2.3.3. To stand for the Brackenhurst Officer, or Mansfield Officer positions, the individual must be currently enrolled on a course registered at the respective campus.

## 3. Campaign Budget

- 3.1. Candidates for Executive Team positions will be allowed to spend up to £60 for their election campaigns.
- 3.2. Mansfield Officer candidates will be allowed to spend up to £25 for their election campaigns.
- 3.3. 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, inclusive of possible disqualification.
- 3.4. Failure to declare spending by the specified time will lead to discretionary sanctions, inclusive of possible disqualification. We will not release election results until we have received declarations and receipts from all candidates.
- 3.5. Campaign budgets will be reimbursed providing the candidate receives at least 5% of the vote share in their category.
- 3.6. Any items obtained for free, or at a discounted price, for the purpose of campaigning, will be assigned a

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

- 3.7. 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.
  - 3.7.1. It will be at the sole discretion of the 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. Campaigning opens at **12 midday (GMT+0) on Monday 3rd March 2025;**
  - 4.1.2. Campaigning closes at **12 midday (GMT+0) on Thursday 13th March 2025;**
- 4.2. Attendance at 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 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.
- 4.6. Candidates and campaigners must not harass and pressure students into voting.
- 4.7. Candidates and campaigners must not influence a student whilst they are voting.
- 4.8. Candidates and campaigners must not use their own personal mobile devices to enable students to vote, and must not watch or stand near students whilst they are voting.
- 4.9. Candidates and campaigners must never cast a student's vote on their behalf.
- 4.10. Campaigns cannot be sponsored or endorsed by trade unions, political parties, local venues, or any other external organisation or entity.
- 4.11. Campaigns cannot be endorsed, or perceived to be endorsed, by NTSU or NTU.
- 4.12. Candidates and campaigners who are also employed by NTSU or NTU, must not campaign whilst they are on shift. Any candidate or campaigner found doing this may be subject to HR proceedings.
  - 4.12.1. Candidates and campaigners who are also employed by NTSU or NTU, must not campaign while wearing their work uniform.
- 4.13. Campaigning in halls of residence will not be permitted.
- 4.14. Campaigning must not take place in NTU Sport gym facilities or changing rooms.
- 4.15. The Elections Committee will define further physical areas on each campus where campaigning cannot take place. This will be communicated in due course.
- 4.16. The Elections Committee will take into consideration the views of NTU regarding space and campaigning.
- 4.17. Candidates and campaigners may make reference to and/or challenge the policies, manifestos, and conduct of other candidates. Candidates and campaigners must not direct personal attacks at other candidates.
- 4.18. Campaigners must be current students at Nottingham Trent University. A campaigner is defined as any individual influencing another to vote for their chosen candidate.
  - 4.18.1. For the avoidance of doubt NTU graduates or alumni who are not currently studying on a course at NTU may not be a campaigner.
- 4.19. Societies and sports clubs may endorse candidates, providing the decision to do so is made democratically.
  - 4.19.1. Trent TV, Platform Magazine and Fly Live will not be allowed to endorse candidates.
- 4.20. 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. No publicity may be released until Monday 3rd March 2025 at 12 midday (GMT+0).
- 5.4. Candidates must obtain permission from building managers before placing publicity in a building. NTSU prohibits publicity in its own building by candidates.
- 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.

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