

# TRENT X ELECTIONS

ELECTION

REGULATIONS

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# NTSU Elections Regulations 2026

**These regulations will apply to all candidates running in the Full-Time Executive 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 Deputy Returning Officer (DRO), which could include disqualification.**

## 1. Rules and regulations

- 1.1. The DRO 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 DRO, which could include disqualification. The rules are defined in Part 6 of the [NTSU Byelaws](#).
- 1.3. If sanctions have been issued to candidates, as per regulation 1.2, they will be published on the NTSU website.

## 2. Nominations

- 2.1. Nominees may only nominate themselves for one Full Time Executive Officer position.
- 2.2. To stand for any position, the individual must be a fully enrolled student at Nottingham Trent University at the time of nomination, and intend to be so for the duration of the election period.
- 2.3. Candidates must provide NTSU with:
  - 2.3.1. Their full name (and their name as they would like it to appear on the ballot).
  - 2.3.2. Their university student ID number (N number or equivalent).
  - 2.3.3. A recent and appropriate headshot photograph of the candidate that will be used on the ballot paper.
  - 2.3.4. A maximum 200-word statement that will be placed on the ballot paper. It is advised that this is inclusive of a minimum of 3 priorities if they were to be elected into office.
- 2.4. Nominees will be considered candidates at the point in which their candidacy is announced to the membership.

## 3. Campaign Budget

- 3.1. Candidates for Executive Team positions will be allowed to spend up to £60 for their election campaigns.
- 3.2. All spending related to an election campaign must be declared to NTSU, and any overspends will incur sanctions at the discretion of the DRO, inclusive of possible disqualification.
- 3.3. 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.
- 3.4. Campaign budgets will be reimbursed providing the candidate receives at least 5% of the vote share in their category.
- 3.5. 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 DRO.
- 3.6. 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 DRO.

3.6.1. It will be at the sole discretion of the DRO 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 9am on Monday 2nd March**

4.1.2. **Campaigning closes at 5pm on Friday 13th March**

4.2. Attendance at a Candidate Briefing is mandatory. Candidates will not be permitted to continue with their candidacy if they do not attend. These will take place on the following dates:

4.2.1. **Friday 20th February**

4.2.2. **Monday 23rd February**

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 can have a designated campaign team of any size.

4.6. All the names of individuals and student groups who make up this campaign team must be provided to the DRO before they can participate.

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

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

4.8. Candidates can add members to their campaign team at any point during the elections process.

4.9. Candidates are responsible for the actions of their campaign team. This is inclusive of social media activity.

4.10. Candidates and campaigners must not harass or pressure students into voting.

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

4.12. 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.

4.13. Candidates and campaigners must never cast a student's vote on their behalf.

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

4.15. Campaigns cannot be endorsed, or perceived to be endorsed, by NTSU or NTU.

4.16. 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.

4.16.1. Candidates and campaigners who are also employed by NTSU or NTU, must not campaign while wearing their work uniform.

4.17. Campaigning in halls of residence will not be permitted.

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

4.19. The DRO will define further physical areas on each campus where campaigning cannot take place. This will be communicated in due course.

4.20. The DRO will take into consideration the views of NTU regarding space and campaigning.

4.21. 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.

4.22. Campaigners must be current students at Nottingham Trent University. A campaigner is defined as any individual influencing another to vote for their chosen candidate.

4.23. 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. The DRO will have sole discretion for determining what is offensive.
- 5.2 Publicity must be checked by NTSU before it is used. Unchecked publicity on display will be removed immediately and no refunds or reimbursement will be given. NTSU will respond to publicity checks by 10am the following working day after it is submitted.
- 5.3 Candidates must obtain permission from building managers before placing publicity in a building.
- 5.4 NTSU and NTU can remove any publicity without warning if it feels it needs to.
- 5.5 If the DRO asks you to remove any online content regarding elections, you must do so immediately.

## 6. **Results**

- 6.1. Results will be calculated in accordance with part 6, section 6 of [NTSU Byelaws](#).
- 6.2. The results cannot be counted until after the complaints deadline.
  - 6.2.1. The complaints deadline will be 1 hour after voting closes.
- 6.3. The count is electronic, so there is no physical process to observe. Candidates and campaigners are entitled to have the counting system explained to them should they wish to.
- 6.4. If a candidate stands down from their role, either prior to starting, or shortly after starting their post, NTSU reserve the right to consider returning to the results to appoint another suitable candidate.



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