

Trinity Mathematical Society Rules

Note: Throughout these rules the meanings of the words “Society”, “Member” and “Membership” will be assumed to be understood in the context of the Trinity Mathematical Society, and shall refer to this Society unless otherwise stated.

1 Name and Object

1. The Society shall be called the Trinity Mathematical Society.
2. The object of the Society shall be the promotion of activities pertaining to the Mathematical Sciences, and the furtherance of social intercourse among its Members.

2 Membership

1. The Society shall consist of Ordinary Members, Associate Members and Honorary Members.
2. All members of Trinity College, and no others, may apply for Ordinary Membership. Members of other Colleges, and no others, may apply for Associate Membership. Senior members of the University and (in special cases) others may be invited to Honorary Membership.
3. The Members of the Society and their status (Ordinary, Associate or Honorary) shall be as described in a designated Membership Book, kept by the Society.
 - (a) With regard to those who matriculated in or after 2003, the Membership Book shall be definitive.
 - (b) With regard to others, any claim to Membership shall be decided by the Committee of the Society, and, in cases of dispute, the Senior Treasurer (see section 4). If a claim is decided to be valid, the name of the claimant shall be inscribed in the Membership Book.
4. Ordinary, Associate or Honorary Membership commences when the name of the Member is inscribed in the Membership Book by the Secretary.
5. Ordinary or Associate Membership is instigated at the request of the applicant, accompanied by the appropriate subscription.
6. Honorary Membership is instigated upon the acceptance of an invitation to the same issued by the Committee, as a consequence of a majority vote at a Committee Meeting.
7. An Honorary Member may maintain an Ordinary Membership.
8. Membership shall not expire, unless a Member causes the Secretary (or, in the case of the Secretary, the President) to be notified of their desire to resign, or they fail to pay a subscription, or as provided in the following rule.
9. The Committee, acting unanimously, may revoke the Membership of any Member whose actions are likely to bring the Society into disrepute. Anybody whose Membership is so revoked may require the Committee to call a meeting of the Society within fourteen days of Full Term to consider reinstatement. Nobody whose Membership has been revoked shall regain Membership save by reinstatement.
10. If a Membership ceases, the Secretary shall strike the corresponding name from the Membership Book.
11. The Committee, acting on behalf of the Society, may enter into reciprocal arrangements with other College Societies. These shall be detailed in the Standing Orders.

3 Subscriptions

1. The total subscription for Ordinary or Associate Membership shall be specified in the Standing Orders.
2. There shall be no subscription for Honorary Membership.

4 Committee and Senior Treasurer

1. The affairs of the Society shall be managed by a Committee consisting of at least three Officers, who shall be Ordinary Members of the Society: a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and up to three others. The roles of the Committee shall be detailed in the Standing Orders. The partial map from Officers to Ordinary Members shall be injective.
2. An election of Officers shall take place at the last meeting of the Society in each Lent Term, or as soon thereafter as possible, and the Officers elected shall assume office by the last meeting of the academic year. Any Officer may be re-elected.
3. The Committee may invite any Ordinary Member to occupy a vacant Committee position between elections of Officers.
4. The Committee shall be responsible for the arrangement of proceedings at meetings, and for the provision of meeting-places and refreshments.
5. There shall be a Senior Treasurer, who shall be a senior member of the University. The Senior Treasurer shall be ex officio an Honorary Member of the Society. They shall audit the accounts of the Society annually, and shall see to the continued beneficial functioning of the Society. Should the post fall vacant, the Committee shall invite within fourteen days of Full Term a willing senior member of the University to occupy the post.

5 Meetings

1. The Society shall hold at least two meetings in each Full Term except in the Easter Term. Business involving the election of Officers or the alteration of these Rules must be transacted at a meeting, and may not be transacted outside of Full Term.
2. The right to transact business shall be restricted to Ordinary Members in statu pupillari; voting on such business shall require a simple majority of those present and voting. The President of the society shall not vote, except to break a tied vote. No person may vote at the meeting at which they became an Ordinary Member.
3. The quorum required to transact business shall be the smaller of six and the greatest integer less than or equal to the square root of the number of Ordinary Members in statu pupillari, as determined from the Membership Book.
4. The items of business that may be transacted are:
 - (a) Election of Officers;
 - (b) Dismissal from Office of Officers;
 - (c) Reinstatement of Membership to a person whose Membership has been revoked;
 - (d) Approval of accounts;
 - (e) Amendment of these Rules.
5. The Secretary shall keep a list of Standing Orders, which shall be determined by the Committee in a (minuted) meeting.
6. No person may be nominated to any position against their will. Reopen Nominations (RON) is always nominated for election.

7. If Officers are to be elected, the President shall ensure that nominations for election are open for at least 1 week. The President shall give the society at least 1 weeks notice of:
 - (a) The place and time of the meeting;
 - (b) The complete list of nominees for election;
 - (c) An ordinary member who is not a nominee to act as returning officer.
8. The election of officers shall be by secret ballot, with votes counted by the returning officer. If RON is elected, the committee shall appoint an Ordinary Member to fulfil the duties of the Officer until a new Officer is elected. In this event, rule 4.2 continues to apply. The election shall be minuted, and the list of members present for each vote, and the results of each vote, shall be disseminated to the society.
9. The Senior Treasurer shall interpret the constitution in the event of disputes, and arbitrate any other disputes lying outside of the competence of the officers.

6 Attendance at Meetings and Guests

1. The following and only the following may attend any meetings:
 - (a) Members of the Society;
 - (b) Members of other College Societies as detailed in the Standing Orders;
 - (c) Any person whose admission to meetings is required as a condition of affiliation to the Archimedean;
 - (d) Those not falling into any of the above categories, at the discretion of the Committee, on payment of a sum to be decided by the Committee before each meeting.
2. Notwithstanding the above, no person who has had their Membership revoked and not reinstated shall be permitted to attend a meeting other than one at which the Society is considering their reinstatement.

7 Affiliation

1. The Society shall be affiliated to the Archimedean.
2. The Society shall be operated in a manner so as to meet any conditions required for affiliation to the Archimedean, provided that they do not conflict with these Rules and provided that no condition shall be imposed that is, in the opinion of the Committee, detrimental to the continued beneficial functioning of the Society.
3. The Society may empower the Archimedean to act on behalf of the Society as specified in the Standing Orders.

8 Liability

1. Nobody associated with the Society (Member, Officer or Senior Treasurer) shall be held liable for any undertaking (financial or otherwise) by or on behalf of the Society that the person has not specifically authorised.