

# nasta

constitution

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# basics

## 1 | Name

1. The name of the association shall be the National Student Television Association, abbreviated to NaSTA ('the Association').

## 2 | Definitions

1. Student Television shall be defined as:  
*"A television station based at, or linked to a place of education. The station can be broadcasting by any means, inactive or in the process of setting up."*
2. The Members shall be defined as:  
*"All stations, individuals and associate members as defined in the 'Affiliation' section"*
3. A Policy shall be defined as:  
*"A written document that sets out a clear aim or statement of intent that shall be implemented across every activity of NaSTA. They must be voted as a policy at a General Meeting and are active for three years from the date of being voted on."*
4. An Operational Document shall be defined as:  
*"A written document that sets out the protocol or method of implementation of an activity undertaken by NaSTA."*

# aims

## 3 | Aims and Objectives

1. NaSTA will encourage and facilitate the communication between student television stations.
2. NaSTA will offer support and advice to new student television stations.
3. NaSTA will bring together stations for an annual conference and awards ceremony.
4. NaSTA will represent student television stations on a national level and push for greater recognition among the industry of the work of student television stations.

# affiliation

## 4 | Affiliation

1. Affiliation to NaSTA shall be open to all student television stations in Eire, England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales.
2. Affiliations shall last for a full calendar year.
3. Members of affiliated stations have the following rights:
  1. *To attend the annual conference and awards.*
  2. *To have their programming entered into the awards.*
  3. *To propose policies, operational documents and amendments to current policies and operational documents.*
  4. *To propose changes to the NaSTA constitution.*
  5. *To vote on issues raised at General Meetings.*

# hosting

## 5 | The Host Station

1. The host station shall be the station hosting the annual conference, including the Annual General Meeting (A.G.M.) and award ceremony.
2. Each year at the A.G.M stations wishing to host the following conference should make themselves known and present a proposal. A decision should then be made by normal voting procedure either at the A.G.M. or within four weeks after it.
3. Hosting will run from the beginning of the summer after the A.G.M. of appointment to the following summer. There will be a handover period commencing after the conference from current hosts to appointed hosts.
4. Additionally the host station shall have the following responsibilities:
  1. *To release an agenda for the A.G.M. to all affiliate stations at least four weeks prior to the event.*
  2. *To secure appropriate judges for the awards.*
  3. *To maintain the NaSTA website.*
  4. *To represent NaSTA on a national scale, including dealings with the press.*
  5. *To carry out the aims and objectives of NaSTA as expressed in section 3.*

# conference

## **6 | The Annual Conference and Awards**

1. The NaSTA conference and awards shall take place annually over the Easter break.
2. The conference should last for two to four days and include the A.G.M. and an awards ceremony.
3. Other than the inclusion of an A.G.M. and the awards ceremony the events included in the conference are at the discretion of the host station.

# awards

## 7 | The Awards

1. The list of awards is included in Appendix 1.
2. Any changes to the list of awards must be submitted in writing to the host station before the end of the calendar year.
3. The host station may add or remove up to two additional categories from any submitted for the award ceremony of that year.
4. These additional categories may be voted onto, or removed from the permanent list at the A.G.M. of the award ceremony.
5. Entries to the awards must conform to the rules set by the host stations. These rules should always include:
  1. *No entry can be part of a piece of assessed coursework.*
  2. *The entries must be created by members of the affiliated station*
  3. *The entries must have been created since previous year's submission deadline.*

# meetings

## 8 | General Meetings

1. There shall be at least one general meeting per year, including the A.G.M.
2. The A.G.M. will take place during the annual conference.
3. Quorum for the A.G.M. shall be 75% of affiliated stations.
4. Apart from amendments to the constitution, all votes at the A.G.M. will be passed by straight majority rule, with one member from each station being allowed to vote.
5. In the event on an emergency general meeting being called member stations shall be given at least ten days notice.
6. Emergency general meetings should be held at a location that is found to be the most convenient to the majority of affiliated stations.

# finance

## 9 | Finance

1. The National Student Television Association shall not be a profit maximising body.
2. The host station shall set the affiliation fee.
3. Monies raised from affiliation and delegate fees must be spent only on achieving the aims of NaSTA as defined in section 3.

# constitution

## 10 | The Constitution

1. Amendments to the NaSTA constitution can be proposed by any member of a NaSTA affiliated station.
2. Amendments must be carried by a two thirds majority of affiliated stations at a general meeting.
3. Amendments come into effect from the close of the meeting at which they are passed.

# appendix

## **A1 | Award Categories**

- ▶ News and Current Affairs
- ▶ Documentary
- ▶ Factual
- ▶ Drama
- ▶ Comedy
- ▶ Light Entertainment
- ▶ Music
- ▶ Video to Music
- ▶ Station Ident
- ▶ Title Sequence
- ▶ Promo
- ▶ Live
- ▶ Open
- ▶ Best On-Screen Male
- ▶ Best On-Screen Female
- ▶ Best Broadcaster



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