

## Rules of the National Ballot

[Rules 1100–1122 in the NUS UK Articles and Rules](#) set out the arrangements for a national ballot. In accordance with Article 41.2, The Chief Returning Officer (CRO) is responsible for the conduct of a national ballot, and will therefore make rulings beyond those set out in Rules 1100-1122.

### Voting rules

1. The vote must be conducted via your union's sovereign policy making body (in accordance with article 41.2)
2. When putting the question to your members, you must use the exact wording as provided by the CRO.
3. The question on the ballot must ask for a yes or no response.
4. Unions may not split their vote (in accordance with Rule 1115). This means that unions will submit one vote which represents the majority view of their members.
5. Once the vote has been cast unions will be unable to re-vote.
6. Each union's vote will be worth the full time equivalent (FTE) student numbers in their institution (in accordance with Rule 1114). These will be the same numbers used for calculating your delegate entitlement to National Conference.
7. No votes will be accepted after the close of the national ballot – 12 noon on Thursday 8 December
8. Any complaints in relation to the rules should be made in writing to the CRO by email to [governanceteam@nus.org.uk](mailto:governanceteam@nus.org.uk), stating which rule you feel has been broken and providing any relevant evidence.
9. The CRO will respond to all complaints within 48 hours, and will not declare the result of the national ballot until all complaints are closed. The CRO's decision will be final.
10. Any complaint must be submitted before the close of the national ballot. No complaints will be accepted after this deadline.

## Informing NUS of your union's vote

Submit your vote via the online form by 12 noon on Thursday 8 December 2016.

The form will require you to provide your union's secure code and the result of your union's vote. You will also be asked to complete the following checklist:

### Checklist

- I have read and understood the national ballot question.
- The decision on the vote has been passed through our sovereign policy making body using the exact wording provided by the CRO.

If you require additional information or want to request this document in another format:  
Contact NUS and the Chief Returning Officer at [governanceteam@nus.org.uk](mailto:governanceteam@nus.org.uk)

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