



Trinity College Dublin Freshers Fair Regulations 2026

Participation in the TCD Freshers Fair is restricted to Trinity's recognised Capitulated Bodies, their authorised representatives, and the student organisations formally recognised by them. This includes:

- University Societies recognised by the Dublin University Central Societies Committee (CSC);
- University Clubs recognised by DUCAC/Trinity Sport Union (TSU);
- student publications recognised by Trinity Publications; and
- the Trinity College Dublin Students' Union (TCDSU) and its authorised representatives.

For the purposes of these Regulations, the Capitulated Bodies, recognised Clubs, Societies and publications, and authorised representatives listed above will collectively be referred to as "Recognised Groups".

The Central Societies Committee (CSC) and TCDSU jointly prepare the Event Management Plan (EMP) for the Freshers Fair each year and are the official Event Managers for the event.

No other student group, organisation, internal or external body may operate a stand or otherwise participate in the Freshers Fair unless expressly authorised by the Event Managers.

The TCD Freshers Fair 2026 will take place on Tuesday 15th, Wednesday 16th and Friday 18th September 2026. Set-up may begin from 9.00 a.m. each day, with the Fair opening to students at 10.00 a.m. The Fair will finish no later than 3.00 p.m. each day.

1. Stands may only be set up from 9.00 a.m. on each day of the Freshers Fair.
2. No queuing for tables or chairs will be permitted before 9.00 a.m.
3. Each Recognised Group may sign out ONE table and no more than TWO chairs from the foyer of the Examination Hall. The sign-in/sign-out system will be managed by members of the CSC Executive.
4. Each Recognised Group is responsible for returning its table and chairs. These must be signed back in by 3.00 p.m. at the latest. Any Recognised Group that fails to return its table or chairs may not be permitted to sign out furniture on subsequent days.
5. All stands must be staffed by current students or staff of Trinity College Dublin. External organisations, representatives or other third parties may not operate or staff a stand, or establish a separate presence alongside a Recognised Group, without the prior approval of the Event Managers.
6. The Freshers Fair will operate using the "Market Square" layout. Rows of stands will be set up back-to-back. Paved pathways must be kept clear at all times. All Recognised Groups must operate their stands within Front Square.

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7. Recognised Groups must operate from the stand or area allocated to them by the Event Managers and may not establish additional stands or displays elsewhere in Front Square without prior approval.
8. The area between Front Gate and the beginning of Centre Walk must not be obstructed. Recognised Groups may not distribute flyers or other materials on the central path leading to Front Arch, under Front Arch, or between Front Arch and Front Gate. Flyers or other materials may not be distributed outside College as part of the Freshers Fair.
9. All stands, gazebos and displays must be safe and stable. No part of a stand, gazebo, display, structure, signage, decoration or associated erected item may exceed 7 feet (2.13 metres) above ground level.
10. Gazebos must be no more than approximately 4 feet wide, corresponding to the width of the table provided. Where a Recognised Group has a wider gazebo, it should consider sharing the gazebo with another Recognised Group in order to conserve space.
11. The use of any form of amplification or loudspeaker system, whether fixed or portable, is prohibited.
12. College policy DOES NOT permit the preparation or distribution of food other than by approved providers. This includes the provision of popcorn unless it is pre-packaged. The use of water boilers or similar equipment is prohibited. Food CANNOT be prepared in College residences for distribution at the Freshers Fair.
13. Electrical leads may not be run across Front Square, and multi-adaptors or unapproved electrical connections may not be used outdoors. Any Recognised Group requiring an electrical supply must arrange this in advance through the Estates and Facilities Office.
14. Recognised Groups must keep the area around their stand free from litter throughout the day and must clear any remaining litter at the end of each day. Waste must be placed in the receptacles provided, which must not be moved. Recycling bins will also be provided and should be used in accordance with the labels displayed on them.
15. Recognised Groups are asked to limit unnecessary handouts and printed materials in order to reduce waste. Where possible, alternative methods of sharing information should be used.
16. Recognised Groups must comply with any reasonable instruction given by the Event Managers, TCD Security, Fire Safety or other authorised College personnel in relation to the safe and orderly operation of the Freshers Fair.

The Head of Fire Safety and the Head of TCD Security may carry out safety and security checks in Front Square throughout Freshers Week. Any Recognised Group found to be in breach of these Regulations may be required to remove its stand.

Repeated or serious breaches may be referred to the Senior Dean. The Senior Dean may take disciplinary action directly or may require the relevant Capitulated Body, including the CSC, DUCAC/TSU or Trinity Publications, as appropriate, to apply such disciplinary measures as are available under its governing rules or procedures.