

egg 2024



egg – Rules for Participation (Last changed: Nov 4, 2023)

egg has started as a meeting mainly for members of the Triple Nine Society (TNS) in 2011. Due to legal and liability concerns, the meeting is a private event, not officially run by TNS. This independence also offers some flexibility. Over the years, and partly due to considerations concerning a possible liability first and foremost, a meeting by members of TNS for members of TNS. The registration fees are intended to cover the expenses of the meeting, any profits go towards future meetings.

1 Who can participate in an egg meeting? (Effective: Nov 1, 2023)

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1.1 Members of TNS

The event is open to current members of TNS and their guests (see below).

1.2 Members of other HIQ societies

The event is open to current members of other 99.9th-percentile-plus HIQ societies with credible admission standards (Prometheus, Epimetheus, ISPE and OATHS) and their guests.

1.3 Guests – Family / Friends

Non-members are welcome, but we want to ensure that members of a HIQ society account for the majority of the adults present (or at least that there are equal numbers). To that end, every member may bring *one* non-member guest only. It is permissible for a member desiring to bring two or more guests to find (an) other attending member(s) willing to host the additional guest(s) with his/her unused guest allowance.

Occasionally, there were non-members pestering members to bring them as a guest. This is not the idea behind “bringing a guest”, so please make sure that your personal guest is your personal guest.

If the host cannot make it to the meeting, the guest cannot participate either (even if they have made individual travel arrangements and cancelling would be difficult or costly, etc. etc.)

1.3.1 Children

Children of members The “*one guest*”-rule does not apply to your (grand-)children. Still, they do need to register, and adult children need to pay the registration fee. If you bring a child under the age of 10, your partner comes free of

charge. In my own experience, whoever looks after the kids is inevitably missing some parts of the meeting.

Children of guests The rules for children of guests is a bit more restrictive, as in many respects this can be a difficult issue. Just like guests cannot bring guests, they usually also cannot bring their children. However, exceptions are possible in principle, but need to be discussed beforehand.

Parental responsibility Bringing younger children (under the age of 10) is putting a bit of a burden on the parents (hence the discount, see above). But it is imperative that parents do exercise their parental responsibilities for the entire meeting. If, say, you want to participate in a workshop, you cannot let your children run unsupervised. This is not open to discussion, it is irrelevant whether your children are gifted or not. Letting young children run unsupervised puts a burden on everyone else and is a potential risk to the entire event and the organizers (not even mentioning here the risk to the child).

1.3.2 Animals

We strongly advise to leave pets at home. Service animals are no problem (though please let us know about this as soon as possible), the situation is different for emotional support animals or therapy animals (also see https://www.pettravel.com/passports_comfort_animals.cfm for an explanation of these terms).

Always remember that of course *your* dog is well behaved and has never done anything to anyone — but several dogs in a confined space can develop an own dynamic.

1.4 Disclaimer

We reserve the right to refuse registration. This might sound harsh, but it is necessary and will not be used lightly.

1.5 Speakers

- **Non-member speakers:** Speakers who are not members of TNS are invited to the entire meeting. These speakers are also welcome to bring a guest to their talk. However, if the speakers attend the entire meeting and would like to bring a guest to the entire meeting, the guest needs to register and pay (a discounted rate).
- **Member speakers:** Member speakers need to pay the registration fee. This might seem odd, but will ensure that members are being treated equally.
- **Ex-member speakers:** It is unclear why someone would not want to be a member of TNS but, at the same time, want to speak at a TNS meeting. Therefore, we will not invite former members as speakers.

1.6 No unregistered people, for however short a time

The registration fee is not usurious. If somebody wants to attend, *that person needs to register and pay*. Even if that person just wants to be there for a minute, *that person needs to register and pay*. After all, everyone else does, too. In special cases where you think an exception is in order, please get in touch with the organizers of the meeting. They will not be difficult, but need to know and will find a solution to individual problems.

1.7 No underage guests

Underage guests (i.e. guests who are younger than 18 years of age and who are *not* some attendee's child or legal ward) cannot participate.

2 Registration fee

- Registration is not free, but the fee is reasonable and there are discounts for early registration. Note that, since there is a substantial discount for booking early, there are **no refunds** when cancelling later on.
- *Everyone* needs to pay (members, other members, guests,...) with three exceptions:
 - **Underage children:** They need to register, but they don't need to pay; see 1.4 above.
 - **Non-member speakers:** As outlined in 1.5 above.
 - **TNS members in financial difficulties:** If you are a member of TNS but cannot afford the fee, please send us an email. In these cases it might be possible to waive the registration fee.
Note that this has been hotly discussed, seeing that travel expenses are usually a lot higher than the registration fee, the assumption is that those who travel from afar to such a meeting will likely have the financial means to pay the fee. This is a courtesy to TNS members and cannot be extended to guests.
- Guests of non-member speakers get a discount: They pay a discounted rate (underage children are free).

Important

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