

New Member Procedure

Thank-you for showing an interest in joining the New Tyneside Orchestra! This sheet describes the admission procedure for the Orchestra. Any additional questions you may have can be answered by contacting the orchestra using the email address below.

Auditions – or lack of them....

The NTO does not have a formal audition procedure. We request that potential members should attend three rehearsals early in a term. If a string player, during one of these rehearsals (most likely the third), the potential member will sit next to the section leader. Sitting next to the section leader is for potential string players only.

Decisions on Entry

Entry to the NTO is based on a decision by the relevant section leader (and if necessary, the conductor).

In the unfortunate event that you are not accepted into the Orchestra, the Chair will inform you of this decision. If you are accepted into the orchestra, you will be informed of the decision by the relevant section leader and announced at the next rehearsal you attend. In addition, you will receive a membership pack which details the season's events as well as additional membership forms.

Factors Effecting Potential New Members

1. If the concert is less than 6 weeks away, a joint decision will be made as to whether a potential new member will play in the forthcoming concert. If the concert is imminent, an accepted member will be invited to attend the concert and to start rehearsals with the orchestra the next term.
2. The NTO has maximum quotas for each section – admission into the orchestra is dependent on the numbers currently in each section. If a section is full, you can request to be placed on a 'waiting list' and you will be contacted to re-assess your interest if a position becomes available.

NTO Expectation

It is expected that you will attend all rehearsals, but with modern lifestyles this is not always possible. Attendance at all rehearsals will ensure you are able to play in the term's concert. If significant rehearsals are missed, a judgement will be made by the section leader as to the concert readiness of the member. Members wishing to take 'time-out' of a month or longer must let the secretary know, if possible, how long they expect their break to be. This is further detailed in the "New Member's Pack".

General Information

The current membership fees are £90 per annum. If you join part-way through a season, this will be reduced accordingly. For full-time Students the subscription is £25 per annum.

Contact Details

This form should be filled in and returned to the section leader at the first rehearsal that you attend, so we can contact you if we need to.

Name:

Instrument:

Contact Number:

E-mail Address: