

Frequently Asked Questions: Node Operation

Basic questions, answers, and guidelines on what's expected of node staff.

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These are the requirements for a Node to be added to the Website League. Fulfillment of these requirements must be verified before the node can be added to any allowlists.

1. **The Node must adhere to the Website League Code of Conduct** The rights and responsibilities of users and node staff is laid out in detail in the code of conduct. A node's individual Code of Conduct may be more restrictive than the Website League's, but it may not be less restrictive.
2. **The Website League Code of Conduct must be accessible** from your instance's about page, Terms of Service page, or similar.
3. **The node must require approval for new members.** Nodes may use an invite-only or open registration scheme, but all new members must be approved by a moderator before they can join.
4. **All federated timelines must be disabled.** Federated timelines encourage conflict-seeking behavior, which the League seeks to minimize. They also create a vector for potential harassment.
5. **Numbers that encourage dark patterns must be disabled.** This includes like and boost counts, follower counts, and similar stats.
6. **The node must run on allowlist (or whitelist) mode, and must only federate with members of the Website League.** The Website League is a closed network. Nodes that federate with the wider fediverse are not permitted.
7. **The node must have Authorized Fetch enabled.** Authorized Fetch essentially ensures that only allowlisted nodes can retrieve posts and timelines from your node. [Here's a longer explanation of what it does \(Mastodon docs\).](#)