

**OPENID FOUNDATION
COMMUNITY GROUP
OPERATING RULES**

THESE COMMUNITY GROUP OPERATING RULES (“**CG Operating Rules**”) set forth the principles, rules, procedures, and processes that will govern the operation of each Community Group (“**CG**”) established by the OpenID Foundation (“**OIDF**”). They are binding on all individuals and legal entities that join a CG by signing the applicable Participation Agreement (“**CG Members**”).

1. Defined Terms. All capitalized terms used but not defined in these CG Operating Rules have the meanings assigned in the OpenID Foundation Community Group Participation Agreement (“**Participation Agreement**”).

2. CG Charter. The CG shall operate in accordance with its charter, as such charter may be amended by the CG from time-to-time with the approval of the Board and posted on the OIDF website (the “**CG Charter**”). The CG Charter will include the CG name, a clear statement of purpose of the CG, the scope of the CG (which must be related to the purpose of the OIDF and which will include a definition of what is and is not the envisioned “work” of the CG), and the anticipated audience or users of the work of the CG.

3. Community Group Operating Approach

(a) CG Chair or Co-Chairs. The CG shall be coordinated and managed, in conformance with these CG Operating Rules, by one or more Co-Chairs who have previously been self-nominated and confirmed by the Executive Director of the OIDF (“**CG Co-Chairs**”). The CG Co-Chairs may be changed by the CG Members through a vote in accordance with the CG Operating Rules, provided that there may be no more than five (5) Co-Chairs at any one time to ensure the smooth operation of the CG.

(b) Participation. Only CG Members (Individual Members or designated Representatives of Entity Members) shall be entitled to contribute to the meetings, work, or decisions of the CG. Individuals that are not yet CG Members may observe but not actively contribute to a CG meeting on an ad hoc basis solely at the discretion of the CG co-chairs. All non-CG Members must announce their name and affiliation at the start of the meeting.

(c) Progress Reporting. The CG Co-Chairs will regularly share with the CG Members, the members of the OpenID Foundation, and the relevant community at large, information regarding the work of the CG, its status, and the progress of the CG in achieving the goals set out in its Charter. Without limitation this may include updates to the CG Webpage, OIDF blog posts, oral or written updates provided during OIDF member workshops, and oral or written updates provided to the OIDF Executive Committee and Board.

(d) CG Webpage. The CG Co-Chairs, with the support of the OIDF staff and officers as required, will define the content of the designated publicly accessible CG portion of the openid.net website and open-source document repositories (the “**CG Webpage**”). Such content will include a description of the CG and its purpose (including a copy of the CG Charter), a list of all the CG Members, and information on how to participate in the CG. The content may also include access to all CG Work Product, including but not limited to work in progress and draft and final versions of any reports or other documents or deliverables. Together with these CG Operating Rules and the Participation Agreement, the descriptions published on the CG Webpage and associated documents will govern the elements, participation, duration, and specifics of the CG.

(e) Prohibited Activities. The CG shall not engage in the following activities:

(1) Standards and Specifications. The CG shall not develop, revise, or approve any OIDF (or third-party) standards or specifications, as those activities are reserved exclusively to OIDF Work Groups which are governed by separate OIDF agreements, policies, and processes. This prohibition shall not, however, preclude the CG from analyzing, testing, or reviewing the use or effectiveness of any OIDF or third-party standard or specification.

(2) Patent Subject Matter. The CG shall not develop any CG Work Product which knowingly incorporates any patented or patentable subject matter that would necessarily be infringed by the intended use of the CG Work Product. However, there is no requirement or expectation by others that any CG Member should disclose patents or patent applications related generally to the subject matter of the work of the CG, and OIDF disclaims any responsibility for identifying the existence, or for evaluating the applicability, of any such patented or patentable subject matter claimed to be applicable to any CG Work Product.

4. Community Group Decisions

(a) Consensus. Consensus is a core OpenID Foundation value. To promote consensus, the CG Co-Chair(s) should encourage consideration and resolution of all legitimate comments from CG Members. All CG decisions will optimally be made by determining consensus, without formal vote. CG Co-Chair(s) will assess consensus without a formal vote and, when a proposal is pending, may interpret silence of those who have received proper notice (or who are present) as assent. Consensus does not imply unanimity, although there should be substantial support for consensus decisions. Consensus should reasonably reflect the opinion of a supermajority (i.e., at least two-thirds) of CG Members to the CG, after reasonable inquiry by the CG Co-Chairs. If a decision cannot be made by consensus, the CG should defer decision until consensus can be reached. If deferral would prejudice the CG's work, however, the Co-Chair(s) may call a formal vote in accordance with these CG Operating Rules.

(b) Voting. When the CG Co-Chairs determine that consensus cannot be achieved on an issue that merits voting, or when voting is required by these Operating Rules, the CG Co-Chairs shall give notice to the CG Members that voting will be required. Votes will be conducted ad hoc during CG meetings, unless the Co-Chairs determine that other voting mechanisms will assist the decision-making process (e.g. Survey Monkey). The following rules shall apply when voting is required:

(1) One Vote per each CG Member. Each CG Member is entitled to one vote on the issue submitted to a vote. If more than one person representing a CG Member (i.e., more than one Representative of an Entity Member) attends the meeting in person or by proxy, only one vote from such CG Member will be counted, as specified by such CG Member.

(2) Quorum and Approval. Unless otherwise provided herein, voting requires participation, in person or by proxy, of a quorum of 25% of the CG Members entitled to vote on the issue. If such a quorum is present, the subject of the vote is deemed approved upon the affirmative vote of a simple majority of the CG Members so present and entitled to vote (50% plus 1).

5. Appropriate behavior. Nothing in these CG Operating Rules, or any subsequent changes to the CG Operating Rules, shall contravene the OpenID Foundation's mission. When participating in the CG, all CG Members should exemplify civility and collegiality and act in accordance with the CG Code of Conduct adopted by the Board from time-to-time, with the primary goal of reaching consensus on all matters as defined in these CG Operating Rules.

6. Fairness & Momentum. The CG Co-Chairs and CG Members will seek to balance the participation and priorities of all CG Members with the CG's ability to deliver on the CG's Charter in a timely manner. The CG Members must also recognize that all must play a role to ensure a fair and equitable outcome.

7. CG Meetings and CG Work. The CG Co-Chairs shall determine the cadence and dates for meetings in consultation with the CG Members. The only formal rules required to conduct the CG work and meetings are those stated in these CG Operating Rules.

8. Data Privacy. The CG must at all times operate in accordance with the current OIDF Privacy Policy available on the OIDF website, subject to any permissions granted by CG Members in the Participation Agreement.

9. Changes. These CG Operating Rules may be amended by the OIDF Board of Directors from time to time, and shall take effect immediately upon approval of such amendment, except that any such amendment to these CG Operating Rules that would materially and potentially affect the rights and obligations of any CG Member shall not bind such CG Member until thirty (30) days' from the date that notice of such action is given to such CG Member. Amendments shall have prospective effect only. Each CG Member shall be bound by such a duly adopted amendment unless it elects to terminate its Participation Agreement and its participation in the CG prior to the effective date of any such amendment.

10. Antitrust Policy. CG co-chairs are responsible for informing CG Members of the OpenID Foundation Antitrust Policy. The following Antitrust Statement (1) must be read at the beginning of all meetings or events, (2) must be provided and referenced in the chat of the meeting platform being utilized, or (3) must be included as the first slide in all meeting presentations. Alternatively, a link to the Antitrust Policy must be provided on the agenda circulated prior to the meeting:

Antitrust Statement

The OIDF Antitrust Policy, and any applicable U.S. and international antitrust and competition law, governs the conduct of all attendees and participants in all OIDF-sponsored activities, including this meeting or event. Each attendee is responsible for knowing the contents of the OIDF Antitrust Policy and for complying with it. Attendees must not use this meeting or event as a forum for anticompetitive conduct, or otherwise engage in any discussions which might give rise to an allegation of violation of antitrust laws.

The OIDF Antitrust Policy is available at www.openid.net/antitrust

[A PDF version of the Antitrust Statement can be found here.](#)