

Privacy Policy

GAME THEORY SOCIETY (GTS)

Scope at a glance

This Policy applies to the GTS online account and membership environment and to the Society's governance and election processes. It does not apply to congress or other event registrations, which should be covered by a separate privacy notice.

1. Introduction

The Game Theory Society (GTS) is committed to protecting the privacy and personal data of individuals who interact with the Society through its online account and membership environment or through its governance and election processes.

This Privacy Policy explains what personal data the Society processes, why it processes those data, the legal bases it relies on, how long data are retained, with whom data may be shared, and the rights available to individuals under Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (General Data Protection Regulation, "GDPR") and other applicable data protection legislation.

- Individuals who create and maintain an online account with the Society;
- Applicants for, and holders of, membership of the Society; and
- Fellows, Council Members and Board Members whose personal data are processed for governance and election-related purposes.

2. Data Controller and Membership Administrator

2.1 Data Controller

Game Theory Society (GTS)

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2.2 Membership Administrator and Processor

Klinkhamer Group B.V. (KG)

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6229 GT Maastricht
The Netherlands

Chamber of Commerce: 51668777

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KG administers accounts and memberships on behalf of GTS and acts as a processor. KG processes personal data only on documented instructions from GTS and subject to applicable data protection requirements.

3. Personal Data We Process

The personal data processed depend on the individual's relationship with GTS and its services or processes.

3.1 Account and Contact Data

- First name and family name;
- Email address;
- Login, account status and account administration information;
- Postal address, where required; and
- Other information voluntarily provided by the individual.

3.2 Membership and Professional Data

- Professional title and profession;
- Professional affiliation or institution and department;
- Date of birth, where required to administer the relevant membership or process;
- LinkedIn profile, where voluntarily provided;
- Membership status, category, start and end dates;
- Application and membership administration records; and
- Correspondence relating to the membership.

3.3 Payment and Financial Data

- Invoice details and billing address;
- Payment status and transaction references; and
- Financial and accounting records required for administration and legal compliance.

GTS and KG should not retain full payment-card details unless this is necessary and supported by an appropriate payment process. Payment providers may process payment details under their own terms and privacy information.

3.4 Governance and Election Data

- Status within the Society, including Fellow, Council Member, Advisory Board Member or Steering Committee Member;
- Information required to determine eligibility to participate in Society elections;
- Nominations, candidacy and election administration records, where applicable; and
- Communications relating to governance and elections.

4. Purposes and Legal Bases

GTS processes personal data only where it has a lawful basis. The principal purposes and legal bases are set out below.

Purpose	Examples of processing	Legal basis
Account administration	Creating and maintaining an account; responding to account queries.	Performance of a contract or steps requested before entering into a contract; legitimate interests in operating a secure account environment.
Membership administration	Processing applications; maintaining membership records; administering membership status and communications.	Performance of a contract or steps requested before entering into a contract.
Payments and records	Issuing invoices; recording payment status; maintaining financial records.	Performance of a contract; compliance with legal obligations.
Governance and elections	Maintaining records of office-holders; determining eligibility; organising and communicating about elections.	Legitimate interests in administering the Society and its governance; compliance with applicable legal or constitutional obligations where relevant.
Service communications	Sending necessary information about an account, membership, payment, governance role or election process.	Performance of a contract; legitimate interests in administering the Society.
Legal, security and compliance	Protecting systems and records; preventing misuse; establishing, exercising or defending legal claims; responding to lawful requests.	Legitimate interests; compliance with legal obligations.

Where GTS relies on legitimate interests, it considers whether those interests are necessary and balanced against the individual's rights and interests. Where consent is requested for a specific optional use, the individual may withdraw that consent at any time without affecting processing carried out before withdrawal.

5. Required and Optional Information

Information marked as required in an account, application, payment or governance process is necessary to complete that process or to administer the resulting relationship. If required information is not provided, GTS may be unable to create or maintain the account, assess or administer the membership, process payment, or enable participation in the relevant Society process.

Information described as optional, including a LinkedIn profile or other voluntarily supplied information, does not have to be provided. The relevant form or communication should identify which fields are required and which are optional.

6. Sources of Personal Data

GTS generally receives personal data directly from the individual, including through account registration, membership applications, correspondence and payment or governance processes. GTS may also receive limited information from authorised Society representatives or from existing Society records where this is necessary for membership, governance or election administration.

7. Recipients and Service Providers

Access to personal data is limited to persons and organisations that need the information for the purposes described in this Policy. Depending on the relevant process, recipients may include:

- KG as membership administrator and processor;
- Authorised GTS office-holders and representatives;
- Providers supporting website hosting, account administration, communications, payment processing, IT support, data storage, back-up and security;
- Professional advisers, auditors and accountants where necessary; and
- Public authorities, courts or other parties where disclosure is required by law or necessary for legal claims.

Processors acting for GTS are required to process personal data only for the agreed purposes and to apply appropriate confidentiality and security measures. A provider that determines its own purposes and means of processing may act as an independent controller and should provide its own privacy information.

8. International Transfers

GTS aims to use service arrangements that provide appropriate protection for personal data. If personal data are transferred outside the European Economic Area to a country not recognised as providing an adequate level of protection, GTS will use an applicable transfer mechanism, such as European Commission standard contractual clauses, together with supplementary safeguards where required. Information about the relevant safeguard may be requested using the contact details in section 13.

9. Retention of Personal Data

GTS retains personal data only for as long as necessary for the purposes for which they were collected and for any additional period required by law, accounting requirements, dispute resolution, security or the establishment, exercise or defence of legal claims.

- Account data are generally retained while the account remains active and for a limited period afterwards where needed to close the account, resolve queries or protect the Society's legitimate interests.
- Membership application and membership records are retained for the duration of the application or membership and afterwards for a period determined by contractual, administrative, accounting and legal requirements.
- Personal and membership data are generally retained for a maximum period of six (6) months following the end of the membership, unless a longer retention period is required by law or is necessary for the establishment, exercise or defence of legal claims.
- Governance and election records are retained for as long as necessary to administer and document the relevant Society process and to meet the Society's governance and record-keeping needs.
- Financial and accounting records are retained for the period required by applicable tax, accounting and other laws.
- Consent and objection records may be retained as evidence of the individual's preferences and GTS's compliance.

When personal data are no longer required, GTS will delete or anonymise them, or securely restrict further use where immediate deletion is not possible. GTS periodically reviews its retention practices.

10. Security

GTS and its processors apply appropriate technical and organisational measures designed to protect personal data against accidental or unlawful destruction, loss, alteration, unauthorised disclosure or access. Measures are selected with regard to the nature of the data, the processing activities and the associated risks. No method of transmission or storage can be guaranteed to be completely secure.

11. Automated Decision-Making

GTS does not use the personal data covered by this Policy for automated decision-making, including profiling, that produces legal effects or similarly significantly affects an individual. If this changes, GTS will provide the information required by applicable law before carrying out such processing.

12. Data Subject Rights

Subject to the conditions and exceptions in applicable data protection law, individuals may have the right to:

- Request access to their personal data and information about the processing;
- Request correction of inaccurate or incomplete personal data;
- Request deletion of personal data;
- Request restriction of processing;
- Object to processing based on legitimate interests;
- Receive personal data in a structured, commonly used and machine-readable format and transmit them to another controller where the right to data portability applies;
- Withdraw consent at any time where processing is based on consent, without affecting the lawfulness of processing before withdrawal; and
- Lodge a complaint with a competent supervisory authority.

These rights are not absolute. GTS may need to retain or continue processing certain information where permitted or required by law, including for accounting, governance, security or legal claims. GTS may request information necessary to verify the identity of the person making a request.

13. Exercising Rights and Complaints

Requests concerning personal data, including requests for access, correction, deletion, restriction, objection or data portability, may be submitted to:

Game Theory Society (GTS), c/o Klinkhamer Group B.V.

Email: gts@klinkhamergroup.com

GTS will assess and respond to requests in accordance with applicable data protection law. Deleting an account or particular information may affect the Society's ability to provide services, maintain required records or enable participation in membership, governance or election processes.

Individuals also have the right to lodge a complaint with the Dutch supervisory authority, the Autoriteit Persoonsgegevens. Information is available at autoriteitpersoonsgegevens.nl

14. Changes to this Privacy Policy

GTS may update this Policy to reflect changes in its processing activities, services or legal obligations. The current version will be made available through the Society's website or account environment. Where a change materially affects individuals, GTS will take reasonable steps to provide appropriate notice.