

# Paper Submission Regulations and Reviewing @ SoCG

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## **Two topics**

- submissions by PC members
- double-blind (DB) reviewing

## **Today**

- intro + short discussion (intro on DB by Suresh Venkatasubramanian)

## **Business meeting (Wednesday)**

- Poll: should we start a task force to come up with concrete proposal

**Question 1.** The Steering Committee proposes to install a Task Force to develop a proposal (possibly with several alternatives) to implement double-blind (DB) reviewing for SOCG; this proposal would then be voted on at the business meeting of SoCG 2021. Are you in favor of setting up such a Task Force?

- A. Yes
- B. No, I don't want DB reviewing for SoCG

**Question 2.** Do you think PC members should be allowed to submit papers to SoCG?

- A. Yes, I would be in favor of this even without DB reviewing
- B. Possibly, but only if we have a good system with DB reviewing in place
- C. No, even with DB reviewing in place I would be against this

## Submissions by PC members: why are we considering it?

- PC members serve the community; why should they be “punished” by not being allowed to submit?
  - Not allowing PC members to submit also hurts their students and other collaborators
- ➔ It regularly happens that people decline to be on the PC for this reason
- Hiding the discussions about a paper from a PC member is easy with systems like Easychair
  - With 20+ PC members, we might be excluding a lot of nice papers

## Submissions by PC members: possible reasons against

- It's much cleaner not to do this
- Not being able to submit is not such a big deal: there's always another conference or journal (but: SoCG is flagship conference, students not always have much time to wait for another high-profile venue)
- Just hiding the discussion from a PC member is not enough: we need DB reviewing to avoid bias in the PC
- Even with DB reviewing, PC members who submitted a paper could still profit from giving low scores to other papers

## **Double-blind reviewing (Suresh)**