

House and Visitor Rules for the Mathematics-Informatics Station (MAINS) of the Heidelberg Laureate Forum Foundation

Dear Visitors,

We warmly welcome you to the Mathematics-Informatics Station (MAINS) of the Heidelberg Laureate Forum Foundation and wish you a pleasant stay. At the beginning of your visit, we would like to familiarize you with the House and Visitor Rules.

Purpose of the House Rules

The House and Visitor Rules are designed to ensure your visit to the MAINS is a pleasant one. It is therefore in your own interest to observe them. The House and Visitor Rules are binding for all visitors. By entering the MAINS, you acknowledge the regulations and all other instructions issued to maintain operational safety.

Hausrecht / Right of Domicile

The management exercises the Hausrecht, or right of domicile, represented by the staff of the Heidelberg Laureate Forum Foundation. The regulations and instructions serve the safety of visitors and the protection of the exhibits entrusted to the MAINS.

Price of Admission and Opening Hours

1. Admission to the MAINS is free of charge. Current opening hours and any changes can always be found on our website <https://www.heidelberg-mains.org/en/>.
2. Internal events may result in adjusted opening hours.
3. In the event of high visitor numbers or for other reasons, the MAINS may be closed in whole or in part to the public.

Visitors to the MAINS

1. The MAINS welcomes children, teenagers, and adults.
2. Children under 12 years of age may only visit the exhibition rooms accompanied by adults. Children under 6 years of age must be supervised at all times by accompanying adults.
3. The MAINS upholds and protects the rights of children and supports non-violent education.

Behavior in the Exhibition Rooms

1. To protect the health of visitors and staff, persons with acutely contagious diseases are not permitted to enter the premises.
2. Exhibits must be treated with care. Interactive exhibits and stations may be touched. Touching non-interactive exhibits is not permitted. When using or in the immediate vicinity of exhibits, objects that could cause damage may not be handled.
3. Visitors are liable for all damage caused by their behavior.
4. Persons with supervisory responsibilities are responsible for the behavior of those in their care. Teachers, chaperones, and group leaders have a duty of supervision over their groups and must keep them together.
5. Animals are not permitted in the MAINS. Guide dogs are exempt from this rule.
6. Eating and drinking is not permitted in the exhibition rooms.
7. Smoking, including so-called e-cigarettes, is prohibited in the MAINS.
8. Visitors are requested to refrain from anything that is contrary to public decency or to the maintenance of safety and order.
9. Passageways and emergency exits must be kept clear at all times.

Cloakroom and Luggage

1. Bulky, sharp-edged, or pointed objects are not permitted in the exhibition rooms, such as backpacks and bags larger than DIN A4, as well as umbrellas.



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2. Wet clothing, coats, jackets, etc. must be left in the cloakroom. If dry coats, jackets, etc. are not deposited, these items of clothing may not be left unattended in the exhibition.
3. Large pushchairs/strollers must be left in the cloakroom.
4. In cases of doubt, the supervisory staff will decide.
5. The MAINS accepts no liability for loss or theft in the use of the cloakroom.
6. Lockers may be available upon payment of a deposit. They are emptied daily.

Photography and Filming

1. With regard to filming and photography, please observe any relevant notices in the exhibition rooms. The personal rights of other visitors must be strictly respected.
2. The use of so-called selfie sticks is permitted in the MAINS, provided it does not disturb other visitors.
3. Photography and filming for private purposes is permitted. For commercial or scientific purposes, it is only permitted with the written consent of the MAINS.

Supervisory Staff

1. The supervisory staff are instructed to ensure compliance with the House and Visitor Rules. The instructions of the supervisory staff must be followed.
2. If the House and Visitor Rules or the instructions of the supervisory staff are not followed, the persons concerned will be prohibited from remaining in the MAINS. Visitors who repeatedly fail to comply will be banned from the premises.
3. We ask that you treat our supervisory staff with respect and understanding.

Lost Property

Items found in the MAINS should be handed to the supervisory staff. Found items will be dealt with in accordance with the relevant statutory provisions.

Applicability

The House and Visitor Rules come into effect immediately. They are posted at the entrance to the exhibition rooms and can also be viewed at the administration office during business hours and on the website.

Only the German version of the House and Visitors Rules is binding. In the event of any ambiguities, contradictions, or differences of opinion regarding the interpretation of the rules, the [German version](#) shall prevail.

Enjoy your visit to the MAINS!

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