# Cookie settings

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#### Browser cookies and FreeToastHost

#### What are cookies?

Cookies are small bits of text, sent by a website to your browser, for storing on your computer. They contain a website address, an expiry date, and a line of what often looks like garbage.

#### Why do we use them?

FreeToastHost uses cookies to tell whether or not you are logged in. Every time you view a page, it will check to see if the cookie it sent earlier "says" you are logged in. If it doesn't, you see only what the general public can see.

Your browser can be setup to refuse to store cookies. When this happens, the website has no way of knowing whether or not you're logged in. Therefore, it's going to be unhappy about letting you do anything that logged-in people can do, such as view agendas and make changes.

So, if you want to do these things, you need to allow your browser to accept cookies from toastmastersclubs.org.

### Signs that your cookie settings may need changing:

- You can't login.
- You can't stay logged in.
- You can't save changes.

If these things are happening, you may need to change your cookie settings to "allow cookies", or to "allow cookies from toastmastersclubs.org" if you prefer that.

The exact details of how to do this vary, depending on which browser you are using.

## Changing cookie settings

#### Internet Explorer

http://support.toastmastersclubs.org/doc/item/internet-explorer-cookie-settings

This is for Internet Explorer 9. Other versions may be a little different in the details, but the general idea should be the same.

For other browsers, see the following links:

For Firefox, Internet Explorer, Netscape Navigator, Opera, Safari, Chrome (PC), Chrome (OSX), iDevices:

http://www.wikihow.com/Enable-Cookies-in-Your-Internet-Web-Browser

For Microsoft Edge:

http://www.thewindowsclub.com/allow-or-block-cookies-in-microsoft-edge

For Windows 8, IE10:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CHIXA44235g

For ipad2:

http://ipad.about.com/od/ipad\_basics/ss/How-To-Enable-Cookies-Turn-On-Private-Browsing-And-Other-iPad-Safari-Settings.htm

# Private browsing

Do not use private browsing.

Private browsing causes problems with iPad Safari and most other browsers, such as being unable to open the admin console.

If you've changed cookie settings and things still aren't working properly, make sure that private browsing is turned off.