LiveOnline@UT (Zoom) – Guide to Alternative Host and Schedule Privilege

There may come a time when you need another leader to start or schedule an online meeting or online classroom for you. There are two features in Zoom to assist with this type of situation, and they are Alternative Host and Schedule Privilege.

Alternative Host and Schedule Privilege are similar features, however there is a key difference. With the Alternative Host setting, a user may start a specific meeting. With Schedule Privilege, a user may schedule a meeting for another user, as well as start or delete any meeting.

Getting Started
There are a few things to keep in mind when engaging these two features. Please review the bulleted list below.

- A user must have a Pro/Licensed account
- The user account format must be NetID@tennessee.edu

Add an Alternative Host
To add an Alternative Host to a meeting, locate the feature during the meeting scheduling process. It is available via the website interface (https://tennessee.zoom.us) or via the Zoom desktop application.

- In the Zoom Desktop application, you may need to select Advanced Options and expand the menu in order to view the Alternative Host text field.

Next, add the alternative host with the format of NetID@tennessee.edu. If a message from Zoom appears that the user is not available or not found on our license, contact us and we can review their account settings. It is possible the user needs an upgrade to a Pro/Licensed account.

After the user has been added as an Alternative Host, they will receive an email from Zoom stating this, with a link to the meeting. As a best practice, we recommend logging in to Zoom before selecting the link to start the meeting.

Example of adding an Alternative Host.
Add Schedule Privilege
To access the Schedule Privilege feature, we recommend logging in to the website interface.

1. Please go to https://tennessee.zoom.us.
2. Select Create or edit Account to log in.
3. On the left-side menu, choose Settings.
4. Scroll to Schedule Privilege and select the plus sign or Add to make a change.
5. The user account format must be NetID@tennessee.edu. If a message from Zoom appears that the user is not available or not found on our licensed, contact us and we can review their account settings. It is possible the user needs an update to a Pro/Licensed account.

Example of Schedule Privilege in the Zoom website interface.

After selecting the plus sign or to make a change, a new text box will appear on the screen.

Example of adding an account with Scheduling Privilege in the Zoom website interface

Enter the user’s information in the format of NetID@tennessee.edu. Select Assign to save the change.

Review of Alternative Host and Schedule Privilege
- An Alternative Host may start a single meeting scheduled by another user.
- A user with Schedule Privilege may schedule, start, or delete meetings for another user, including recurring meetings.
- We recommend logging in to LiveOnline@UT (Zoom) account prior to starting a meeting.