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# **Site Rules**

These are Star Army's community guidelines (not to be confused with the Terms and Conditions which deal more with legal stuff). The staff and administration are responsible for interpreting and enforcing these.

#### **Basic Rules**

- 1. One account per player (accounts are OOC).
- 2. We do not have "face claims." Forum avatars can be whatever you like (within reason).
- 3. Art for your characters should be original or commissioned. Don't swipe it!
  - 1. Note: We can help you find an artist or even pay for art for your character. Contact admin Wes for info!
- 4. RP standards and guidelines are here: Roleplaying
- 5. Posting speed and leave of absence policies are set by individual GMs.
  - 1. On a site-wide basis, threads are considered "dead" if it has been a month since the last RP post.
  - 2. If you need to leave, see Leaving a Plot or The Community for how to exit gracefully.
- 6. Unless otherwise specified, Posting content guidelines (language, violence and sexuality) are on the site as a whole are 2-2-2 in public areas and 3-3-3 in the non-public forums marked as 18+. Posting guidelines can also be set by individual GMs.
- 7. Respect other members' Player's Rights.
- 8. Abandoned characters may be adopted to new players. See Adoption for more information and how to opt-out.

See shoutbox for chat rules. There are also some additional rules for making and operating factions and submitting things to the setting.

#### **Code of Conduct**

We want the community to be enjoyable to its members and to be a fun place where members feel welcome.

- 1. We expect and require respectful behavior.
  - 1. Profanity is allowed in roleplay posts. It doesn't belong in discussion threads.
  - 2. Personal attacks or insulting others ("flaming") is not permitted.
  - 3. Deliberately causing drama ("trolling") is not permitted.
  - 4. Racist, bigoted, or other hate speech is a violation of the Terms and Conditions.
  - 5. Harassment will not be tolerated.
  - 6. Respect user privacy and don't post other people's personal information. (See also: Privacy Policy).
- 2. Deceptive member behavior such as false ages, sock puppeting, and impersonating other

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members is not permitted.

- Copyrighted content is not permitted on the wiki unless you have rights to put it there. On the
  forums, things are more relaxed. Star Army is not responsible for user-uploaded content but will do
  its best to comply with all laws and will promptly respond to DCMA takedown requests. See Terms
  and Conditions for info.
  - 1. Promoting piracy and warez is forbidden.
- 4. Adult content is not permitted on the wiki or in publicly-accessible forums.
  - 1. No sexual content featuring minors.
  - 2. No porn images (tasteful adult artwork is okay in 18+ forums).
- 5. Spam advertising is prohibited, and will result in you being reported to blacklists such as StopForumSpam.
  - 1. Roleplaying sites may advertise in our Ad Exchange forum.
- 6. Do not quote or repost content that violates the rules.
- 7. Do not get into "edit wars" with admins or mods on the forums or wiki, or vandalize the wiki.

## Consequences

Violations of the above rules will typically result in a forum warning. Your content may be edited to remove content that violates the community guidelines. Multiple warnings, or severe violations, at discretion of the admins or staff, will result in a ban.

See: Ban Policy

#### **Enforcement Guidelines**

#### Forum Moderators:

- Moderators should edit posts to remove the problem content, replacing it with a notice like: "This post has been edited to remove content that violated the Star Army code of conduct. ~~Moderator Doshii Jun."
- When a user commits a violation, they should receive a notice that explains why they were in the wrong and what action we took. This can be automated or via conversation.
- Discussions of specific rule violations should occur in private conversations, not on the forums. Attempts to "rules lawyer" moderator actions should be locked.

### **Mod Guidelines For Editing Posts**

- 1. Posts with rule violations will be generally edited to remove the violating content and leave the rest. If the whole post is an issue, the whole post will be removed.
- 2. Posts with errors in spelling, grammar, or BBCoding are sometimes edited to fix those errors when spotted. If a moderator edits a post, there is usually an automated notice at the bottom right that will say that a moderator edited it. Sometimes an admin may "silently" edit which does not show a notice.

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3. Character actions and dialogue should not changed without prior discussion except for the error correction noted above.

4. Some forums, like the announcements and the news forum, are exceptions that are moderated to review or improve content before it is visible to the public, because they are the "voice of the site."

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