# New Players' Guide 🔗

Welcome to Star Army! This article has the basic steps and info you'll need to participate.

## Roleplaying Overview

In Star Army, you and other members create characters who live in the high-tech fictional universe of Star Army and then use your imagination to write your character's actions and dialogue to create collaborative stories. You can create and play characters forged by this unique universe and their actions will affect the setting for future players.

For the full guide to roleplaying on Star Army, see Roleplaying.

## Account Setup

Star Army is an "account per player" (APP) site, which means each member should only have one account for the forums. The same login will be used for all of your characters. You must be **16 or older** to join Star Army. There is no cost to join or participate. Before joining, you should probably read the Site Rules.

Register an account on the forums by clicking "Log in or Sign up" on the upper right corner of the page. You're invited to then introduce yourself in the Introductions & New Players Forum.

Optional: Create a wiki account. **The wiki login system is separate from the forum one, so you will need to register for both.** You'll need a wiki account to create and edit wiki articles (such as if you want to make a page for your character). Register an account for the wiki.

⚠️ If you have trouble registering, contact the admin. See the **Questions and Assistance** section below. Star Army uses advanced anti-spam methods that may occasionally flag a legitimate user for further review based on IP address, email, username, or other characteristics.

## Creating Characters

When you're ready, start making characters using the guides found on the **Creating A Character** wiki page. Once your character is approved you're free to start Roleplaying by joining a plot group or by joining or creating a roleplay thread.

- Open Roleplaying threads are a great place to start.
- Got an idea for a roleplay thread? Start an interest check thread in the OOC and Plot Planning forum.

- Find other players to RP with in the Introductions and New Players forum.

# Questions and Assistance

Getting into Star Army is easiest when you ask someone to mentor you through it, and we're happy to do that! If we haven't volunteered yet, just ask! You've got questions: there are many ways to get answers or help:

- Post on the forums (Ask questions in the Introduction forum or Setting Discussion).
- Talk to people in the Discord chat
- You can also contact Wes, the admin: Start a Conversation with Wes
  - if you can't log in, email stararmy@gmail.com or text to 1-209-782-7276

# Roleplaying Jargon

The following are some common terms in the Star Army Roleplay Community.

- Damage Rating (DR): A guideline for how much damage weapons do.
  - Damage Rating (Version 2)
  - Damage Rating (Version 3)
- Game Master (GM): A plot's storyteller/referee
- in_character (IC): Content that is in the story world.
- Joint Post (JP): A chat role-play session between multiple players, later posted on the forums.
- Non-Player Characters (NPC): Characters whose actions are not written role-players, but rather by the Game Master (GM).
- Open Roleplay: Roleplaying threads that anyone may join.
- out_of_character (OOC): Content that is not part of the story world (real life).
- Player Characters (PCs): Characters whose actions and dialogue is written by a role-player.
- Role-Players
- SARP: Star Army Roleplay (SARPcake, SARPtalk, SARPiverse)
- Single Post (SP): A role-play post by a single player, posted directly on the forum.

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