



## Code of Conduct - Forum

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### 1.0 Purpose

The Motley Crew 4wd and Social Club of Australia Inc prides itself on providing good will and fellowship and support to members, both on the web and financially.

This document has been prepared to help members understand what is required of them to ensure that the club is promoted in a positive light.

### 2.0 User Accounts

User accounts will be limited to one account per actual person.

Inappropriate user names shall not be allowed.

Signatures, personal text and custom titles must follow this code of conduct in its entirety and may not contain advertising or URL's (Weblinks).

### 3.0 Forum Etiquette

The club's online forum is a great source for communication. We wish to discourage material that does not support the club's principles.

#### 3.1 Aim of the Forum

The online forum is an important tool that allows the club to achieve a number of things:-

- Provide a communication medium between members to help build fellowship
- Make official announcements relating to trips, meetings and other club business
- Share technical information and queries
- Socialise in the virtual world.

#### 3.2 Guidelines for Posting

- When posting it is important to remember that we are all real people. Speak your post directly as in real life (i.e. if you wouldn't say it to that members face in front of other members don't post it).
- While on the forum you should be respectful to all members at all time and use appropriate language.
- Remember our forum is public and is indexed by Google and other search engines. What you say on here the world can see.

#### 3.3 Inappropriate Forum Behaviour and/or Material

The club discourages behaviour or material that can be characterised as:-

- Insulting or disrespectful of other members

- Seeking to provoke or solicit a response from other members
- Debating of club policy or direction
- Potentially offensive to club members
- Potentially damaging to the clubs image
- Illegal or inappropriate material

Posts of this nature are an issue as they hinder the clubs aim to promote fellowship and support. They can also make new or potential members feel uncomfortable. Debating of club policy or direction or any other comments that may arise should be tabled in an appropriate medium – refer section 3.4

### **3.4 Appropriate Medium**

If you wish to comment on club policy or debate an issue that is not forum appropriate this should be done at a General Club Meeting held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

If you cannot attend please send your query or comment to the clubs committee ([committee@themotleycrew.com.au](mailto:committee@themotleycrew.com.au)) . Your comments will be tabled at the next general meeting on your behalf, these comments and the subsequent response will be published in the official meeting minutes.

### **4.0 Advertising**

The club prioritises support to our current financial sponsors and their associated forum advertising.

The business services section of the forum is open to all members to post their services and or products that are of benefit to our members. You may not post services or products on behalf of someone else.

Services or products that are in competition to our financial sponsors may not be posted.

### **5.0 Actions**

#### **5.1 Moderation**

Posts that are modified will be contain a note at the end of the post in italic "*Post Edited reason*"

Reasons can be:-

- Spelling
- Format
- Inappropriate Content

The footnote under the signature will identify which admin or committee member edited the post. Posts or threads that are deemed to be inappropriate in their entirety will be removed from the public forum and moved to the committee section of the forum.

#### **5.2 Discipline**

Should a post or posts be in breach of these guidelines the post maybe moderated and the following action will be taken against the member who made the post.

- Minor infringement – warning via PM
- Initial major infringement– 10 Day Forum Ban
- Second major Infringement – 30 Day Forum Ban
- Third major Infringement or Significant Infringement – Life Ban

These actions shall be at the discretion of the committee and or the forum moderators.

## **6.0 Violence**

Any threat of physical violence (in person, on the forum or in any other medium) or actual physical violence will not be tolerated by the club and will result in an immediate life ban from the forum