
MVRG Forums Rules, Etiquette and Information

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It is VERY important that all MVRG members Read & Review on occasion the rules listed in this thread. Everyone will be expected to follow them while at MVRG.

MVRG Community Purpose:

The purpose of the ManchVegas Roller Girls Online community is support and empower women and the sport of roller derby. While we welcome people with other view points seeking to learn more, anything beyond friendly questions will NOT be tolerated. Anyone who is hostile to our purpose will be immediately blocked from the community and all of their posts will be deleted. This will be the ONLY WARNING and no notice will be given.

Freedom of Speech:

While we believe very much in the freedom of speech & expression, you DO NOT have an absolute right to say whatever you want in this community. Anything that goes against our core beliefs and the purpose for which this community was designed may not be allowed. Posts and comments that are meant to incite conflicts between members or outside parties are strictly prohibited. MVRG Administration has the absolute right to edit, modify, close or delete any content found in this community. While this rarely, if ever happens, we will not tolerate individuals or groups creating problems with the overall membership.

Advertising & Promoting:

MVRG has a NO advertising policy with the exception of our community sponsors. This includes discussion forums, message boards, chat sites, commercial businesses & services, personal websites, etc. (You may however post a direct link to an outside site given that the information is RELEVANT to a question someone else has requested, or you believe it will be helpful to others.) This also includes links in signatures which cause commercial popup windows to pop up in threads (sometimes found imbedded in some counters, including ones from sitegadgets.com). Sneaky advertising will not be tolerated. If you have a business or service that you think will benefit the members of MVRG, please e-mail info@ManchVegasRollergirls dot com (in proper e-mail format) and a member of MVRG Administration will contact you.

If you violate this policy you will be warned once and the posts will be deleted. Further abuse of this policy will most likely lead to you being permanently banned from the community.

Soliciting Financial Assistance:

Soliciting financial assistance in the forums, chat or via PM is strictly prohibited. As much as we would like to assist in helping those who are in grave need of it, there is no way to easily and effectively determine the accuracy of someone's financial situation. Countless people have been scammed on the internet and message boards, perpetrated by people who come into a community with nefarious motives and preying upon others who are kind and want to help people in need. Any posts of this nature will be either edited or deleted and the member contacted. Repeated abuse of this rule may lead to loss of posting privileges.

Inviting outside Contact:

"Inviting" is termed as a post where you invite other members to contact you to find out more information, rather than post it in the forum. This is not allowed and any posts with emails or invitations to contact for more information will either be edited or deleted entirely. Repeated abuse of this may result in loss of posting privileges.

Abuse / Flaming / Derogatory Comments:

Abusive Comments, Flaming, or derogatory insults or comments are strictly against the rules. If you disagree with another member's point of view, do so in a mature and civil manner. If someone posts to discuss their personal problems or seeks help from other forums members, please do not respond unless you have something positive or helpful to add. If you find yourself being flamed or insulted by another member, please do not dignify that person with a response. Notify a moderator and let us handle it. If you feel you must respond to a flame or insult directly, please do NOT do so on the board. Use Private Messaging, but make sure you do NOT threaten any member.

Spamming & Cross Posting:

Spamming and Cross Posting is defined as posting the same information or content (full or partial) in two or more posts. We understand that some topics might fit into more than one forum or category but we ask that you please pick the best one and stick with it. Members found to be spamming will be warned the first time and additional posts will be removed. Repeat offenders may have their posting privileges suspended or revoked.

Hoaxes

Any member found perpetrating a hoax in order to gain sympathy and/or attention from the members of MVRG will be banned and the hoax will be exposed publicly to all members. We will not tolerate fraudulent posting on MVRG and take this matter quite seriously.

Language & Profanity:

While we understand the majority of members are grown adults, we do occasionally have young adults and children that visit MVRG. Further, many people are offended by vulgar language. If you feel you must swear to get your point across, please censor your language appropriately so as to not be overly offensive. (e.g., "S****!") Replacing one or two letters in an expletive by using ASCII characters (! For I, etc) is not an acceptable solution. Abuse of this rule will lead to your posting privileges being suspended.

User Accounts:

A maximum of ONE account is allowed per person. We have the ability to track and match IP addresses on accounts. If you are found to be using two or more accounts, one or more of them will be deleted and you may be banned from MVRG all together depending on the situation. The bottom line here is to register one account and stick with it. If you have account problems, contact a MVRG Admin (Justice Crone, WESM, Monkeybutt, etc.) and state the problem you are having. One of the Admin's may recommend that you re-register if the problem cannot be solved but in most all cases a problem with an account can be corrected by an Admin.

Impersonating Members & Accessing other's Accounts:

You may not impersonate another board member or create an account for the purpose of provoking other users. This includes creating an account very similar to another member as to confuse others by the similarity in names. Accessing or using someone else's account or attempting to access another member's account is strictly prohibited.

Trying to Circumvent a Ban / Block:

If you log onto the ManchVegasRollergirls.com forums and receive a message that you have been banned, please submit an un-ban request and wait for a MVRG Admin to get in touch with you. You may NOT re-register under a new name if the software lets you. If you try to sign up again and we catch you, then it will become a permanent IP Ban. We rarely send out notices that you have been banned.

Posting Links / URL's / Email Addresses:

While we prefer that all content be posted in the forums themselves (unless it is a copyright violation to do so) so our members will always be able to access it, we realize that some information must remain on remote sites as it may be too extensive to re-post. Posting links/URL's in the MVRG forums is allowed as long as they substantiate a post, or are summarized. Please don't post links with a comment such as, "Check out this link". Let members know what the link is about, rather than surprising them with it. We also do not permit the posting of personal email addresses in public forums due to privacy issues. If you want someone to contact you privately, please post a note at the end of your post to be contacted via PM as long as it is a personal issue. The posting of your personal email address in ANY public forum invites SPAM from people creating mass email listings. Believe it or not, there are people who get paid to spend all day searching newsgroups, message boards, discussion forums, and chats just to collect email addresses that are posted.

Posting Personal Contact Information (Address / Phone Number):

Members may not post personal contact information such as home address, work address, home telephone number, work telephone number, etc., in the public forums. ANYONE, including guests to MVRG, can read the public forums - this policy is in place for YOUR safety and protection.

Posting Harmful URL's:

Any Member of MVRG that posts malicious or harmful URL links that cause:

- other Member's PC's to become locked or have to be rebooted in order for the PC to regain functionality; or
- "screaming", (cannot be viewed safely for content or sound at work)
- commercial/advertising "popup" windows (sometimes found imbedded in some counters used in signatures, including ones from sitegadgets.com)

... may lose posting privileges for 3 days. A repeat offender may be permanently banned from the community. This includes signatures, which signatures also MAY NOT have links imbedded which cause commercial popup windows to pop up in threads (found in some counters, including ones from sitegadgets.com), play music videos or other things that will cause sound on another member's system while viewing, or directs one to another website. Please refer to the section of policy on "Signatures" below for more information.

Threats, Racism & Sexism:

Threads or replies promoting or expressing intolerant views towards "minorities" (race, religion, sexual preference, interracial couples, etc.) will not be tolerated. Consider this the only warning. Violators will be banned.

Sexual Conduct:

It is the policy of ManchVegas Roller Girls (MVRG) that sexual misconduct, sexual harassment, or harassment in any form will not be tolerated. Sexual misconduct, sexual harassment and harassment include: unwelcome sexual advances (verbal, written or implied), requests for sexual favors, suggestive talk, name calling, discriminatory or derogatory remarks, and other verbal, written or implied abuse of any sexual or other nature. [CLICK HERE FOR FULL POLICY](#). Members who violate this policy will either be warned on the first offense or banned, depending on the nature of the incident. There will be no second warnings.

Trolling / Inciting Conflict:

“Trolling” or making posts with the intention of creating problems on the forums is obviously against the forum guidelines. This includes registering an alternative ID for the sole purpose of creating problems on the forums. “Troll ID’s” will be locked immediately and permanently, and the primary account holder may be banned from MVRG. Members that visit MVRG only to participate in “conflict” threads may be designated as trolling and have their account temporarily or permanently suspended.

Attacking MVRG Moderators & Administrators:

Posting a thread or reply to comment on, question, or criticize moderator or administrator action is not appropriate in a public forum. Please utilize the board’s Private Message function, or email, staff if you wish to discuss these issues. As long as you bring up your concerns maturely and civilly to the moderator or administrator in question, we will do our best to address your concerns fairly and promptly.

Here are the “Do’s” and “Don’t’s” of addressing your concerns to moderators or administrators:

“Do” be civil and polite. Bring up your concerns in a mature and respectful manner. If you are contacting us because you violated forum guidelines, be adult enough to admit your mistake. If your ID has been locked for some reason, talking politely to us about it in private, via e-mail or private message, can get your ID reinstated in many cases.

“Do not” be derogatory or insulting towards us. You will not get what you want by name calling or bashing us.

All we ask is that you treat us the way you would want us to treat you. If you treat us with respect, we will do the same for you.

MVRG Bashing:

Threads/replies attacking ManchVegas Roller Girls Online Policies will not be allowed. Further, any member found to be bad mouthing the ManchVegas Roller Girls online community at an outside location will have their membership blocked. If you do not care for this community, you really have no business here anyway.

Treatment of MVRG Sponsors

Our paying sponsors deserve respect and restraint. MVRG sponsors assist us in paying the monthly server bill, without which, MVRG would not exist for you today.

Attacking a sponsor on the board is strictly prohibited. If you have a complaint with a sponsor, you may send the information directly to an Administrator and it will be reviewed prior to being sent to the Sponsor for action or resolution. If you do post on in the forums about a specific problem YOU are having involving a sponsor, please remain calm and state the facts. Do not let emotion cloud the issue at hand.

When your thread is read by a moderator, the moderator will do the following:

- A) Lock the thread and place a copy of the thread in the Moderator Forum OR the Sponsor Forum for review.
- B) Reply to the locked thread that (A) has taken place
- C) The moderator or Administrator will update the locked thread with the response from the Sponsor OR the Sponsor will reply or contact you directly.

WE really hope situations can be resolved off-line. We will not prohibit a statement of fact BUT we will control the thread so as to stop the “Hate” or “Me too” replies these threads often generate.

Nudity / Pornographic & Adult Material:

Nude and pornographic material is not acceptable anywhere in the ManchVegas Roller Girls Online community. Overly suggestive photographs/pictures will most likely be considered adult material and removed.

Directing Contact Outside of the MVRG Community:

Directing members to contact you for more information at your Website, via Email or PM is not allowed, unless the information is sensitive or of a personal nature. One of the purposes of MVRG is to provide our members with information on a variety of topics relating to roller derby and the promotion/support of women. Promoting discussion outside of the forums will prevent this information from helping others in the future.

Legal Related Posts & Issues:

ManchVegas Roller Girls Online DOES NOT endorse any legal advice given anyplace within the ManchVegas Roller Girls Online community. We highly recommend that members and guests get the advice of an accredited legal expert whenever possible and never rely on just one source.

Professional Members:

MVRG welcomes professional members (i.e. lawyers, paralegals, etc.). Your input could be that of an enormous value to our members. However, any member soliciting business for themselves will be banned. While we appreciate your

professional input, we do not condone trolling this site in order to gain clients. Any member approaching other members offering paid services (either by posts in the public forum, by private messages, or by email) will be warned and/or banned.

“Directing” Posts or Threads:

Making a post directing other people to another post on the MVRG site, unless requested, and to check their PM box is not permitted. An example of this would be to create a new threads asking if everyone has voted on the poll you posted, or if they have viewed the other thread. Posts such as these will be deleted and the member will be warned. Continuing abuse of this policy will result in you losing your posting privileges.

Use of the MVRG name:

NO MVRG member is permitted to use the MVRG name in any cause that is not specifically authorized in writing by Justice Crone and MVRG. It is sincerely appreciated when our members assist us in spreading the word about the ManchVegas Roller Girls Online community but to state to others that “MVRG and I are working on these issues” (ETC, ETC) is not permissible unless it has been officially sanctioned by MVRG.

Illegal Activities:

Threads/replies encouraging illegal/unethical action (like “The best way to kill the neighbor’s dog”), or more importantly, anything relating to compromising the security of prisons and institutions (ETC) will not be allowed. Posts such as these will be deleted and may lead to you losing your posting privileges.

Drugs:

Conversations relating to manufacturing and “hyping” (promoting or sensationalizing) of drugs are not welcome in MVRG. Conversations relating to the Drug War, addiction and other substance abuse issues related are welcome in their appropriate forums.

Signatures:

Signatures are currently allowed at MVRG, but are a privilege that may be revoked if abused.

- Signatures may not contain links (e-mail, web, embedded or otherwise), with the exception of a counter.
- Signatures may not contain advertisements.
- Signatures may not contain any type of sexual or risqué content (completely up to Admin discretion.)
- Graphics used may not have embedded links or files. This includes e-mail and web addresses, as well as pop-up windows and music videos.
- Anything that causes the forum load time to be substantially lower for dial-up members.
- Counters are limited to one (1) and may not include an additional graphic (clip art, photo, etc.)
- Users may have up to three (3) graphics, provided the total HEIGHT of the graphics do not exceed 500 pixels when stacked, and all graphics are optimized for the web (i.e. 72 dpi). The width of ANY graphic may never exceed 500 pixels. (For example, if you have three graphics in your signature, total up the height of each. If the number is less than 500 pixels, you are within bounds. If it exceeds 500 you must resize your graphics to fit within policy.)
- Graphics include, but are not limited to: counters, photographs, clip art, blinkies, dolls, sparkling names, or any file that must be hosted elsewhere to be used in a signature.
- Text may be used and is not considered a graphic. However, text used in addition to one or more graphics must be size 1, 2 or 3. Text that is size 4, 5, 6 or 7 will be considered a graphic, and therefore part of the three (3) graphics allowed.
- Admin reserves the right to remove or edit any member’s signature at any time to have it comply with MVRG policy without notification.

Counters:

You may have a maximum of (1) Count Down timer in your signature. The counter MAY NOT have links imbedded which cause commercial popup windows to pop up in threads (including ones from sitegadgets.com). Most counters are either an active link or have the name of the originating site in the counter (such as tickerfactory.com). For the purposes of a counter only, this is allowed. Counters are the ONLY exception to the rule of having no links/site names within a signature. If this policy is abused, then all members will be required to remove counters from their signatures.

Soliciting Feedback:

Soliciting feedback about products, services and commercial websites in the forums is not allowed. Active members are welcome to post inquires about PERSONAL web sites/pages in the MVRG Lounge.

“Free” & “Junk” Posting:

“Free” or “Junk” posts are (repeated) posts that do not add to the overall positive content in threads, or are postings solely for the purpose of boosting your post count. A good example of this can be found in threads asking for information on a topic for which you have no answer and does not inquire directly (by name) of you to answer. If you were to reply to this thread by saying, “Nope, I have no information”(ETC), this is a junk post. There is no reason to comment because your silence is as good as saying you do not have any information to contribute. If they are asking you personally (by name) though, please do feel free to reply regardless of whether you have the answer or not.

Many people judge member’s credibility based on post count, so we ask that you obtain your post count legitimately.

Furthermore, free/junk posts add up over time and waste server space and ISP bandwidth unnecessarily. Threads announcing your post count are considered free posting. Free/Junk post repeat abusers may have their post count severely reduced by MVRG administration.

“Bumping” Threads:

“Bumping” a thread is when you make a post for the purpose of making the thread appear on the “View New Posts” option, or light up as forums with new posts do. While there are some circumstances when doing this is reasonable, it should be kept to rare use. If a moderator or admin feels there is no reason for this, there is a good chance your post will be deleted and you may be warned. Repeated abusers may have their posting privileges suspended.

“Off-Topic” Posts:

OTP's are posts that do not relate to the original post/topic, or is placed in the wrong category. While we realize threads often expand into different topics, we encourage members to do their best to stick with the original topic, or start another thread. Off-Topic posts are subject to editing or removal at administrative discretion, and without notification. Members that continuously post off topic may have their posting privileges suspended.

Posting in the Appropriate Forum:

Please post your topics in the most appropriate forum (i.e., fundraising related topics in the Derby Culture categories). If you post a thread that would be more appropriate in another forum, a moderator will move it for you. However, please do not make the moderators do this for you. Use your judgment to determine which forum best suits your topic. If you are dealing with a topic that could appropriately fit in more than one forum, please pick the one you feel is closest to your topic.

Thread Subject Titling:

As MVRG grows, it becomes increasingly important to properly title the subject of new threads. People find the threads that they are interested in mostly by scanning the titles, even when searching with our site search engine. Titles/Subjects that are leading are not allowed. MVRG Moderators may change the title of any thread to assist in describing the content of the thread without notifying the member who started the thread. In some cases, a moderator may also contact the member if it is evident the member is having a problem with titling to give tips.

Referrals / Commissions / Affiliate Links:

Members are NOT allowed to post links that lead to any type of affiliate program where points are given or any type of prize or monetary value is awarded. Members found to be posting links such as these will have their posting privileges suspended for 7 days. Repeated violations will result in banning.

"I am leaving MVRG" threads:

It is the internal policy of MVRG to disallow threads that are purely to announce that you are 'leaving the site' for any reason. Posts this nature will result in the following action: 1) The post will be removed from general view. 2) Your membership will be suspended without notice. 3) If you wish to have your membership reinstated then you may contact an Administrator or Moderator to request this. If you find it necessary to 'leave' MVRG for any reason - or just take a break from the site - then you are welcome to notify your MVRG friends via personal Private Message.

Private Messaging (PM) System:

ALL of the general rules listed in this forum apply to the Private Messaging system, especially soliciting, advertising and sexually related PM's. Violating any of these rules in the PM system will result in immediate removal from the community.

Shout Box:

We have a “Shout Box” located on the main page where members can post a message that is shown along with the main list of all forums on MVRG. All MVRG policies also apply to the Shout-Box. The Shout Box is not intended to be an area of chatting between members; there is a chat area within MVRG for this purpose. Abuses in the shout box may lead to loss of posting privileges or removal from community.

Chat Room:

MVRG also has a chat room available to its members. All MVRG policies apply to the chat room. Abuses within the MVRG chat room may lead to the loss of posting privileges and may also lead to the member being permanently banned from MVRG.

Moving of Posts:

MVRG Moderators and Administrators will move threads & replies to the most appropriate forum often without notice to the member who started a thread. Please spend a little extra time making sure where you start a thread is the best place for it, and don't rely on moderators to do this for you. Members found to blatantly post threads “wherever” may lose their posting privileges.

Deleting Posts and Closing Threads:

MVRG Administration has the right to close or remove any post or thread we deem inappropriate. The decision to Close

or Delete a Post/Thread is solely ours. We have a strict policy of keeping the posts in this community constructive. Posts that create an unnecessary amount of conflict and serve no further purpose may be closed at the moderator's discretion.

Further, it is the policy of this community NOT to delete posts unless the information in a post may put someone in jeopardy. It is the member's responsibility to think of the potential consequences of the post they are about to make prior to doing so. This is the Internet and anyone in the world can read what you post on MVRG - it is the member's responsibility to be careful regarding what personal/identifying/etc. information they post on MVRG. Removing a post will often destroy readability of the thread by making it unreadable. Deleting the first post in a thread will cause the deletion of the entire thread. Members do not appreciate spending their time responding to posts only to have the post they make disappear, so we make it a point not to delete posts just because people change their mind after making a post. The process of removing posts from the board and reviewing threads that need post(s) deleted is also extremely time consuming for staff members and removing even a few posts takes a great deal of time and effort. For that reason also, it is the policy of this community not to delete posts except in very extreme, emergency circumstances.

Administration Dispute Resolution:

If you are having a problem on MVRG that you feel you cannot solve by any other means available to you, we invite you to contact one of the MVRG administrators via PM or email. (Justice Crone, etc) Administrators have the final say with anything in this community.

Contact Information:

Please be sure that if you change your personal email address that you do so here at ManchVegas Roller Girls Online as well. If you lose your password in the future, you will need to have a current and valid email address in your profile to receive the lost password, and verify any changes with the admin.

Media/Journalists

When a journalist or member of the media posts on the site, they are expected to explain the purpose of the request to the members and to encourage members to post their stories in the thread. Inviting outside contact of MVRG members is not allowed. Persons in the media are also not allowed to send unsolicited emails and/or private messages to members of MVRG. Posting a personal email address within the thread is also not allowed. It is not the responsibility of the MVRG Administration or Staff to authenticate or verify any statement or facts purported by members of MVRG. At the discretion of MVRG Administration, any media-related post/request may be removed from the site. This may be done without warning or prior notification. MVRG does not endorse any media outlet, journalist, member of the media or media story/report. However, any information obtained from this site must be credited to ManchVegasRollergirls.com and its members. Failure to follow these rules and policies will result in the request being immediately removed from the site and permanent banning of the media member(s) involved.

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