

r/DatingOC

Core idea:

A dating focused subreddit for adults in Orange County who want real one on one connections, not just hookups. Strict rules, detailed posts, DM based contact, and strong filters against spam and scams.

2. Scope and boundaries

Primary area:

- Orange County

Allowed border cities:

- Long Beach
- Lakewood
- Seal Beach
- Los Alamitos
- Cerritos
- Cypress
- Artesia
- Hawaiian Gardens
- Cities immediately touching OC borders

Not allowed:

- LA proper
- Hollywood
- West LA
- Inland Empire

- San Diego County
- High Desert

Age:

- Twenty one plus preferred. Possibly 18 plus

Intent allowed:

- Dating: PRIORITIZED
- Friendship
- Events (for later on)

Intent not allowed:

- Thirst trap
- Affair
- Friends with benefits
- Sugar
- Sexting
- Pay for play
- Escort like services

3. Core principles

This sub is:

OC only

Adult only

Dating first

DM centric?

Structured

Respectful

Hostile to scammers and creeps

4. Flair system

Post flairs:

- Dating
- Friends
- Events (mod approved only)

No flairs for:

Race, body type, politics, height, etc.

5. Rules for users

1. Adults Only

Users must be 21+ (will open to 18+ if things are going well). No minors. Lying results in an immediate ban.

2. Locals Only

This subreddit is for residents of Orange County and approved border cities only. Tourists, temporary visitors, or people trying to date OC from far away will be removed.

3. Be Genuine

Real singles only. No promotional accounts, sugar offers, escort-style services, commercial activity, paid links, dating coaches, or business funnels.

4. Intent

Users must be honest in their posts about their intentions. Serial dating is fine, but lying about what you're looking for can result in a ban if reported multiple times.

5. Ethical Non-Monogamy (ENM) / Poly

ENM / poly users are welcome, but must follow these rules: Must post under the Dating flair. Must clearly state ENM/Poly in the title. Posts must be written by individuals only, not couples. No “third”, “unicorn”, “shared partner”, or “couple seeking” language

5. Safe For Work

No sexual content, no suggestive photos, no fetish requests, no pornographic language.

6. Put in Effort

Put forward the best version of yourself. Title must include gender, age, city, and intent. Body must include a paragraph about you and a paragraph about what you want. Posts deemed low-effort will be removed.

7. Account Requirements

Throwaway accounts must meet a minimum in karma and age requirements. Users may appeal to mods if AutoMod removes them unfairly.

8. No Hate or Discrimination

Preferences are normal, but no insults or hostile language toward race, gender, neurodivergent groups, orientation, body, or religion. Violators will be banned. Any post containing political statements beyond basic compatibility cannot unlock comments.

9. Respect Others

No creepy behavior. No unsolicited sexual messages. No harassment or disrespecting boundaries. Do not repeatedly message someone after they ignore or decline. If this is reported, it will result in a ban. Any such behavior should be reported to the mods. If reported, you will be banned.

10. No External Profiles

No links to socials, dating apps, OnlyFans, Snapchat, Instagram, TikTok, etc.

11. Privacy & Safety

Do not post phone numbers, emails, or identifying information publicly. Public meets only. No money sending. Report pressure tactics immediately.

12. Contact Method

Posts locked by default. DM-based communication. Users may request unlocked comments via !unlock. May be denied depending on content within post.

13. Stay On Topic

Personal ads, discussion threads, mod-approved events only. No memes, arguments, or off-topic posts. Automatic removal

14. No Fake or Altered Images

Images must be real, recent, and minimally edited. No excessive filtering. Catfishing = instant ban.

6. Posting template

Title:

Gender Age City Intent

Example: 23 [M4F] #Costa Mesa #Dating - Looking to meet my special someone

Body:

ABOUT ME

Work, hobbies, lifestyle, personality

LIFESTYLE (optional but encouraged)

Smoking, drinking, drugs, kids,

WHAT I WANT

Intent, what you connect with, dealbreakers, etc

PICS

Optional but encouraged, SFW, no thirst traps. Can be included in either the post itself or an Imgur link.

7. Discussion rules

A Weekly Dating Discussion Megathread will be pinned.

Use it for:

- Questions
- Fun date/hangout recommendations
- Experiences
- Advice

Not allowed: no excessive venting or ranting. No doomer or incel-like comments. No red pill/alpha male/PUA rhetoric. No misogyny or misandry. No therapy-seeking or trauma dumping. Your comment will be removed. Repeated violations will result in a ban

8. Events section

Events, mixers, and singles socials follow strict rules.

Two ways to share:

1. Monthly Events Megathread (preferred)
2. Events flair (mod approval required)

Allowed:

- Legit public events with real venues
- Eventbrite/Meetup/ticketed mixers
- Speed dating via known organizations

Not allowed:

- Self hosted meetups or parties
- “DM me for location”
- Shady club promo “singles nights”
- MLM/networking traps
- Anything unverifiable
- Events outside OC + allowed border cities

Required info:

Event name, venue, city, official link, cost, age limit

9. AutoModerator plan

Core tasks:

- Auto lock all new posts
- Remove posts with missing city or age
- Remove posts from accounts with low karma
- Remove posts under character minimum
- Block scam words: snap, “fun tonight”, “late night”, telegram, sugar, OF, cash, daddy, momma, whatsapp, fwb, hookup, down to chill, have fun, no strings, swinger, horny, dtf, hoe, slut, cuck, mlf,
- Remove low effort titles (“any ladies?”, “bored”, etc.)
- Flag brand new accounts for review
- Optional: limit posts to 1 per 7 days per user

10. Moderator workflow

Mods check:

- New queue a few times weekly
- Remove rulebreakers fast
- Ban scammers and sexual solicitors immediately
- Approve Events flair posts
- Unlock comments on request
- Check throwaways for effort

Moderation philosophy:

You protect the room and make it a safe space for everyone. No debates with scammers, bots or creeps.

11. Launch plan

Phase one:

Create sub, set private, add rules, flairs, AutoMod, pinned posts.

Phase two:

Recruit 2–3 OC adults as moderators.

Phase three:

Open public and announce in r/OrangeCounty and others carefully.

Phase four:

First month cleanup and tuning.

Expectation:

Small, clean, intentional community — quality over volume.

How to Spot a Catfish, Bot, or Scam Account

1. Profile Red Flags

Watch for accounts that:

- Have very low karma or brand new creation dates
- Show little or no comment history
- Have usernames with random numbers or unusual patterns
- Only appear in dating subs
- Were created within the last few days

2. Post Red Flags

Avoid users whose posts show:

- Vague or generic introductions
- No real details about lifestyle or personality
- Overly polished, model-like, or AI-generated photos
- Conflicting age or location details
- Template-style writing
- “DM me” posts with no substance

3. Messaging Red Flags

Be cautious if someone:

- Immediately asks for Snapchat, Instagram, WhatsApp, Telegram
- Quickly escalates into flirting or sexual talk

- Avoids answering simple personal questions
- Uses repetitive phrases like “down to chill”, “looking for fun”, “snap?”
- Sends links early in conversation
- Requests money or “verification pics”

4. Photo Red Flags

Common giveaways:

- Stock image or influencer-style shots
- Inconsistent backgrounds or lighting
- Over-filtered images
- Different people across photos
- AI or unnatural appearance

5. Real vs Fake Behavior

Real users:

- Share day-to-day details
- Answer specifics
- Stay consistent
- Respect boundaries

Fake users:

- Stay vague
- Push for fast intimacy
- Avoid details
- Feel scripted

6. Safe Verification

Use non-invasive methods:

- Quick voice note
- Short video greeting
- Photo holding up two fingers or username
- Local detail reference

7. What to Do if Unsure

- Stop responding
- Don't click links
- Don't give personal info
- Report to moderators
- Block if needed

8. Instant Ban Behaviors

- Catfishing
- Scam baiting
- AI or fake photos
- Sexual solicitation
- Off-platform pushing
- Social media links
- Cash apps or pay links

9. When in Doubt

Screenshot → Report → Mods handle it.

How to spot suspicious or inauthentic photos

Most fake or bot accounts use images that look “off.” Here are simple things to watch for:

1. Overly perfect skin or heavy filters

If someone looks plastic, airbrushed, or unrealistically smooth, it’s probably edited or AI.

2. Inconsistent backgrounds or lighting

Warped walls, weird shadows, or blurry objects behind them can signal manipulated images.

3. Pictures that look like stock models

If all photos look professionally shot or influencer-level polished, that’s a red flag.

4. Multiple photos that don’t match

Different hairlines, face shapes, or vibes across pics = probably stolen images. Reverse image search to see if they belong to someone else.

5. Refusal to provide a normal SFW photo when asked politely

This is the biggest red flag. Real people can give a simple, casual picture (no sexual content). Fakes usually dodge or stall.

Monthly Feedback Thread

A monthly thread where users can give suggestions, voice concerns, and offer ideas to improve the subreddit.

Purpose:

- Identify community issues early

- Improve rules, flairs, and user experience
- Encourage healthy communication
- Prevent long-term resentment or confusion

Guidelines:

- No call-outs of specific users
- No doxxing or personal information
- Keep feedback constructive, clear, and focused

Weekly Moderator Transparency Notes

A short weekly post from moderators summarizing major actions taken.

Examples:

- Number of spam or scam posts removed
- Notable rule updates or adjustments
- Improvements to AutoModerator
- Clarifications to existing rules

Purpose:

- Maintain trust in moderation
- Show users the sub is actively monitored
- Discourage rulebreakers by showing oversight

Quarterly Improvement Survey

Every few months, mods post an anonymous survey asking for:

- Rule clarity and fairness

- Safety levels users feel
- Desired features or changes
- Feedback on AutoModerator strictness
- Suggestions for improving user experience

This helps shape long-term direction while keeping community needs in focus.