

The Seattle Metals Guild Online Code of Conduct

Our commitment to respectful engagement

Introduction:

Our community strives to create a supportive and positive environment for all members. To foster respectful and responsible engagement, we created The Seattle Metals Guild Community Code of Conduct. By following these guidelines, you're building a community where everyone feels comfortable, heard, and supported.

Mission statement:

The Seattle Metals Guild is dedicated to promoting educational and networking opportunities for metals artists at all career levels and skill sets through lectures, workshops, social gatherings, and other enrichment opportunities, in order to strengthen our creative community.

Section 1: Respectful and Courteous Behavior

Introduction:

We strive to create a welcoming and inclusive community among Seattle Metals Guild members and friends.

As a community member, you are responsible for upholding professional and respectful behavior in your interactions with others. We ask that you pledge to treat your fellow community members with kindness, empathy, and respect and to ensure that your content and behavior are appropriate for all audiences.

Rules:

To maintain a positive and productive community environment, we do not tolerate posts of the following nature:

- Solicitation of business, unless topical to discussion or upon request
- Illegal content
- Pornographic, sexually explicit, or mature content
- Racist, sexist, bigoted, or otherwise offensive material
- Shockingly graphic, grotesque, or obscene content
- Inflammatory language, such as name-calling, preaching, ranting, stirring up controversy, or venting frustrations

Why follow the rules:

By committing to respectful and courteous behavior, we can create a vibrant and supportive community that fosters learning, growth, and connection for all members.

Section 2: Protecting My Privacy in the Community

Introduction:

As a member of The Seattle Metals Guild, we ask that you understand that protecting your privacy is your responsibility. Please ensure that the information you share with the community is what you are comfortable with, including your profile information.

Rules:

To safeguard your personal information, please:

- Be mindful of the information you share in our forums
- Use discretion when sharing personal details, such as your email address or phone number

Why follow the rules:

By taking personal responsibility for your privacy, you can confidently participate in the community and ensure that your information is secure. While our team takes security measures to protect the community, you must also play an active role in protecting yourself.

Section 3: Intentional Contributions

Introduction:

To make the most of your experience in The Seattle Metals Guild, we encourage you to be intentional about your contributions. Engage in conversations and groups that align with your interests and participate meaningfully. Also understand that you will most benefit from the community when also contributing to it by answering questions, sharing your experiences, and participating in events.

Rules:

To ensure that your contributions and behavior are valuable and respected, you should strive to:

- Help groups create organized conversations by searching for relevant keywords before posting
- Provide helpful and constructive feedback to other members
- Leave thoughtful comments on topics that interest you
- RSVP for and attend events that intrigue you

Why follow the rules:

By being intentional about your involvement and actively contributing to the community, you can learn from others, build meaningful connections, and help others do the same.

Section 4: Best Practices for Sharing Content

Introduction:

We're excited to showcase the fantastic work our members are doing. We consistently hear from members that this is one of their favorite parts of the community.

Rules:

To help make sure your contributions are celebrated and respected, here are some best practices to keep in mind:

- Give credit where it's due: Acknowledge and celebrate the work of others
- Share with care: Always link to the source when posting others' work
- Respect intellectual property: Be sure to include links to copyrighted or trademarked content

Section 5: Responsible Use of Community Features

Introduction:

Our community includes many features to help community members interact with one another, including private messaging. We ask that members use these tools responsibly and refrain from spamming or sending unsolicited messages to other members.

Rules:

To ensure that the community remains a supportive and respectful environment, we consider the following actions to be spam:

- Using likes, comments, private messaging, or other social features to draw attention to your profile in a disingenuous way
- Misusing community features and functionality for personal gain or in a way that is not in line with their core purpose
- Leaving irrelevant comments to draw attention to your account
- Posting content that explicitly promotes a product or service
- Posting the same question in multiple locations before anyone has the opportunity to reply

Why follow the rules:

By using community features responsibly and avoiding spamming, we can create a positive and supportive environment where members can engage with one another meaningfully.

Section 6: Best practices for using private messages for community building

Introduction:

Private messaging can be a powerful tool for community builders to connect and collaborate with one another.

Rules:

When using this feature, we ask that members follow these guidelines:

- Messages must be related to relevant topics
- Personalize your messages. Boilerplate messages can come across as impersonal and may lack the necessary details to connect with others. Be sure to include the recipient's name, a brief explanation of why you are reaching out, and any pertinent information about their community that interests you
- Have a specific reason, partnership, or opportunity in mind when contacting another member. Avoid sending general messages asking if someone is interested in something.

Why follow the rules:

By using private messaging responsibly and with a focus on community building, we can foster connections and partnerships that help us all grow and learn.

Section 7: Reporting Online Code of Conduct Violations

Introduction:

We're committed to maintaining a respectful and inclusive community environment for all members. If you see a post or comment that violates our code of conduct, we encourage you to report it.

Rules:

To report a violation, please follow these steps:

- Click on the 'Report Post or Reply' option, which can be found by clicking on the three dots at the top right of the post or comment in question
- Provide a brief description of the issue, along with any relevant details or evidence
- We will review the report and take appropriate action, which may include removing the offending content or taking disciplinary action against the member responsible

Please note that The Seattle Metals Guild reserves the right to remove posts or member accounts that are detrimental to the community without warning.

Where to get more information:

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact executivecommittee@seattlemetalsguild.org for assistance. By working together, we can maintain a safe and supportive community environment for all members.