

Banning TuxedoKamen

UPDATE: Please read the following. The original statement is preserved below underneath the italicized update text.

*Stude here, updating from mobile, so please bear with the formatting. The initial decision to ban TuxedoKamen from DFW P+ was something I reached due to first hand accounts of his behavior at my tournament, The Back Hit, as well as accounts regarding the affected party's experience with him. A voicemail was also provided, which was cryptic and disturbing enough to me with these contexts to move forward with the ban. However, I did not contact Tux outside of letting him know that he was to be banned, and did not initially seek his account due to statements from those close to him that he was not of right or rational mind. **This was my mistake, and mine alone - I take full accountability for jumping the gun and would like to extend an apology to my community and to Tux for not including him in the process.***

That said, I recognized that I had done wrong, and began to work with both parties in equal measure to right that wrong. This involved multiple writeups on Tux's part seeking to establish two things - that the initial claims of sexual advances and persistent, unwanted contact by his accuser were entirely fabricated and his intentions were solely as a caring friend for someone who he believed to be suicidal, and that their friendship was far more than the accuser led on. I worked with the National TO board to document and determine the situation. This led to a lengthy discovery period, wherein I worked with both parties to safely re-add each other on Snapchat so that a third party app we'd found could pull the messages from their now years old conversation.

The claims have since been verified as true due to this, despite claims to the contrary. Other records unearthed are as follows, in a rough timeline:

- *Tux, after the accuser ceased contact without notice ("ghosting" is a common term), often sent long-form messages, thoughts, and memes. Some of these were indeed of a caring nature. Some of these were also quite sexually explicit, romantic, or at times reading as though scorned. Contact cut off in 2019, ~6 months without an answer from the accused.*
- *From Tux's hacked and deactivated Facebook accounts chats with the accuser, we could see message frequencies and changes made to the accuser's name in the chat, but not the messages' contents. A span of four months or so of unanswered messages.*
- *Tux had attempted to contact the accuser through a Facebook friend request six weeks before The Back Hit*
- *Tux left a voicemail for the accuser around this time.*
- *Tux's behavior at the Back Hit followed after these events.*

Due to the obfuscation of information, persistent patterns of unwanted and explicit contact, and recent behavior, DFW P+ as well as the national TO board have opted to permanently ban TuxedoKamen.

Tux has since accepted the ban of his own accord. I would still urge him to seek help and for the people close to him to do what they can for him - it is simply not the place of a video gaming community to do that work for him.

Though my initial judgement proved sound, the ends do not justify the means, and I will be sure to be more thorough in the future regarding any future conduct cases in DFW P+. Again, I apologize to my community, and hope that the work I have done to rectify my mistake is seen as sufficient.

Hey everyone - I'm writing this due to a decision that I reached after discussion with several community leaders and certain members of the DFW P+ community. Effective immediately, TuxedoKamen will be indefinitely banned from DFW P+ events and the discord due to behaviors outside of the game that began a few years ago, and escalated in recent weeks. Please read this in its entirety.

To keep things fairly brief, Tux made a series of persistent, unwanted, and overtly sexual advances to a community member several years ago when both parties were acquainted. Contact was broken off by the other involved party 4.5 years ago. Before The Back Hit, the person involved reached out to me privately to ensure that they were not in the same pool as Tux, due to these past issues. I asked them if it was worth banning him for, but given most of the advances were on snapchat and a number of years ago, they didn't have any of the direct information or evidence - however, this is someone I trust implicitly due to their time in the scene and given that several other people have corroborated their lived experience. Recently, at The Back Hit, I was made aware that Tux was following this person around, calling out for them in the venue, and even following them to their vehicle and tapping on their window to initiate a conversation. The other party made it clear that they were not interested in any sort of contact, and drove to another part of the parking lot. They did not re-enter the venue for some time. These events have been corroborated by not only the affected party but three other witnesses at the event.

In the days since The Back Hit, I have been working with other DFW community leads to discuss Tux's conduct, and conducting an investigation regarding the situation. I received a copy of a voicemail that Tux had sent to this person, and its contents were sufficiently disturbing to where I feel as though an indefinite ban pending recognition of fault, passage of time, and general betterment is sufficient. I understand that there have been worries about Tux's general mental state recently, and I encourage those concerned to be there for him and to assist him - however, this is a private community, and the safety of our events and members comes first and foremost, as events are not a public utility. I hope that Tux can learn and grow from this, but he will have to do so outside of our community for the time being. Accountability for one's actions is still one's responsibility regardless of one's mental health.

I hope that this is sufficiently transparent, and thank you for being the DFW P+ community.