

After the release of the video titled *January Ban Appeal 2024* on his social media channels, NYC Melee's tournament organizers have determined we will be **permanently banning Hax from all future NYC Melee events for violating the terms of our previous unban statement.**

In our prior statement, which took effect beginning January 1st 2023, we outlined the following four conditions for Hax to resume participation in NYC Melee events:

1. The banned individual releases no further public statements about fellow community members which can be considered in violation of COC rules 2.2.2 & 2.2.3.
2. The banned individual engages in no additional interviews or public discussions on the topic of their ban, for their own social media channels or any others.
3. The banned individual does not seek to further appeal this ban with the undersigned tournament organizers.
4. The banned individual does not ask to be reinstated as part of the undersigned tournament organizing groups even after the ban is lifted.

Despite him having agreed to the terms outlined above in advance of our prior statement, we found Hax's new video to be in violation of the first two clauses.

Through our initial ruling, we had hoped to give Hax a chance to reconnect with his local scene and move past this. However, it is clear that he is unable to let go of his original motivation behind the videos, and we believe a line in the sand must be drawn when the player in question has publicly gone back on their agreement.

Please note that this update only applies to events organized by NYC Melee. Specifically, this refers to the weekly **Nightclub** series of events, as well as future **Nightclub VIP**, **Function**, or other events of that nature run by our team. **Other organizers or scenes can see fit to make their own judgment on Hax's participation in their events.** We will not be considering further appeals to this decision.

The previous statement can be found [here](#).