

# What does it mean to be a mod?

When you're a mod, you not only have to represent yourself, but you also have to represent the LFD, or Light Flight Discord. Although this discord is fairly mellow, occasionally there is discourse. You have to learn how to put personal feelings aside to remain calm as to not to agitate the situation further. Also, you must use your personal experience and stand firm on your decisions. Here are some things the LFD requires of the staff.

1. **Teamwork and Communication:** With big decisions, or any confusions, we talk as a team. We bring suggestions to each other on how to work with certain users or how to better the server. We keep each other updated on our lives so we know how best to help one another. We make decisions as a group, and back each other up. If there is discourse between the mods, it makes the job that much harder.
2. **Understanding the Rules:** As a mod, you have to completely understand the rules and their implications. As obscure as they can seem sometimes, the rules we have keep the server in a delicate balance and need to be enforced firmly and carefully. Sometimes discussion with the team about a particular behavior is necessary, as well as talking about a punishment that matches the level of infraction.
3. **Read and Respond:** There may come a time where an incident occurs while you're the only one online. You have to be able to be secure enough in your position to address it. This also includes when you're the first one on after no one else has been on. Keep yourself updated on the conversations that have taken place while you were away, and address issues that you noticed may not have been addressed.

4. Be Confident: You're a mod the of the LFD, you have this! A mod isn't picked because we are best friends with them, a mod is picked based on their actions in the LFD prior to applying to be a mod; how they talk with people, how they react to certain situations, their personality in general, and how active they are just a few examples of what we discuss together as a team! You were picked because we think you'd be a great addition to the team and we thought you were a great choice for the server.
5. Have fun!: This discord is pretty relaxed, so there isn't a lot of "mod work" in the sense you'd be dishing out punishments all the time. Rather, it's trying to make the server easier and fun in general. And you have no idea if it's fun if you're not having fun yourself! You *can* be friends with people, be silly, all that jazz. It's just learning about finding a balance between being a friend and being a mod, and we will support you through that process!

