

COMMUNITY STANDARDS OF MNZP

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Article 1 - Simulation Supremacy

1. Through their membership of Discord servers affiliated with Model NZ Parliament, simulation members agree to abide by the rules in this document.
2. These Community Standards extend to all affiliated Discord servers.
3. Violation of these rules may result in punishments on all platforms, including Discord servers affiliated with Model NZ Parliament.
4. The jurisdiction of these rules extends to private messaging between members of the Discord server.

Article 2 - Etiquette

1. Simulation members must respect the purpose of each channel and attempt to use them for their intended purpose.

Article 3 - Offences

Part 1 - Permanently Bannable Offences (Tier 1)

1. The following offences are severe enough to warrant an indefinite ban from the simulation:
 - a. Doxxing: searching for and/or publishing private or identifying information about a particular individual.
 - b. Death threats: sending the intentional or imminent threat of death against an individual or group.
 - c. Blackmailing: threatening to coerce someone in private messages.

- d. Duping: using different accounts for political gain, impersonation, or the evasion of punishments.
 - e. Pedophilia: you know what this is.
 - f. Protection of a pedophile in staff: you also know what this is.
 - g. Repeated instances of a Tier 2 offence, at moderator discretion.
2. Punishment for Tier 1 offences will be considered regardless of when or where they occur, including outside of the simulation.

Part 2 - Term Bannable Offences (Tier 2)

1. The following offences are severe enough to warrant a ban of no greater than 3 months from the Discord and all affiliated subreddits.
- a. Posting pornography: sharing printed or visual material containing the explicit description or display of sexual organs or sexual activity.
 - i. Posting pornography featuring any people under 18 years of age, also known as child pornography, will be considered a Tier 1 offence.
 - b. Harassment: directing or targeting toxicity towards a person or a group of people in the simulation.
 - i. Harassment can include hunting down the posts of an individual outside the simulation in order to humiliate or berate them; the constant picking on or pestering of an individual; bullying; as well as other things.
 - ii. Harassment which is of a sexual nature, or which would qualify as hate speech under these Community Standards, may be considered a Tier 1 offence.
 - c. Posting hate speech: using speech which abuses, threatens, or discriminates against groups based on race, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, disability or other classifications.
 - i. Hate speech includes, but is not limited to, slurs, threats, Holocaust denial (as well as denial of other genocides), and encouraging discrimination.
 - ii. Hate speech may also include making prejudicial statements which demean a listed group.
 - d. Using language that excessively denigrates an individual or group, in the simulation or otherwise.

- e. Meta abuses: violating any meta or real life rules or guidelines, including:
 - i. abusing a position of trust within a meta position;
 - ii. violating the Meta Constitution or violating the Parliament Rules;
 - iii. violating the Reddit or Discord Terms of Service, or violating the Reddit Content Policy in any way.
 - f. Repeated instances of a Tier 3 offence, at moderator discretion.
2. In order to ensure fair rulings, all evidence must be submitted to moderators within 14 days of a Tier 2 incident.
- a. Despite this time limit, if a recurring incident, such as bullying, occurs then evidence of offending behaviour prior to the 14 day period should be considered.
 - b. Any evidence submitted after this period will be considered on a case by case basis according to the severity and nature of the violation.

Part 3 - Manageable Offences (Tier 3)

1. The following offences will be treated with an escalating series of moderator actions.
- a. Excessive spam where spam is not permitted.
 - b. Being overly abrasive, promoting toxicity, engaging in flame baiting, or creating a hostile environment.
 - i. These are actions that directly and purposefully inhibit productive discussion or otherwise negative impact the atmosphere of the chat.
 - c. Posting content which involves severe gore or violence where it is not discreet.
 - d. Constantly insulting other people in the chat.
 - e. Encouraging simulation members under the age of 18 to engage in any illegal practice.
 - f. Posting indiscreet NSFW content where such actions would not fall under other Tier 1 or Tier 2 classifications.
 - g. Attempting to sell or advertise a product.
2. Considering the minor nature of these offences, violations of these rules must be reported within 24 hours of their occurrence.
- a. Any reports following this period will not be considered.
 - b. If an offence is repeated, prior evidence may be considered.

Article 4 - Guidance for Punishment

1. The standard punishments are as follows:
 - a. Tier 3 offences may be addressed with the following punishments for repeat offences:
 - i. A warning
 - ii. Muting for a period determined by moderators no greater than 24 hours on Discord or removal from a subreddit for a similar time
 - iii. A 24 hour mute on Discord or removal from a subreddit from a similar time
 - iv. Subsequent Tier 3 offences may be considered Tier 2 offences in their own right.
 - b. Tier 2 offences may be addressed with the following punishments for repeat offences:
 - i. 1 week ban
 - ii. 1 month ban
 - iii. 3 month ban
 - iv. Further repeat offences may be considered as Tier 1 offences in their own right.
 - c. Tier 1 offences result in permanent bans.
2. Despite the guidance outlined above, the moderation team may decide to modify the severity of punishment on the basis of aggravating or mitigating factors.
 - a. Aggravating factors include:
 - i. committing multiple offences simultaneously
 - ii. breaching a position of trust within the simulation
 - iii. violating the terms of any agreement made with the moderation team
 - iv. the presence of severe harm caused by the offence in question
 - v. prior records of poor conduct
 - vi. encouraging or leading others in committing offences
 - vii. non-participation in the simulation.
 - b. Mitigating factors include:
 - i. a record of good behaviour within the simulation
 - ii. low chances of recidivism in the future

- iii. minimal harm from the offence in question
- iv. the existence of an agreement with the moderation team to improve future behaviour.

Article 5 - Jurisdiction

1. Punishments for Tier 3 offences will apply on the Discord server where the offence took place. In cases where an offence occurred on multiple Discord servers or via private messaging, the punishment will apply on all concerned servers.
2. Offences resulting in a ban for longer than 1 week will coincide with simultaneous bans from all parts of the simulation. If such a ban will result in removal from office due to inactivity, inability to stand for election, or other repercussions, the punishment will still apply.

Article 6 - Recording of Punishments

1. So that moderators can enforce the rules, members of the community are forbidden from blocking moderators and will be removed from the chat until they unblock them.
2. To ensure transparency, when a punishment beyond a mute is issued, the following process will be carried out:
 - a. The moderator issuing the punishment must inform the offender of the reason and the duration of their punishment immediately.
 - b. All records of punishment must be made in #audit-log.
3. The moderation team must maintain an internal record of all offences in order to ensure effective and just moderation.

Article 7 - Appeals

1. All simulation members have the right to appeal a ban against them at least one time.
2. An appeal may be denied by the moderators if it is determined that revoking the ban would be detrimental to the simulation.
3. The appeal process will be administered by the Governor-General.

4. Simulation members may present evidence for why they were wrongly banned, how they have changed, and how their return to the community is appropriate.
5. The Governor-General will then, with the advice of the moderation team, consider the appeal and decide the outcome.
6. Simulation members may only appeal a ban more than once with the permission of the Governor-General.

Article 8 - Amendment

1. These Community Standards may be amended by the Governor-General.
2. Before amending the Community Standards under this article, the Governor-General must consult with moderators and then outline the proposed change on #announcements for community feedback for no less than three days.