

## GO<sub>2</sub>

### GO<sub>2</sub> Board Rules

The GO<sub>2</sub> Message Boards are a public forum and, while we encourage a free flow of information and ideas on the boards, we also ask that you follow a few basic rules.

Following are some things you'll want to keep in mind while posting on the GO<sub>2</sub> Message Boards. Please read the rules so you will be familiar with them:

- **Flaming & Bashing**  
Hate posts and personal attacks will not be tolerated on the GO<sub>2</sub> Boards. Treat others on these message boards as you would expect them to treat you. Talking trash about another user or posting topics specifically to provoke a negative response from an individual, a group or an entire community is not acceptable on the GO<sub>2</sub> Boards. These posts will be deleted and will result in a ban.  
  
Board bashing is also not allowed on the GO<sub>2</sub> Boards. Please respect the various communities on the GO<sub>2</sub> Boards system. If another board is not your favorite, there's no need to complain about it. Simply refrain from visiting it. Board bashing posts will be deleted.
- **Pornography & Sexually Explicit Content**  
absolutely no forms of pornography or overly sexually suggestive imagery are allowed on the boards, this includes links and/or posting a name of a porn site. Note that pornography is not limited to images - descriptive sexually explicit posting is also not allowed on the boards. This includes describing sexual acts in a profane manner or using sexual slang terms for body parts or actions. We allow mature discussions of sexuality, but the boards are not your bedroom, local bar, porn shop or back alley. Please keep all discussions on this subject mature and use proper terms.
- **Pedophilia**  
Content that in any way depicts or implies sexually explicit/suggestive/provocative/nude imagery of seemingly underage persons (under 18 years of age) is not allowed at the boards for any reason. Violators will be permanently banned and their accounts will be terminated. This includes but is not limited to all images, "friends" pictures or pictures taking from social networking sites, school sites, any joke-style images, written stories, jokes or remarks.. Any hint of pedophilia or related content will be dealt with harshly with the added possibility of GO<sub>2</sub> contacting your ISP and local authorities. Also note all these types of content can be subjective and GO<sub>2</sub> holds the right to make a judgment on what can fall under pedophilia related content. When in doubt -- leave it out.
- **Other Explicit Content**  
Explicit images/videos, which include but not limited to death scenes, death pictures, torture, mutilation and human feces, are not allowed. Explicit written descriptions of these acts is also not allowed on the boards.
- **Posting "Real Life" Information**  
Posting any real life information about another user/person is strictly prohibited. This includes such things as full names, addresses, phone numbers, etc. Purposely posting links to users social networking pages, websites, school, etc. for the sole purpose of harassment will be severely dealt with and can result in a permanent ban.
- **Racism/Hate**  
GO<sub>2</sub> board administrators will not tolerate hate speech in any form. This includes but is not limited to racist slang terms, hateful comments based on skin color or background, religious bashing or intolerance, gay bashing, sexist or misogynistic material, faith based prejudicial statements, derogatory remarks, and all poor taste jokes about these topics. Also note that using the word "gay" to describe something as stupid/lame/dumb is not allowed. Remember, these boards are open to all walks of life and with that comes the need to respect them all. So leave your hate at the door please.
- **Trolling**  
We are all entitled to our opinions and that may included negative opinions about a feature/console/game/anything else, but if you are knowingly or purposely posting to incite anger/negativity on the board or from the community, you will be banned for trolling. These boards are meant for meaningful discussions and debates, not a place for you to start trouble. Be mindful.
- **Profanity**  
Offensive language is unacceptable. While we may let you get away with anything you might hear on network television (no, NOT cable) or radio, don't go overboard. Additionally, a simple rule to follow is "when in doubt, leave it out." All letters of an offensive word must be edited out. Remember, you don't have to use excessive profanity to get your point across, and it's usually better to avoid it altogether. Profanity in posts will be edited out, and repeat offenders or those who use excessive profanity will be banned. In particular, be careful when quoting outside sources or other users as you are responsible for your own post and everything inside it. When linking to external sites that contain profanity, please include a warning.  
  
Note that as thread titles are more visible than thread content, they are held to a higher standard. Vulgar, obscene, sexual terms, slang terms for body parts, etc. that might otherwise be allowed on the boards should not be used in thread titles.
- **Criminal Activity**  
No discussions of illegal activity will be tolerated on the boards. Any instruction on how to carry out illegal activity or admission of illegal activity will be dealt with harshly. This includes but is not limited to discussions about how to obtain drugs illegally, how to steal, fraud, how to kill someone, rape (including statutory rape), abuse of humans or animals, and auto theft. To sum up, if it's against the law, don't post it.
- **Spam**  
Purposely spamming a message board with senseless, vacuous, or empty messages is highly frowned upon! This

includes such things as party posts, chain letters, two-word "I agree" or "me too" responses, merely posting an icon, one word replies, bumping old topics, +1, "didn't read" or "old", continually posting the same topic or post, posting the same question across several boards and using the Quote feature without contributing anything new to a thread.

On a similar note, participating in spam attacks (post riots, etc.) on the **GO<sub>2</sub>** Boards or planning a spam attack on the **GO<sub>2</sub>** Message Boards or any other Website is unacceptable, and these actions will be reported to your ISP.

- **Circumventing a Ban**  
Creating an alternate username and logging into the boards to continue to post will result in added ban time to your original banned account and the new username will be permanently banned.
- **Copyrighted Material**  
**GO<sub>2</sub>**board users agree not to post any material that is protected by copyright, trademark or other proprietary right without the express permission of the owner(s) of said copyright, trademark or other proprietary right. This includes but is not limited to magazine, book and newspaper scans, television broadcasts and copyrighted photos and pictures.
- **Advertising & Solicitation**  
Posting for the pure purpose of driving traffic to your own website is not allowed. This includes any pyramid schemes, free offers, other board systems, money making ventures, etc. These boards are not an advertising platform for you to use. Spam advertising via the Private Message system will result in immediate termination of your account.
- **Piracy, ROMs, and Warez**  
**GO<sub>2</sub>**has a very strict policy against piracy, ROMs, warez, and the illegal use of copyrighted material. Linking to or giving information about any site that distributes illegal software, ROMs, media, or emulators, seeking help to circumvent any copyright laws, admitting to possessing and/or distributing illegal copyrighted material, or encouraging software or media piracy is grounds for an immediate ban. It is also unacceptable to post first-hand impressions, reviews or screenshots of known pirated material. This goes for all copyrighted material, including but not limited to games, movies, music and television broadcasts.
- **Impersonating Other Users / Accessing another User's Account**  
You may not impersonate another board member or create an account specifically for the purpose of provoking other users. Also, accessing or using someone else's account or attempting to access another poster's account is strictly prohibited. If you engage in this type of behavior, you will be barred from the boards permanently.
- **Altering Board Code**  
Altering or changing **GO<sub>2</sub>** code and/or exploiting code bugs for purposes other than what the message boards were intended to do is strictly prohibited. On a similar note, using automatic scripts on any part of **GO<sub>2</sub>** is also not permitted. Hacking, altering board code, exploiting code bugs and using scripts are all grounds for an immediate and permanent ban.
- **Off-Topic Posts**  
Okay, so you probably won't get banned for an off-topic post, but c'mon, try to post suitable subjects on each of the appropriate boards. Off-topic posts will most likely be deleted, and further action may be taken against repeat offenders.
- **Spoilers**  
Just because you know that Darth Vader is Luke Skywalker's daddy doesn't mean that everybody does (whoops). Be considerate of the other users who may not have seen a movie or played a game that you're talking about, and don't give away spoilers in subject lines that everyone can read. Simply type something eye-catching like **\*\*BEGIN SPOILER\*\*** before any text that may give away any significant information about the plot and **\*\*END SPOILER\*\*** after the text in a post.
- **Posting Huge Images / Fake Signature Pics**  
Out of respect for your modem brethren, please let them know if your thread contains a number of large images. A simple **\*\*56kers Beware!\*\*** in the subject line will go a long way in helping those who are broadband-challenged know not to open a thread that might bring their web browsing to a crawl. Also, if you must use fake signature pictures, please limit it to one 15k or less image since huge pictures slow down the boards for everyone. Please be aware that all of the forum rules apply equally to Signatures.
- **Questionable Content**  
Since we can't have a rule to cover everything, this is the rule to, well, cover everything. These are public boards, so act like you would if you were in a public place. **GO<sub>2</sub>** reserves the right to choose the guidelines of objectionable content based on its knowledge of users and company policy. These issues are left to the discretion of the individual moderators, but may include any material that is knowingly false and/or defamatory, misleading, inaccurate, abusive, vulgar, hateful, harassing, obscene, racist, sexist, profane, sexually oriented, threatening, invasive of a person's privacy or that otherwise violates any law or encourages conduct constituting a criminal offense.

By registering at the **GO<sub>2</sub>** Message Boards, users agree that any post deemed inappropriate may be removed at the sole discretion of the **GO<sub>2</sub>** administrators. **GO<sub>2</sub>** also has the right, at its sole discretion, to revoke board privileges at any time without notice or reason. Think of these rules as a forewarning and, if you break them, you're taking your account status into your own hands.

Also note that the Board Rules extend to all areas of the **GO<sub>2</sub>** Message Boards system, including but not limited to Private Messages, Signatures, and Unban Requests. This also includes asking for or offering anything against the Board Rules via Private Messages.

**GO<sub>2</sub>** is not responsible for messages posted on the **GO<sub>2</sub>** Boards or the content therein. Unless expressly stated otherwise, this includes messages posted by **GO<sub>2</sub>** personnel, agents, representatives et al. **GO<sub>2</sub>** reserves the right to reveal the identity of or whatever information we know about any user in the event of a complaint or legal action arising from any message posted by said user.

GO<sub>2</sub> has the right but not the obligation to monitor and/or moderate the GO<sub>2</sub> Boards. GO<sub>2</sub> reserves the right to change any or all other parts of this User Agreement at its sole discretion and without notice, including but not limited to implementing Rules of Conduct, Terms of Service and/or other measures.