

Gauge O Guild. Forum Rules December 2019

- 1) It is unacceptable to post any material that may be seen as **discriminatory, inflammatory, potentially libellous** or **malicious** to any other party. Infringements to this rule will be reported back to the member by the moderators for amending, or the post will be edited or deleted. Repeated non-compliance with this rule will accrue penalty points to the stage where the member is blocked from the forum. The member will be notified at each stage of this process.
- 2) **Forum Harassment or Bullying** - (as defined in the Oxford English Dictionary) of any Guild member will not be tolerated. Any complaint report of harassment will be assessed by a group from within the Moderators and Management, and if the complaint report is considered to be justified, the post originator will be warned and the full post deleted. Repeated non-compliance with this rule will accrue penalty points to the stage where the member is blocked from the forum. The member will be notified at each stage of this process.
- 3) It is unacceptable to post **unsubstantiated or inaccurate criticism of any individual or organisation**. Any criticism should be presented in a manner that would be appropriate for a face to face conversation.
- 4) It is unacceptable to post bad or **inappropriate language** or content, including but not limited to, **obscene, racist, sexist or blasphemous material**. Politics, religion and sex are off-limits subjects. Frequently these subjects cause friction between people who wouldn't normally fall out with each other over any modelling subject.
- 5) It is unacceptable to post material which breaches the confidence or anonymity of any other member or party.
- 6) Material posted must not infringe **copyright**. It is the responsibility of the poster to seek reproduction permission before posting material originated by other people.
- 7) You may use the Trade Announcements category to present factual information about commercially available goods and services. You may direct members to websites and other sources of information about pricing and other offers. You must not post material which includes pricing or special promotional offers.
- 8) Forum membership is not available to anyone under the age of 13.
- 9) It is unacceptable to permit your username to be used by any suspended member. This will lead to automatic and immediate suspension of your own forum posting rights.
- 10) The **Questions for Guild Management** section of the forum is solely for the posting of questions for Guild Management. Such questions will, where possible, be responded to within 14 days. However you may not get a full answer where Guild confidentiality or privacy are considered to be affected. The **Questions for Guild Management** section is **not** for posting discussion items. Any discussion posts will be removed. Discussions should be conducted in the **Guild Talk** category which the Guild Management will not be expected to monitor.

- 11) Posts which contravene any of the above rules may be removed by the Forum Moderators.
- 12) All decisions made by a Forum Moderator are final and no correspondence will be entered into, either on the forum or by other means. The Forum Moderators will inform affected members of their moderating actions. They will not be expected to inform members who are not directly involved. Any complaints arising from a Forum Manager's decision should be taken up through the Guild's Disciplinary and Grievance policy.
- 13) Breaches of the above rules may lead to the placing of a formal warning against the member's profile. Notice of a formal warning will be sent to the affected member, and the warning will be recorded by the forum software.
- 14) Any member receiving three formal warnings on separate occasions will have their forum access withdrawn for a period of 12 months. Appeals following such action may be made under the relevant Grievance and Discipline Procedure Rules.
- 15) **Posting images of minors** (under 18s) on the Forum. You must conform to the following requirements. Images are acceptable providing: -
 - Only the minor's first name is used.
 - No way to identify a location.
 - You must get the parent or Guardian's permission before posting an image of a minor, and this must be stated with the post.
 - This ruling is introduced 24/11/19 with no retrospective action. Previous posts that have been blocked can be reposted providing they comply with this ruling.
- 16) Any member who is banned from the Guild Forum will also be banned from the Guild Facebook section.
- 17) Questions on Guild finances can be asked, but where confidential information between the Gauge O Guild LTD and its Contractors or Service Providers is requested, no details will be given to members on the Forum, other than what is, (or will be included) in the Guild's annual financial statement, and members must respect this

NOTE. Further help and Guidance on the use of the Forum can be found in the 'FORUM RULES AND GUIDANCE' section of the Forum.