

## **Gauge O Guild Forum Rules March 2019**

1. It is unacceptable to post any material that may be seen as discriminatory, inflammatory, potentially libellous or malicious to any other party.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. It is unacceptable to post material which breaches the confidence or anonymity of any other member or party.
5. Material posted must not infringe copyright. It is the responsibility of the poster to seek reproduction permission before posting material originated by other people.
6. 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.
7. Forum membership is not available to anyone under the age of 13.
8. 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.
9. The Questions for Guild Management section of the forum is solely for the posting of questions for management. Such questions will, where possible, be answered within 14 days. 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.
10. Posts which contravene any of the above rules will be removed by the Forum Managers
11. All decisions made by a Forum Manager are final and no correspondence will be entered into. The Forum Managers may 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.
12. Breaches of the above rules will 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.
13. 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.

### **Further Guidance**

Please try to keep to the subject under discussion if at all possible and don't try to take over a discussion or ask unrelated questions.

Stop and think. Would you be happy to receive the posting you are sending?

Rule 6 has been phrased to prevent blatant advertising. The Guild welcomes information about new products and services and information regarding dates of availability. Please do not post information about pricing and/or discounts.

Posting in ALL CAPITAL LETTERS is internet shouting and will annoy people - please don't do it. Text speak is best avoided if you want to be understood.

If you're having problems or want advice, see the link on the forum to the Administrators. They are there to oversee the running of the forum and they can also advise on aspects of forum protocol and assist if you're having problems with uploading photos for instance.

Do explore the forum, there is a huge amount of information on here with photos and videos. Many of the members post links to their own websites and other items of interest. Many subjects will have been discussed on this forum or previous incarnations, please try to make use of the search function.