

# Privacy Statement - Terms of Use

## [Discussion Forum](#)

**We have created this Privacy Statement - Terms of Use agreement in order to demonstrate our firm commitment to privacy.**

**The following discloses our information gathering and dissemination practices for this website:**

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These Terms of Service (the "Agreement") set forth the terms and conditions that apply to your use of the Discussion Forums websites located at <https://guyana.hoop.la> and the services and materials offered thereon (the "Service") which are offered to you by the forum. These guidelines are subject to changes.

Members who violate these rules may be suspended or banned. BY USING THIS SITE, YOU AGREE TO THE TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT JUST AS IF YOU HAD SIGNED IT. If you do not agree to be bound by this Agreement, please discontinue your use of the Site/Service.

## What Information Is Collected

We use your IP address to help diagnose problems with our server, and to administer our website. We use cookies in our discussion forum to notify you of new messages since your last visit, to save your password (at your option) so you don't have to re-enter it each time you visit our discussion board, to set your viewing preferences, and to provide access to authorized users in restricted forums and administrative areas. We **do not** use cookies to track your on-line activities and viewing habits.

**Our [discussion board registration form](#) requires users to give us contact information in the form of a valid e-mail address.**

In order to register, you must provide us with a username (which does not have to be your real name), password and a **valid e-mail address**. This allows us to protect our community from abusive postings and provides a verifiable point of contact should legal questions arise. At any time, you have the ability to keep your e-mail address hidden from other users by selecting that option within your user profile. When you register, you have the option of providing some additional information such as occupation, interests, and homepage URL. This optional information is made available to other bulletin or message board users to foster a sense of community. If you have any concerns about providing this information, simply leave the fields blank and your registration will still be processed.

When you register on our board, you must provide a **valid email address**. The message board automatically emails you to confirm the address (**as shown below**). **The email contains a link that you must click to verify your address.**

**Failure to do so will delay your membership approval. If you do not reply to the email, after approximately 3-5 days your application will be rejected.**

**The approval process does take some time and not every application is guaranteed acceptance.**

Thank you for your interest in joining the Guyana News and Information Discussion Forums. Here you will be able to interact with your fellow Guyanese from all parts of the world. The approval process does take some time and not every application is guaranteed acceptance. We encourage you to please take the time to read our Privacy Statement - Terms of Use page, the link is located at the bottom of the main page. Thanks  
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Your account is currently pending administrative approval. Here is your sign-in information:

Email: [REDACTED]  
Password: [REDACTED]  
You may change your account information at anytime online, using this link:  
[http://guyana.hoop.la/personal\\_settings/manage\\_profile](http://guyana.hoop.la/personal_settings/manage_profile)  
Please click this link to verify your email address:  
**Click to verify email**

Sincerely,  
Guyana News and Information Community  
<http://guyana.hoop.la>

Please do not reply to this email.

**IF YOU ARE UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE you are not encouraged to participate in our discussion forums, or to provide any personal information on our site.**

Users may opt-out of receiving future mailings; see the choice/opt-out section below.

This site contains links to other sites and we are not responsible for the privacy practices or the contents of such Websites.

We **do not** sell or otherwise distribute e-mail addresses or any other information to third parties. Information will be made available to law enforcement agencies and other parties as required in the event of abuse, illegal activities, legal action, or requests for information from law enforcement.

The software that we use for the discussion board is supplied by [a third party](#). It does have security features built in and it is not represented as high security software. There is always the possibility that someone may gain un-authorized access to the data files including your e-mail address and password. For that reason we suggest that you do not use the same password for our discussion board as you do for other services. We do use IP address logging and hack attempt logging to track potential offenders.

## Public Forums

Please remember that any information that is disclosed on the forum becomes public information and you should exercise caution when deciding to disclose your personal information. In order to comply with the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act ([COPPA](#)) we have elected to prohibit participation in these areas by pre-teens. By posting in these areas you certify that you are at least 18 years of age or older.

### Postings on Message Boards

It is important for you to remain aware that when you provide personal information (e.g., last name, address, phone number) in a posting on any message board or email directory, that information is available to other persons or users having access and use of that service, and may be used by someone in a manner unintended by you.

**Report Abuse.** Here's the deal: Please do not report abuse simply because you have a differing opinion of another poster. We all come from different backgrounds, have different views of the world therefore please respect one and other. If you have any questions please feel free to ask!

Sharing of your personal information (work place, home address, telephone numbers, personal pictures, family information, background heritage etc, etc) among board members is strictly up to each individual member.

We do not endorse such practices and advise their members to be prudent of what information they share with other board members. We cannot be held responsible if a member discloses such information to anyone else.

In addition, a member should avoid giving out his/her forum username or password to anyone, and he/she should not disclose server logins and/or passwords to anyone other than the Administrators of this forum (for the sole purpose of either changing this information or requesting any kind of assistance with the management of his/her account).

Likewise members should refrain from sharing their login info with **suspended** members. If caught some of your permissions can be removed or your membership can be cancelled.

We discourage you from offering any personal identifying information within a posting to any message board and to be cautious in sharing your personal information via emails also.

*With respect to our Discussion Forums, from time to time we monitor our list of members posting on our board. Members not actively participating in discussions on the board can have their membership cancelled or suspended. Such action is at the sole discretion of the Administrator.*

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### **Posting Rules: Unacceptable Conduct:**

1) Do not post any messages that are obscene, vulgar, sexually-orientated, racist, hateful, threatening, or that otherwise violate any laws. Please use good judgement when choosing user names, avatars, or images to post, inappropriate content will be removed without notice.

**2) Personal attacks, rudeness, insults to others, or arguments will not be tolerated. If you wish to challenge a member's point of view and opinions, then do so respectfully and thoughtfully.**

3) Please make sure that your posts are positive, constructive, and on the topic. We may delete individual posts that could ruin a good topic thread. As much as we allow members to freely express their opinions. There is a limit as to what we will tolerate. If a member starts spreading lies, rumors or post mischievous/slandorous information that is disruptive to our community we will take the necessary actions as we see fit.

**4) We reserve the right to remove any topics deemed inappropriate or disruptive to our community.**

5) Do not make offensive posts, links or images. Do not post NSFW content. NSFW ("Not Safe For Work") is defined as anything that most people would not want seen by their bosses, parents or teachers. Do not use profanity, racial, ethnic, religious, or other slurs and stereotypes, or post sexually-oriented material, masturbatory and excretory references, or any other offensive material.

**6) There should be no racial, ethnic, gender based insults or any other personal discriminations. (when used as a derogatory comment)**

7) Do not post any messages that harass, insult (name calling), belittle, threaten or mock other members. Debates are fine, but critique the opinion, not the person. Personal attacks are not permitted. Do not use sweeping generalizations and plural pronouns to cloak personal attacks. For example if a poster(s) states that he thinks 'x' is a good idea, replying that "Anyone who supports 'x' is an idiot" is a personal attack.

**8) Pornography, warez, or any other illegal transactions may NOT be linked in any shape or form.**

9) The Administrators reserves the right to suspend or terminate the access of any participant to the forums at our sole discretion, at any time, and without a previous notification, if we feel it is in the interest of our community. We reserve the right to evaluate each incident on a case by case basis. The action we take may be more lenient or more severe than others.

**10) While our discussion forums does enjoy being part of a community network, there will be times when what is posted on other sites, forums or blogs should remain there. Our members should be wary of reposting contents from other sites that can be deemed as propaganda or mischievous. One must always post the source of articles.**

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**Indemnification** You agree to defend, indemnify and hold harmless **the Forums**, its affiliates and their respective Administrators and Advertising Agencies from and against any and all claims, actions, suits or proceedings, as well as any and all losses, liabilities, damages, costs and expenses (including reasonable attorneys fees) arising out of or accruing from (a) any material posted or otherwise provided by you that infringes any copyright, trademark, trade secret, trade dress, patent or other intellectual property right of any person or defames any person or violates their rights of publicity or privacy, (b) any misrepresentation made by you in connection with your use of the Service; (c) any non-compliance by you with the terms and conditions of this Agreement; and (d) claims brought by persons or entities other than the parties to this Agreement arising from or related to your access and use of the Service, including the information obtained through the Service.

You are solely and fully responsible for the content you post via the above mentioned Services.

We reserve the right to modify or remove any material submitted to or posted on the Site, and to cancel/suspend at any time any membership in the Services or the Service generally without prior notice.

We are not obligated to maintain back-up copies of any material submitted to or posted on the Forums.

## Choice/Opt-Out

**The Discussion Forums** provides users the opportunity to opt-out of receiving communications from us and to keep their e-mail address private at the point where we request information about the visitor.

This site gives users the following options for removing their information from our database, to not receive future communications, or to delete cookies.

1. You can elect to not receive any e-mail from the Administrator or Moderators of the bulletin board, remove the optional profile information, or elect to keep your e-mail address from

being publicly available by clicking on the "**Manage**" link at the top of any of the bulletin board pages and changing the appropriate fields.

2. You may delete the cookies stored on your computer by following your browser's instructions.
3. You may edit any of your own posts on the bulletin board by clicking on the "Edit/Delete" icon within that particular message. There is no option available to mass delete all of your posts at once.

**Please note you have 15 minutes to edit your post.**

## Correct/Update

This site gives users the following options for changing and modifying information previously provided.

1. You may change your password, e-mail address, or any of the optional information fields in your profile by clicking on the "profile" link at the top of any of the bulletin board pages and changing the appropriate fields.
2. You may change your default topic view cookie or whether or not to store your password cookie by clicking on the "preferences" link at the top of any of the bulletin board pages and then selecting the appropriate option.
3. You may edit your own posts by clicking on the "Edit/Delete" icon within that particular message. A note will automatically be added to the message to indicate that you have edited it.

**Please note you have 15 minutes to edit your post.**

## Contacting the Website

Please send any comments, suggestions or correspondence .

**Modification: The Administration** reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to amend this Agreement, and to modify, add or discontinue any aspect, content, or feature of the Service. If we make any material change to this statement, we will change the date at the top of this statement to reflect the effective date of the change. When you visit our site or use our products and services, we encourage you to check the date of this Privacy Statement to ensure you are aware of any updates.