



## **Shirehunters Inc. Forum Code of Conduct**

Due to our expanding Member base we see the need to introduce a set of rules governing the use of our public forum. This will ensure that our members experience a pleasant enjoyable online environment and are treated with respect. Members of our forum found in breach of these rules may be removed from the forum up to the discretion of the Shirehunters Inc. committee. Repeat breaches will see membership cancelled and removal of the individual from our site.

Posts placed by forum users do not necessarily reflect the views of Shirehunters Inc and its members. Ultimately all posts are the responsibility of the person who posted

The Committee members will continually monitor the forum yet each member may have limited access to the site for some period or their own interpretation that may cause some inconsistencies. Should a breach slip through the Committee we believe that every member of our forum should play a role in making our forum safe and enjoyable for all. Should you find a post that you believe is not in line with the objectives of Shirehunters the please notify us on [admin@shirehunters.com](mailto:admin@shirehunters.com)

Responsible firearms ownership is observing all local, State and Federal laws with regard to firearms. All of our members are expected to do so when communicating on our forum.

Your use of our forum is provided on the condition that you comply with the rules set out within this document. By using the forum you agree without change or modification of the rules set out within this code of conduct. These rules may be changed from time to time and it is your responsibility to ensure you regularly review this code of conduct

***Shirehunters Inc committee in its sole discretion reserves the right to remove any post, topic, or person for any reason, at any time without notification or explanation.***

### **1. Threatening, Bullying, Harassing, abusive including sexual, racial**

**Posts or messages containing the above content will be deleted and the Committee will vote on the action to be taken. Options are: Official warning / Ban for 1-6 Months / Removal from site.**



## **2. Language**

Passive language should be used when communicating on the forum, treat others as you would want to be treated. Individuals may post information that you don't agree with or have different views, we encourage communication yet don't putdown others because you don't agree. Member will have varying levels of experience etc and we should in all efforts encourage and help our members gain knowledge. Swearing is part of our language yet should not be used in an offensive way and also be used in moderation. Our site is used by many different people of all ages and each will have their own acceptance level of colorful language, in other words be smart about the language you use when posting

## **3. Gripes with decisions or policies.**

Whilst you are entitled to your point of view we do not accept that this needs to be posted on our forum. Should you disagree or need further information regarding a decision the committee has made then email us on [admin@shirehunters.com.au](mailto:admin@shirehunters.com.au) and we may respond to your e-mail. Any person submitting posts which question the authority of the Committee or Moderators decisions regarding the removal or editing of posts will be subject to disciplinary action as stated in this document.

## **4. No posts that brings our sport and forum in to disrepute**

Our sport is continually targeted by groups that are against the future of our sport. Some of the visitors to our forum and or our members may have different reasons to be a part of our forum. Posts that portray a bad image for our sport or club will be removed. Any post containing illegal activities or suggestions will also be removed **and if required forwarded to the controlling authorities**. When communicating on our forum all members are expected to portray our sport responsibly and ensure that all local, State and Federal laws are observed during communication with regard to firearms.

## **5. Arguments**

Arguments that are not heated and commonly known as a debate are acceptable yet continual arguments / confrontation from an individual member will be treated under item 1 of our rules



## **6. Posting of photos.**

We are a hunting forum and yes we expect to see a little blood, so feel free to post your photos, should there be a photo that is believed to portray our sport in bad taste then it will be removed. Shirehunters Inc. does not own any information nor photos that are posted on the forum, yet by posting / uploading information and photos you grant Shirehunters Inc. to use any or all of this content for their Website. Photos are the responsibility of the individual who placed the post and must be owned or permission granted for upload or post of these items. You also indemnify Shirehunters Inc. and its members against any liability due to their publication.

## **7. Posting in forums.**

Posts made are the views and opinions of the individual who placed the post and not shirehunters.inc nor its members and will therefore Shirehunters Inc. and its members will not be held liable.

Posts cannot be copied by a person and used elsewhere unless permission has been granted by the original person placing the post. Should a Post be placed in the members area and then discussion (posts) commences outside the members area then the original person placing the post must be contacted to ascertain if permission was granted.

## **8. Member Profiles.**

Members are to ensure that their profiles are fully completed and all fields filled in. This will help us to reduce SPAM users and to ensure the integrity of our database. Shirehunters Inc. will conduct random audits and any members whose profiles are not completed will be required to amend their profiles or risk suspension/deletion.

## **9. Disciplinary Measures.**

Any breaches of the code of conduct may be reviewed by a panel of Committee Members & Forum Moderators. If a breach is confirmed the Committee then the following actions may be taken.

1. Suspension for a period as determined by the Committee
2. Total Ban from the forum including the deactivation of your account/profile.

**\*\*You indemnify Shirehunters Inc. and its members against any legal action because of anything you post in the public forums or Private Message you send to other members. \*\*This code of conduct is subject to change and changes will be announced on the Shirehunters Inc Forum as well as on [www.shirehunters.com](http://www.shirehunters.com)**