

The Autism Society of Colorado Rules for Slack Community Chats

These rules are recommended best practices when utilizing the Slack community channels. It is to ensure a comfortable space to share and feel supported within the community. Please read and acknowledge the rules and guidelines when participating in the Autism Society of Colorado Online Groups or Meetings.

1. **Be Respectful:** Encourage members to be respectful and considerate in their interactions. Harassment, hate speech, and personal attacks will not be tolerated.
2. **Stay on Topic:** Encourage discussions and content to stay on topic. Off-topic discussions can clutter channels and make it harder for members to find relevant information.
3. **No Spamming:** Prohibit spamming of any kind, including self-promotion, excessive use of emojis, or repetitive posting.
4. **Respect Privacy:** Remind members not to share personal information about others without consent. Encourage privacy and data protection best practices.
5. **Use Channels Appropriately:** Encourage the use of appropriate channels for specific topics or discussions. This helps keep conversations organized.
6. **No Trolling or Flame Wars:** Discourage trolling, flame wars, and confrontational behavior. Members should engage in constructive discussions.
7. **No Discrimination or Hate Speech:** Make it clear that discriminatory language or hate speech based on race, gender, religion, sexuality, etc., is strictly prohibited.
8. **No NSFW Content:** Prohibit the sharing of explicit or Not Safe for Work (NSFW) content in all channels, unless specifically designated for such content.
9. **Respect Copyright and Intellectual Property:** Remind members not to share copyrighted material without permission and to respect intellectual property rights.
10. **Use Warning or Spoiler Tags:** If relevant please utilize appropriate warnings, have members post “warning” or “spoiler” to warn or anticipate any sensitive subjects/conversations.
11. **Be Mindful of Language:** Encourage members to use inclusive and non-offensive language. Offensive slurs or derogatory terms are not allowed.
12. **Report Violations:** Encourage members to report any violations of the rules to the moderation team.
13. **Consequences for Violations:** Participants may get removed or banned from the slack channel due to inappropriate conversations and topics.

The moderators are community members who volunteer their time. ASC will regularly review and update the moderation rules as needed to address emerging issues or improve the community's atmosphere.