Server Rules

San Andreas Republic FiveM Server

This is the comprehensive document covering all of the rules in the San Andreas Republic server, as well as its associated Discord.

This document is split into 5 sections:

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Preamble

These rules are written for, and enforced by, humans.

As such, we have tried to make them easy to understand, and easy to digest. They are not designed to be loophole proof, or encompass all potential actions that a player may take. After all, roleplay as an activity encourages endless creativity.

As such, if you are in doubt about any server rule, or combination of rules, you should contact a member of staff for clarification.

How we enforce the server rules.

We have previously attempted to do staff sits with players. However, due to frequent verbal abuse that was incurred, along with a considerable time cost, it is considered impractical for us to do that.

As such, we enforce server rules with a certain distance between the staff team and the rest of the playerbase. We can enforce the server rules via warnings, kicks, temporary bans, permanent bans, and Discord timeouts.

We track all staff actions which occur, and will use prior actions to determine future actions.

Additional rules may be in place at any given time.

Certain Discord channels will have extra rules in place. Furthermore, the staff team are allowed to incorporate additional rules via the in-game alert system, which will display it next to the player location display.

Appeals Process

How to appeal a staff action.

If you have incurred a staff action that you feel is improper, or wherein the punishment exceeds the offense, you can fill out an appeal. This is applicable for all staff actions, from warnings to bans.

Appeal reviews are done on a case-by-case basis - depending on the nature of the appeal, the investigation time can vary from hours to weeks. All appeals are handled by a staff member who was not involved in the original staff action.

Head to https://appeal.sarrp.org to fill out an appeal.

Reporting rule violations to staff members.

To report a rule violation in-game, you can use the command /report [id] [reason].
To ensure that your report is dealt with, please include as much information as you can.

To report a rule violation in the Discord, or that happened in-game but wasn't able to be reported, head to the report page, and fill out an official report.

If you believe a member of the staff team has violated the server rules, you can report them to any of the server directors directly. The director team is comprised of:

- 159 | M. Griffon
- 415 | J. Woodhouse
- 727 | C. Perea
- 679 | I. Irving

Requesting a copy of your staff record

If you would like to view your staff actions, please open a ticket in our Discord server. We will provide you with a list of all staff actions that have been incurred during your time on the server.

If you would like to understand the reasoning behind a staff action, please open a ticket. We can explain why you incurred the staff action, however if you wish to appeal it, you should follow the correct procedures.

Server Operations Rules

All players must be 16+.

You must be 16+ to play on the San Andreas Republic server. Anyone found to be underaged will be banned.

PLEASE NOTE: The age requirement for SAR will increase to 18+ when a SAR "SixM" server for GTA 6 is ready to launch. If you join our community before then and will not be 18+ at the time of a SixM server launch, you will be removed from the community on the launch of said SixM server.

Do not advertise any FiveM servers.

This includes posting server invites/IPs, mentioning the server with the intention of getting people to join, and directly messaging invites to server members.

Similarly, do not attempt to advertise this server on other FiveM server Discords or pages.

Participation in asset leaking is prohibited.

Asset leaking is using content, distributing content, or requesting the distribution of user-generated content, related to Grand Theft Auto V, or FiveM, which has not been paid for.

Do not attempt to cause harm to the server.

This is a general rule designed to catch people who are acting with malice towards the server itself.

This includes, but is not limited to:
- Attempting to, or conducting, a DDOS attack.
- Attempting to, or conducting, any kind of security breach on server infrastructure.
- Pulling permissions for assets without a reasonable explanation.
- Threatening to do any of the above.

Do not attempt to interfere with, or otherwise impede, server operations.

Server Operations is a broad term that describes the regular goal of keeping the server running. This includes a wide variety of aspects of the server, from keeping the Discord as a functional place to talk, to

As such, we do not allow the following behaviors:

- Complaining about the issuing of a staff action outside of an appeal.
- Requesting that a staff action be rescinded without filling out an appeal.
- Complaining about a given Area of Play, Area of Play vote, or weather condition in the server.
- Repeatedly requesting a change of Area of Play or weather condition in the server, after staff have denied the request.
- Spamming messages in any Discord channel, or the in-game chat, to the point where it impacts the ability to use that channel.
- Purposefully providing misinformation to players with questions about the server.

> ⚠️ *If you have any concerns about the staff team, or specific members of the staff team, please refer to the "Appeals Process" section of this document. We are aware that staff are capable of abusing their power, and we take such abuse seriously.*

Community Conduct Rules

Revealing personal information about other players is prohibited.

Any personal information that someone does not wish to be shared, should not be shared. This can include IRL names, addresses, cities of residence, or photographs.

Sexism, racism, homophobia, transphobia, ableism, or any other forms of hate speech, are prohibited.

We want everyone to feel welcome here, and as such any sort of discrimination is not allowed. As such, we have a strict policy of not allowing behavior that may make people feel unwelcome.

This includes, but is not limited to:
- The use of slurs directed at marginalized communities
- Harassment towards members based on their race, gender, or sexual orientation.
- Behaving in any of the above ways in-character when it is not tasteful or relevant to the specific character played.

> ⚠ *Many people utilize this server as a form of escape from the real world. While we strive for realism, we also strive to ensure that people do not have to deal with the same forms of harassment that they deal with in the real world, while playing as a character.*

We do not tolerate harassment.

This includes, but is not limited to:
- Sending unwanted messages to people.
- Organizing any kind of mass negative treatment against an individual.
- Treating people in any way that makes them feel uncomfortable.
- Using server members for trauma dumping/as a coping mechanism for mental health related issues without explicit consent.

This includes conduct that occurs outside of the server or Discord, but is still directed towards other server members or guests of the server.

NSFW Content is strictly prohibited.

This includes, but is not limited to:

- Graphic images or videos, of either a gory or pornographic nature.
- Links to graphic content, of either a gory or pornographic nature.
- Extremely graphic language.
- Graphic depictions of sexual roleplay.
- Use of player models with exposed breasts, or genitalia.

> ⚠️ *Some of our server members are under the age of 18 - sharing pornographic material with minors is illegal, and will result in an additional report being made to the Discord Safety and Trust Team.*

Do not falsify information about yourself.

This includes:

- Lying about having a career in law enforcement, firefighting agencies, or the military.
- Lying about past roleplay experiences.
- Lying about your age on your membership application.

> ⚠️ *There are verified members of military & emergency services on our server. It does them all a disservice when someone lies about being a serving or former member of any of these services.*

Roleplay Rules

A microphone is required to play on the FiveM server.

You are required to own a microphone to play on the server. You will be expected to use it in the majority of roleplay scenarios.
- Fluent English is also required to play on the server - You may have a character who speaks poor/no English, but OOC you must have fluent English.

All players in the roleplay session are expected to be roleplaying.

Anyone who is believed to have no intention of roleplaying will be removed. Examples of actions which will lead to removal include, but are not limited to:
- Attacking and killing other players with no/limited provocation.
- Not roleplaying situations, such as vehicle crashes.
- Ignoring other players who are attempting to engage in roleplay.

NOTE: Staff are entitled to compel you to return to the roleplay session at any point in time, especially if you are in the Freeroam session and using it as a sandbox. Staff do not need to provide any reason for compelling you to return to the RP session - this is a roleplay server, not your personal playground. Staff may also compel players to return to the AOP in the same fashion.

> ⚠️ The Area of Play is a recommendation on where to roleplay, rather than a strict guideline. However, you cannot force players to leave the Area of Play for a roleplay scenario - it is their own choice.

Ensure that your roleplay is realistic & engaging at all times.

This includes, but is not limited to:
- Having a backstory that would not be possible to obtain.
- Using a vehicle, character, or backstory, that does not match the area of play.
- Playing with a character who has just been sent to jail, the hospital, or has been declared dead.
- Using any kind of organization, company, or person, that does not exist in real life.
- Playing as the same character in every AOP for most of your duration on the server. Your character being rich/"visiting" a location is not an excuse for this. You should not be using only one character when playing on the server, but instead should use multiple and vary your roleplay.

- Sitting at a business 24 hours a day and never leaving for a break, to go home, close up for the night, etc. This applies to both employees and to visitors/guests at such a business. Nobody sits at their friend's shop or place of work for hours every day. Exceptions can be made for certain businesses that realistically operate for long periods of time/24 hours.
- Spending all day "passively roleplaying" at your house/apartment or other location and doing nothing else to contribute to the overall AOP-wide roleplay for extended periods of time.

> ⚠ When determining if roleplay is realistic or not, staff will use their personal judgment, along with the judgment of other players in the roleplay scenario.

Do not create unresolvable roleplay.

Unresolvable roleplay is any form of roleplay where the requirements for said roleplay to be complete in any sort of satisfactory manner are unavailable.

This includes, but is not limited to:
- Creating a roleplay scenario that requires law enforcement, or fire department, when none are available, or the demand surpasses the current availability.
- Starting a roleplay scenario, and then disconnecting from the server. This is also known as combat logging.

> *You can view how many law enforcement, firefighters, and EMS units are available at any given time, by pressing "I", or by typing /playerlist.*

Do not break character in front of other players.

This includes, but is not limited to:
- Breaking character by talking out of character over the in-game voice chat.
- Spawning vehicles in front of other players.
- Changing appearance in front of other players.
- Pulling firearms out of nowhere.

Do not powergame.

Powergaming is roleplaying with the goal of "winning", to the exclusion of roleplay itself. This includes, but is not limited to:
- Creating a character whose backstory gives them an unrealistic amount of skills.
- Utilizing weapons, vehicles, or other tools, that would be beyond the means of your character.
- Utilizing external tools, such as crosshair tools, to give yourself an advantage in situations.
- Editing events that took place when an unbiased source is consulted, such as when CCTV footage is checked.
- Failing to use proximity voice while broadcasting on the SCN Radio System.

Ensure that your roleplay is high quality.

This is roleplay that is not fun for a good portion of the people included. This includes purposefully forcing/baiting law enforcement or civilians into interacting with you in an unnatural manner, creating a scenario wherein one group cannot win, or doing roleplay with the main goal of being irritating/annoying.

> **ⓘ** *If you are having trouble following this rule, it is recommended that you read the roleplay guide.*

Do not metagame.

Use of information that your character would not be aware of. This includes, but is not limited to:
- Using client or server side scripts, to locate players, where you would not normally be able to. This includes using the playerlist, setting waypoints to players, or using player blips.
- Reading messages sent on in-character social media that your character would not otherwise be able to.
- Listening in on conversations that your character would not be able to.

> **ⓘ** *Having access to information that your character would not know is not metagaming. However, utilizing that information in an in-character way, consciously or subconsciously, is.*

Abuse of client or server side scripts is strictly prohibited.

This includes, but is not limited to:
- Griefing (spawning a large number of vehicles/props/peds)
- Using vehicle speed boosts or torque boosts.
- Using godmode.

This involves the use of client or server side scripts to negatively impact/interfere with a roleplay scenario. This can range from griefing (spawning a large number of vehicles/props) to speed boosting/torque boosting.

Roleplaying as certain roles is restricted to server members.

The following roles require server membership, as well as a separate application:
- Law Enforcement
- Firefighter

The following roles require server membership:
- Private Security
- Paramedics
- Public Works
- Military
- Coroner/Medical Examiners
- Parking Enforcement
- Government Officials
- Public Transit Personnel
- Railroad Personnel
- Attorneys
- Fugitive Recovery Agents
- Impersonation of any of the above agencies
- Animals

Do not claim assets on the server as your own.

All assets on the server, with the exception of those locked behind a faction, are considered to be for everyone on the server. So long as you are using those assets in a realistic way, you have a stake in them.

This includes, but is not limited to:
- Telling people that they are not allowed to roleplay as a certain gang, company, or organization, without permission.
- Telling people that they are not allowed to use certain vehicles, liveries, or clothing, without permission.
- Claiming any location as your own, while you are not actively using it, either through in-game signage, or out-of-game communication.

Do not copy real life people, or fictional characters, without staff permission.

This includes:
- Having a character whose name and personality is similar or identical to a well-known real life person, a well-known fictional character, or any religious figures.
- Using existing Rockstar created characters from Grand Theft Auto V or Grand Theft Auto Online.

You are still allowed to create homages or parodies of real life people or fictional characters, so long as you put your own spin on them.

Staff members are allowed to grant permission for the creation of such characters.

Avoid roleplay that takes inspiration from current events, or may be considered distasteful.

Examples of roleplay that is generally considered distasteful:
- Roleplay that is inspired by current news events.
- Roleplay related to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Using names, or taking inspiration, from contentious/current political events.

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Only staff members are authorized to roleplay as any character with the surname of "Bingle", including John Bingle

- All civilians who encounter John Bingle are to treat him with contempt, refusing to help him if he needs it.
- Firefighters and medical personnel are obligated to refuse to treat him, citing any reason they see fit.
- Any time law enforcement encounters him, they are obligated to arrest him for any penal code violation of their choosing.

This rule exists as a check to ensure that players have read the server rules, and provides an easy item to quiz people on. If anyone asks any questions about John Bingle, please refer them to the rules document.

God, I hate that guy.