

Disciplinary Policies for HAMS Groups

EMAIL GROUPS

The standard disciplinary measure for members of HAMS email groups is to place them on moderated status, although the co-moderators of the group may choose to use other forms of discipline by majority vote on a case by case basis. When a member is moderated on one HAMS email group they are automatically moderated on all HAMS email groups to which they belong. Each group shall have its own set of co-moderators. An individual may serve as moderator on more than one group. Co-moderators of new HAMS groups shall be appointed by the HAMS board of directors and these co-moderators shall choose their successors when needed. The standard number of co-moderators for an email group is three and one shall function as primary group moderator--normally two of these are group co-owners and the third has Yahoo moderator privileges. However, this number may be changed at the discretion of the board or under the laws of the group constitution. If a constitution exists this shall take precedence over decisions of the board.

Moderated messages shall be approved or rejected only by the primary co-moderator of the group unless the primary co-moderator chooses to consult with the other moderators in the case of a given message or to assign this duty to another co-moderator. A majority vote of the co-moderators shall be required to remove a moderated member from moderated status. Moderated members who leave a HAMS group shall automatically be placed on moderated status at such time as they choose to re-join the group or join a different HAMS group unless the co-moderators vote otherwise.

CHAT

Chat admins shall have the power to gag unruly chatters in the chat room. Unruly chatters should first be warned and should be gagged only if they fail to heed the warning. Unruly chatters should be banned only by majority vote of the three chat co-moderators. Chat admins shall have only the power to warn or to gag; if they feel that a ban is called for then they should make a request to one of the chat co-moderators who can call for a vote. The three chat co-moderators shall be appointed by the HAMS board of directors.

LIVE

Persons disrupting live HAMS meetings should be first warned, and if the disruptive behavior continues they may be asked to leave by the meeting facilitator. The facilitator may call 911 if the disruptive person refuses to leave.

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