

The nervousENERGY Community

Principles and Guidelines

Introduction

nervousENERGY is a Community of like minded people who have fun playing on-line multi-player games. We provide a web site and forum, irc chat rooms, voice comms and high quality game servers that are administered by real people in a fair and courteous manner.

For the more serious players we also run teams which represent the Community by competing in various leagues and ladder competitions. But most just come and go, chill and have some fun as they please.

General Principles

At the heart of nervousENERGY is mutual respect. Reasonable courtesy and politeness are the basis for all chat, talk and game-play.

The Community Leaders have the final authority. They operate with the reciprocal input from and cooperation of the Contributors.

Specific roles and authority can be delegated from time to time, like server or forum administration.

Whatever happens, keep it fun and friendly. Life's too short and this is only a game!

Community Membership

It's free and open to all who wish to take part. The only requirement is that you abide by our principles. You need not always play on our servers, wear the tag (see below), or join us on Mumble / TeamSpeak, but you will most likely get more enjoyment from being part of a friendly place online.

We sometimes hold fun events and internal scrimms for Community members and will be rolling out new membership benefits from time to time.

Funding

The nervousENERGY Community is a not for profit organisation, funded by voluntary contributions. All contributions go towards our running costs. When we get more than needed one month it rolls over into the next and we keep some back for the shortfalls. We must of course live within our means and because contributing is not compulsory, all amounts, large or small, are greatly appreciated.

Those that contribute on a regular basis, not only get a lovely warm feeling, but also a say in how the Community is run and some perks like access to reserved game server slots and irc Op status. See [reference tba] for Contributors' current perks.

Forum

The nervousENERGY forum is primarily for the use and enjoyment of the nervousENERGY Community. Some areas have restricted access, like those for the Match Squads, but in general it is open/viewable to all and available to everyone who wishes to register.

As with any public forum, general *good etiquette* (see ref.1) applies. Being a public place, our General Principles are very important. Their proper application means nothing really needs adding in relation to the forum, but specifically:

- no excessive flaming or abuse;
- avoid content inappropriate to minors.

What is excessive or inappropriate is determined by the Community Leaders as the need arises. The private Match Squad areas are moderated by the squad members themselves.

Public Servers

The nervousENERGY game servers are primarily for the use and enjoyment of the nervousENERGY Community. Their game type, number and configuration will change from time to time, but they shall always be run in line with our General Principles. Their proper application means nothing really needs adding in relation to the forum, but specifically:

- no chat or voice comms spamming.
- no griefing;
- don't idle repeatedly or too long;
- don't accuse someone of cheating without a demo and/or witnesses;
- if another player is mis-behaving, ask them to stop;
- only kick a player after they've received reasonable, clear requests to stop and a warning that they'll be kicked;
- no chat, voice comms, nicknames or sprays inappropriate to minors.

Match Squads

We have match squads to offer a competitive edge and different gaming experience to the those that want it. Such gaming is very different from public play in terms of ingame playing style and the commitments you have to give. It's like a Clan operated within the Community.

The sole purpose of our match squads is for the enjoyment of those Community members who want to participate. What that constitutes is determined by the current squad membership, as guided and directed by the squad leader(s). It might be based on winning, playing new or known clans, social scrims, promoting the good name of nervousENERGY or most likely, some combination thereof.

Our Rules of Engagement:

- we always undertake matches with unquestionably reliable good sportsmanship and fair play;
- we always turn up for a match or give reasonable notice;
- we never quit during an ongoing match;
- we always express good manners before, during and after a match.

Our match squads are a highly visible part of the nervousENERGY Community, so members carry extra responsibility for upholding our principles. That is especially true when they're wearing the squad tag (see below). Membership of a squad is at the

discretion of the squad leader(s) and can be revoked for inappropriate behaviour, which is most likely, but not solely, breaking our principles.

Tags

There are two types: Community and Match Squad. Unfortunately, due to issues with different games/networks, these vary from game-to-game, Steam-to-non-Steam and history-to-the-present. If in doubt, please ask. Here are a few:

UT Community: **<<ne>>** in front of your nick;

TF2 Community: **|ne** after your nick;

TF2 Match Squad: **..ne..** in front of your nick.

Community members are very welcome to wear the tags. You don't need to ask or get permission. Simply play, chat and mingle in the spirit of our principles and guidelines. Wearing the tag makes it easier to spot who you are and gives those joining a game server a good feel for the place. That's not necessarily even on one of our servers. It can help spread the good message of what is nervous**ENERGY**.

References:

1. 25 Forum Posting Etiquette Tips, by Pamela S. Stevens - <http://forum-services-review.toptenreviews.com/25-forum-posting-etiquette-tips.html>