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**Procedure for administering the TOU - as developed by the TOU Moderators:**

Alleged Violation occurs.

1. Member flags post.
2. Message (Email and/or text) to all moderators
3. First responding moderator opens a thread on the moderator forum to discuss

Moderator(s) Review(s) post

4. If the post is a flagrant violation, first responding moderator takes immediate appropriate action:
  - a. Edit offending word, phrase, or sentence and make editing note in offending post  
for example [Mod edit] "edited: mmddyy hh:mm am" OR---->
  - b. move entire post (s) to "TOU Moderators" with public note in existing thread.
  - c. Regardless of which action (a or b) is taken, contact the violating poster by PM and make them aware of the TOU violation and moderation and request they refrain from this behavior in the future.

OR-----

5. If the moderator believes the post is probably a violation but is not flagrant:
  - a. Contact poster(s) in PM and explain why their post may be a violation of TOU.
    - I. If they agree and modify the post, no further discussion needed
    - II. If they push back in disagreement, discuss among the moderators and if at least 3/5 determine it is a violation, modify/move the post and contact the member to let them know the logic
  - b. Update TOU Moderators forum with a copy of post, actions taken

OR-----

6. If the post appears to be within the TOU:
  - a. Wait for at least two other moderators to agree there is no violation [just in case others disagree]
  - b. PM flagger for clarification to acknowledge the report and confirm why we do not believe it is a violation
  - c. Update TOU Mod forum with note

Constant Violations

7. If a poster is consistently violating the TOU or disregarding requests by moderators:
  - a. Moderator opens a thread on the forums to discuss
  - b. If 3 out of 5 moderators agree there is a constant and flagrant issue, they make a recommendation to the EB that disciplinary action be pursued. The EB considers it from there and determines whether they agree punishment is warranted and if so, what it should be (suspension, ban, etc)

Appeal process

8. If a member believes their posts are being moderated unjustifiably or that a punishment from the EB is unjust:
  - a. Appeller submits a message by Email to [executiveboard@parkstamps.org](mailto:executiveboard@parkstamps.org) within 7 days.
  - b. Appeals panel acknowledges appeal and acts as a group within 7 days.
  - c. Committee action can be:
    - I. Support appellant and retract any action taken by MOD, update TOU Mod forum, and privately coach Mods.
    - II. Reject appellant outright, PM appellant, notify EB immediately and/or update TOU Mod forum.
    - III. Forward appeal to EB for review and guidance.
    - IV. Updates a permanent file of appeals with whatever is deemed necessary for the record.

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