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Code of Conduct and Mission Statement

Mission Statement

To provide a fun, fair, and positive environment for Online Video Gamers regardless of their beliefs, location, and diverse views. We believe that all nG members should be held at the highest level of Pride, Honor, Respect, and Loyalty not just time while gaming but also for on-line social interaction. These attributes remain the foundation upon which we continue to grow our membership and our success today.

This Mission Statement is how everyone should expect to be treated and treat fellow gamers in Ventrilo, in game, and the forums. This includes public non owned nG places too. Operations have fronted a large sum of cash since the inception of Novus Ordo Gaming in June of 2006. Many individuals have assisted in some way to get the community to where it is now. We do not make donations mandatory and very rarely push for donations as we understand this is a hobby to many. But because of this, I do not treat this community as just a hobby, but as a small business. There are many things behind the scenes that are completed to ensure everyone has fun and feels important.

So, the two bullet points below were incorporated in our About Us history by our Operations Director and I feel they are very important.

Code of Conduct

- **Dedication/Activity** - We ask that upon joining, you find a way to dedicate yourself to Novus Ordo Gaming, especially if you wish to play a game competitively. We aren't asking you to be on every single night, or to donate towards server costs every month, just the little things that can make every other member say "We don't regret accepting his/her application to join. He/she is doing their part here". **"Be Active!"**
- Dedication does not mean that you have to play a competitive match/Raid nor make it to practice/scrim. Dedication does mean that you check in with the site every other day or so and keep in touch on Ventrilo. To help with recruitment and participate in the growth of Novus Ordo Gaming.
- Everyone was accepted to this community because of the way they fit in and were enjoyable to talk about real life items. It takes 5 minutes out of your day to check the forums and post here and there. **"Be Active!"**
- **Attitude/Respect** - Each member in Novus Ordo Gaming is here to have a great time. They want to get to know everyone and play the game with a group of people. While it is known to shout "Bullshit!" and other profanity in Ventrilo, we ask that you have a positive attitude towards other members.
- I (along with Founding Staff and management) have always had strong views against racial/ethnic slurs. Novus Ordo Gaming has a Zero Tolerance policy for Racial and Ethnic slurs and never should be said, even in jest. Just remember, we are all about having fun and act maturely while following the Novus Ordo Gaming Mission Statement. **"Drama-Free!"**
- All of us enjoy razzing and bull-shitting in Ventrilo. It is a great outlet to vent (Ventrilo lol) things you normally can not say outside of our group. That is what makes us friends and a great gaming family. However, please remember that everyone is different and something said in jest could be taken wrongly. **"Drama-Free!"**
- Treat fellow clan members with respect. Most have been here for many years and deserve it.

Please remember, it is only a game and there is someone behind that monitor that is trying to enjoy themselves. If someone does not want to play, they don't want to play. If someone screws something up in game (pubbing, match, or raids), laugh and joke but move on. If you are irritated, tell the staff that you need to cool off and move to a different channel or sign off for the night. Positive, fun, and easy going attitudes are attributes that this community was built off of.

In closing, if there is anyone who does not believe they need to follow these basics responsibilities or disagrees with our Mission Statement, then please let me know before you throw in your tags. Likewise, if someone is having an issue with a fellow nG Member, please pull me or a staff member aside. I will not think lesser of you and would rather solve any conflicts then start seeing non activity because you do not want to join.

I am proud to know all of you and excited to continue to grow not only the nG membership but also personal friendships. It has been a great time with everyone and it will only get better.

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Meeting Reminders:

We will hold a NOG member meeting, in vent, on the 4th Monday of every month. The next one being, **March 26, 2012 at 8:30est/7:30cst** Mark your calendar now :)

March Birthdays:

- Ladnar—Mar. 4th
- Androgar—Mar. 7th
- Gimadil—Mar. 14
- Zero—Mar. 25th





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Say Hello To New Members



We would like to acknowledge all new members to Novus's website. These are ALL new members who were accepted in February 2012. I think a big pat on the back is due for all recruiters. (No particular order, just alphabetical)

Rift—Class Builds and How To Install Raid Killer Add-On

Have you ever wondered, "Damn, why isn't my DPS as good as that guy?" or, "Hell, why can't I heal like that?"

Some of our best class builds are on the website. Please take a couple minutes out of your day and take a look.

<http://novusordogaming.com/novusordo/forums/forumdisplay.php?46-Rift>

Also, if you have a build that you think people could improve if using, please post it.

A very good Add-On for Rift Raiders is Raid Killer. Here are the instructions on how to install:

- Download from www.curse.com or www.RiftUI.com
- Extract the files to a folder on your desktop
- Run Rift
- Click the "Add-ons" button at the character select screen
- Click the "Open Add-on Directory" button on the "Add-ons List" screen to open a "Windows" folder
- The path should be: "<game directory>\Interface\Add-ons"

- Copy the add-on folder from your desktop into the newly opened folder window, replacing if prompted
- Click "Refresh" on the "Add-ons List" screen once the new files are in the "Add-ons" folder
- Make sure the "Wired", "OCD", "NPSee" and "RaidKiller" add-ons are enabled and you should be all set

If you have any questions or problems, most players have this installed. Just ask your question in GC. There will most likely be someone on that can help you.

Rift Achievements:

- Server—Deepwood
- 4/4 Guided Prophecy
- 4/4 Drowned Halls
- 5/5 Greenscale Blight
- 4/5 River of Souls
- 2/11 Hammerknell Fortress

SWTOR Achievements:

- Server—The Fatman
- 142 guild members (granted some are alts)
- 26 level 50s
- 4/5 Eternity Vault
- Raids should be starting up next week. Please see website for details.

BF3 Achievements:

- Alpha and Bravo are now combined. Posting is extra important now because with only one team and a lot of players, we want to make sure that everyone gets play time. Any questions, please ask an officer.

LoL Achievements:

- Since February 12, 2012, 29 people have submitted applications
- IxRichardxl has accepted the position as Game Manager

NOG Achievements:

- 1,875 threads
- 10,555 posts
- 463 members





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SWTOR—Sorcerer Stats and How They Work

Willpower

Increases force damage, healing, and critical effect chance. Each point provides 0.20 Force Bonus Damage and 0.14 Force Bonus Healing. Critical effect chance benefit scales slowly and limits to 30%.

Force Power

Increases force damage and healing at a slightly higher rate than Willpower. Each point provides 0.23 Force Bonus Damage and 0.17 Force Bonus Healing.

Power

Identical to Force Power for Sorcerers. Each point provides 0.23 Force Bonus Damage and 0.17 Force Bonus Healing. Also increases melee, ranged, and tech at the same rate.

Critical Rating

Increases critical effect chance with all damage and healing abilities. Benefit scales moderately and limits to 30%.

Surge Rating

Increases the bonus damage or healing from a critical effect. Additive with the base 50% critical multiplier. Benefit scales rapidly and limits to 50%.

Alacrity Rating

Reduces the cast time of casted and channeled abilities. Additionally reduces the length of the global cooldown for those abilities if their cast or channel time drops below 1.5 seconds. Does not reduce the GCD for instant abilities, nor for cast/channeled ones if their final cast time remains above 1.5 seconds. Additive with multiple Alacrity sources. $\text{New Cast Time} = \text{Original Cast Time} * (1 - \text{Alacrity}\%)$. Scales moderately and limits to 30%.

Accuracy Rating

Reduces chance to miss against a target, and once miss chance is 0%, begins to negate the target's Defense or Resistance. Boss targets are believed at this time to have zero innate resistance, and force attacks have a base accuracy of 100% against all targets. Thus, *this stat is worthless for Sorcerers in PvE*. In PvP, no gear stat gives resistance, and only limited abilities do, generally short duration defensive cooldowns. Thus it is generally worthless against most targets. Scales moderately and limits to 30%.

Shield Rating

Increases your chances of "blocking" and attack with your shield generator. Referred to as *Glance Rating* on TORhead. Requires a shield generator in offhand, and thus is useless to Sorcerers. Scales moderately quickly and limits to 50%.

Absorption Rating

Increases the damage absorbed by a successful shield "block". Does *not* increase the damage absorbed by Static Barrier or similar absorption buffs/abilities. Requires a shield generator in offhand, and thus is useless to Sorcerers. Scales rapidly and limits to 50%.

Defense Rating

Increases your chance to avoid melee and ranged attacks. Dodge, parry, and a few other terms are all manifestations of this stat. Sorcerer base defense is 10%. Has no effect on Force or Tech attacks. Generally useless to Sorcerers. Scales moderately and limits to 30%.

Expertise Rating

PvP-only stat. Increases your damage and healing done to other players and decreases the damage you take from other players (all 3 at the same rate). Healing is increased by "ignoring" part of the Trauma buff that is automatically applied when you enter PvP combat, and thus scales somewhat better in actual effect than the damage or DR bonus (though it will display the same on your character sheet). Scales moderately slowly and limits to 20%.



Tech Info—Ventrilo Help?

Are you having problems connecting to Ventrilo.

- Make sure you have the right IP address and port
- 208.100.45.10 port 3844
- password neworder
- If you are a nG member you will need to ask for a password reset if you do not remember your own.

Are you having problems adjusting your volumes?

- Once logged in, go to Options
- Make sure you have your output and input device set to the correct sound card
- Choose your hotkey that you wish to use
- If your mic is too loud or soft, hit recording input and adjust your microphone settings
- If your speakers are too loud or soft, hit playback (output) and adjust your speaker settings

Did you know you could actually hear who joined Ventrilo and the channel instead of just a beep??!

- If you wish to hear who joins Ventrilo and the channel instead of a beep
- Go to the Events tab, click All TTS, and hit ok. (Now, all event binds will be text to speech)
- Go to the binds and speech tabs and make sure the output device is the correct sound card (or default device) and hit OK

Someone too loud or too soft in Ventrilo?

- Right mouse click on the user's name.
- Go to Miscellaneous and choose Special Effects.
- Choose Volume from the available list on the right and hit add.
- Change the volume appropriately and hit OK

Want to page someone, have a private chat or even mute them?

- Right mouse click on the user's name.
- Chose User and click the appropriate choice





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League of Legends—New to nG, what now?

Just wanted to say to the new recruit reading this...Welcome to our community! You have now entered the Novus Ordo Gaming Clan, specifically the League of Legends Division. You are probably asking yourself questions like;

What do I do now?

The **FIRST** thing you need to do, is bookmark the following web pages into your browser;

<http://novusordogaming.com/novusordo...-Business-Info> and
<http://novusordogaming.com/novusordo...lanmatches.php>

The first of these, is where you will need to keep yourself up to date on what is what in the LoL Division of nG. The second is where you will find the matches and practices of our various rosters within the Clan. Once a week you will be asked to 'Touch Base' with an Officer via our weekly Friday meetings, or a personal one-on-one meeting with an Officer at a time of your convenience.

The **SECOND** thing you will need to do, is gain access to our Ventrilo server, and remember to log into our server before playing League of Legends. So that means that when you log onto your computer, it should be automatic habit to open up your 2 bookmarks on your web browser... and run the Ventrilo program and join all of your fellow League of Legends players in the designated channels for our game. **Your Ventrilo name should be similar, if not the same, as your in game user name.**

These are my **TWO OBJECTIVES** and are my only requirements for our League of Legends players. Whether you just want to hang out and play with us casually, or you want to get onto one of our many Ranked Team rosters and work your way up the ELO brackets. I don't mean to be rude, however, if you cannot follow these two simple things, you should notify an officer within nG and have yourself removed from the clan. If you want to be a part of a clan and gain the benefits that it entails, there will always be small requirements that not only benefit you. But benefit the entirety of the clan as a whole.

Why should I use the forum?

I just want to play League of Legends with some new people in this awesome community. The answer is, to increase your personal enjoyment out of the game. If you have access to a full and vibrant community that is well organized and has members that are mature, dedicated and fun to play League of Legends with... how hard is it to take 5 mins before you log into your game to just take a look on our website and stay updated. **Not very hard at all!!!!**

Where can I start grouping up with other nG League of Legends members?

Ventrilo! Ventrilo is the place to be, and is where all our members will be hanging out. Don't be shy! Ask people the simple question of; "Hey, are you guys a full group?" This will help you to get to know people and find new people to game with.

How do I earn prestige within the ranks of nG?

That is a good question. Now that you have joined nG as a League of Legends player, you are considered a Casual Member. If you wish to advance from this rank, the next step up is Team Member. The only requirements of this is to join a Ranked Team roster, and follow all that being on a roster entails. You can further details on advancement from your Team Captain at that point.

If you are not interested in Ranked Teams, there is no real ranking system other

than the potential to be a Ventrilo moderator, or a forums moderator.

Can anyone teach me how to become a better League player? Absolutely!

We have many members within the clan of nG willing to spend time with you to increase your potential when it comes to gaming. The best way to do this, is to continue to use Ventrilo religiously as you play your matches on League of Legends, and track down an officer to schedule a training session with them. Please remember, that everyone has a personal schedule and gaming schedule to keep. So if some officers are busy and cannot pencil you in, KEEP TRYING! There are always other people with a little more experience within our ranks. One of the main things about being a part of this clan is to share your knowledge and skills with others. You learn from someone, and someone will learn from you. It's how we will all grow as a TEAM.

Are there rules I have to follow while I'm in this clan?

Absolutely. No organization can run without rules and regulations to ensure that everything runs smoothly and people are kept happy. Here is the link to the Rules and Regulations forum.***Rules and Regulations Forum Under Construction***

Who is who? There are so many people on Ventrilo!!

Don't be scared! We are a multi-gaming clan. This means there are going to be a lot of people using our Ventrilo, and while we play League of Legends they will be playing their game. (Rift, Star Wars, Battlefield, etc)

By all means, pop into their channel and have a chat! We are all people and enjoy some good conversation. As long as they are not busy with something serious (i.e. Raiding, Ranked Match, etc) everyone wants to know who you are. You're new! We want to know who that new person is in our Ventrilo and get to know you. They may even pop into your channel and say hello.

How do I join a Ranked Team? Also, What are the requirements?

The way you go about joining a Ranked Team roster, is by first becoming a **dedicated member** of nG. If you are on Ventrilo frequently, playing your matches with fellow members, at some point you will get to know some of the officers. From there, you consult one of them and ask to join a team. They will then assign you to a Team Captain and get you started on becoming a part of our growing list of dedicated League of Legends players.

The requirements vary. Each Team Captain will have different requirements that he wants for his/her team. One roster may be lower ELO, and accept new members that have little experience, while another roster is a very high ELO team and the requirements for that will be higher.

The best thing to do is look around, and find the right spot for you. It takes a little time, but remember, it is up to you what you get out of the clan, so if you are looking to play competitively you have to show that you want it.

IxRichardxl

Game Manager, League of Legends



Start taking pictures!! Screen shots will make this newsletter even better. I need Rift, BF3 and SWTOR screen shots. Please send all pictures to my email.

If you have any comments and/or would like to see something addressed in the next issue, please contact Johanna (JoJo) using the information below:

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Novus Ordo Gaming thrives on the help of it's players and supporters . To help with the costs of our public Ventrilo, game server(s) and website hosting, please donate! We appreciate every donation big or small greatly. PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR SITE HANDLE (NAME) TO THE NOTES! Thank you!

****Please see website for PayPal link****

We're on the web:

www.novusordogaming.com

Ventrilo Information: 208.100.45.10:3844 (no password)

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/groups/265112133510987/>

DeceptivElusion's Gaming History

As a youngin' I loved playing games on NES and SEGA, then progressed to SNES and eventually N64 and PS. When I was about 10 I moved in with my uncle and cousin who were big into computers. I eventually started getting into computers and gaming, playing games like original Warcraft, Doom and Duke Nukem, but only on single player. About 2 years later I moved to TN where computer gaming wasn't as popular, so I sort of fell off from gaming. I played a lot of N64 with my friends for a few years until my mom bought a Gateway computer.

One day I was in the EB Games store and I started looking at computer games. I found one that looked pretty interesting called Medal of Honor Allied Assault. After beating the single player I decided to try multiplayer for my first time ever on the computer, but it took about a day to figure out that you had to update patches in order to play and I started learning how to change out hardware in the computer since the performance wasn't the best on a stock Gateway.



From there, I found a clan while playing around one day called the Blood Angel Corps. It was a great group of guys who I ended up playing games with for many years after. We played for fun and competition, taking the #1 spot on TWL for 5v5's in MoHAA and hitting the top 5 in the original CoD.

Eventually we broke apart as the leadership deteriorated and games were getting boring. From here I moved onto CS 1.6. I played competitively moving in and out of clans trying to find a good clan with good people. A few months after CS:S came out I bought the game. By this time I had moved back to the Chicago area and reconnected with the cousin. I joined the clan he was in named Sovereign

Forces. It ended up being a very large community hosting a number games and many servers (not unlike NOG). I was a part of this community for the better part of 3 years. By the end of those 3 years I had moved my way up to the General Staff which was a group of admins just below the founders which basically saw over different parts of the clan. My main duties were Security and Recruitment. Having this title also earned me two trips to Orlando, FL for staff meetings and quite a bit of fun.

About a year and a half ago my computer took a crap and I was running short on cash, so I decided to quit gaming for a little while. Fast forward to this past Nov. and I had saved up enough money to do what I've always wanted to do: build my own computer from scratch. After a successful build I came back online to find out that SF was all but dead and I was as hungry as ever to be a gamer again. So I began pubbing around and keeping my eyes open for good players who were part of a clan. One day I saw two people tearing up a server that I frequented, wearing nG tags. I added them to my friends list and found the NoG website through their profiles. The rest is history.