

Chattahoochee Tri Club Rules of Conduct for Facebook Group

1. Be courteous to all members.
2. Make your online self a reflection of your real life self; act as you would in real life, face to face with other members.
3. Consider your context and tone. Members can't see your facial expressions or hear your voice; they only see your words. If it sounds rude, it can be perceived as rude. Try to rephrase what you're saying or don't say it at all.
4. Be ethical and use good manners. If you wouldn't say it or do it in front of someone, don't say it or do it online.
5. Be mindful of other's time. Do not bombard the page with unnecessary posts. While we encourage engagement and discussion, posting for the sake of posting should be kept at a minimum.
6. If you plan on posting a large file or a long video, give members a warning about it. Many members use mobile devices and large files and videos can use up their data. If they have the option to see from another device, be courteous and give a heads up.
7. If you have a concern that you would like to address about other members, business, behavior, or matters board members are responsible for, please email the board directly at chattahoocheetriclub@gmail.com.
8. No trolling or flame-bait. Do not post content that is upsetting or controversial for the purpose of upsetting others or creating argumentative discussions.
9. Share good information. If you have information that can benefit members like articles, videos, an experience you had, post about it. We encourage discussion and both our new and seasoned athletes appreciate good advice. If you have a discount code, please email the club as we keep a pinned document of club discounts at chattahoocheetriclub@gmail.com.
10. Do not use the group to promote your business or put down other people's businesses. While we do like advice being shared, do not post in a passive-aggressive manner that is soliciting business or putting down other people's businesses. Think of magazine articles that are actually sales ads. Again, if it seems like it could be perceived that way, don't do it.
11. Avoid flame wars. Do not post hateful comments or pictures directed towards members or implied towards members. If a member perceives something is a threat, it will be addressed as one.
12. Respect other people's privacy. Don't post personal information about other people, members or non-members, or try to phish for information about others in the private group. If a person does not want information public, that is their right and it should be respected.
13. Be forgiving of mistakes and try not to hold grudges against other members. While the rules are in place to help our members get the most out of communicating with one another, there may be occasions where a member may say something that you do not agree with or find upsetting. If that member acknowledges their actions and apologizes for it, be willing to forgive and forget.
14. Don't bring your outside problems into the club. If you have a conflict with another member, business, or sponsor who is part of the club, do not use the group as a way to bash them. We expect our members to maintain civil behaviors towards one another when at club functions or in the club discussion group.
15. Do not use all caps or SHOUT in your posts unless you are REALLY, REALLY EXCITED about something, in which case, try not to post an entire paragraph in all caps.
16. Do not post new problems on someone else's thread and interrupt a topic of discussion.
17. Do not use someone else's thread for a private conversation. If you find yourself and another member are four responses deep on a reply, please take your discussion into a private message. We encourage discussion among members, but when it is through a thread and it does not provide any value to the topic, it is time to take the conversation elsewhere.
18. Watch your sense of humor, posts may be read by people from a variety of backgrounds and ages. We do not need to keep things G rated at all times, but at the same time, if it is of a graphic nature, please share privately or on your own personal page.
19. Post factual information and don't plagiarize. If you are sharing an article, share the link to page. Do not copy/paste word for word and post as your own content, or if you do, cite the source.
20. Do not shame or chastise new members if they do something wrong. We were all beginners once. We have all made mistakes, asked an embarrassing question, or did something we would not do now. Instead, use the opportunity to enlighten and encourage a new member as they learn and grow.

Violation of rules will result in a warning. Repeat violation of rules will result in a temporary or permanent ban from the member group page and possible ban from club.