

# PC Gaming HQ – Terms and Conditions

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By signing in, creating an account or using the services of PC Gaming HQ, you accept that you have read, understood and agreed to our terms and conditions.

## Linked Websites

PC Gaming HQ may contain links to other, third party websites. PC Gaming HQ will not be held responsible for any content (graphics, text or other forms of media) that appear on these linked website.

Any website that is found to have inappropriate content may have its links removed from our website, though we cannot guarantee that this will happen.

## Your agreement

By using PC Gaming HQ you agree to:

1. Not to copy, steal, replicate or edit any content (graphics, text or other forms of media) from PC Gaming HQ without the permission of Kieran Youngman (owner of PC Gaming HQ) or the responsible owner of the content. On the event that you copy, steal, replicate or edit any content from PC Gaming HQ, you agree that legal action may be taken against you by PC Gaming HQ and/or the responsible owner of the content unless a compromise can be agreed by both parties.
2. Follow all set rules anywhere on PC Gaming HQ. These rules are subject to change without warning. The rules can be found at: <http://pcgaminghq.com/rules.php>
3. While submitting any content to our website for it to be safe (no viruses, not to be corrupt, etc) and for it to be appropriate to the section in which the content is being submitted to.
4. Respect people's choices, comments and rights while using PC Gaming HQ. We respect your ethical views and opinions. We expect all users on PC Gaming HQ to also respect people's ethical views and opinions. If any users (visitors or registered members) are to disregard this, they should expect to be banned from using the service for a short period of time and the content will be removed that disregarded people's rights, ethical views and opinions.

## Cookies

PC Gaming HQ requires the use of some cookies. Cookies are small packets of data stored on your computer. They usually contain a small ID, a selection of characters, which is linked to a database record on a website.

PC Gaming HQ uses cookies to function properly and without them many features will be disabled. PC Gaming HQ does not use cookies to track the movement of users. They are simply for allowing the user to login and remembering their details.

The cookies that PC Gaming HQ uses contain a random, encrypted ID that links to your user account on our database. This is a secure way of accessing your login information so that you can access your account.

We will provide support to turn off cookies, at the expense of some functionality loss, in the near future.

## Data Logging and Tracking

We log every user that uses PC Gaming HQ. Every page they use, the time they visited, the IP address used and the browser used are all logged. This is not used for tracking users; the amount of data is far too great to allow for individual reports in users activities. We use this data to improve our website and to see certain pages performance.

In the event that a hack is attempted on the server, this data may be used in prosecuting them and preventing future hacks.

## Security

All data stored by PC Gaming HQ is protected from being taken without authorisation. We protect some of the data with encryption (the data that we feel should not be seen by anyone else, such as your password) but encrypting all the data would cause the server to run slower and may not affect hacking attempts on the server. In some cases, encrypting data is not required because it is already publically visible, e.g. your username, profile data, etc...

A hack is a piece of computer code that performs a function, usually an unofficial alternative or addition to a commercial program. In this case, a hack is a piece of code that allows access into the data stored in our database. No computer is completely resistance to hacks (i.e. able to stop hacking attempts or prevent them from stealing data) due to the nature of computers. We can, however, make it more difficult for hackers to retrieve the data stored by us.

We cannot make any guarantees that the data stored on our databases is completely secure from being stolen by third party groups or individuals.

Due to the fact that we do **not** use any credit card details or deeply personal information, we feel that it is unnecessary to use public-key cryptography (SSL - Secure Sockets Layer) to encrypt the connection between PC Gaming HQ and your computer. Public-key cryptography protects the data sent by encrypting it with a public key and decrypting it with a private key. It is a form of encryption that is used by banks. It should be noted that public-key cryptography does not offer complete protection.

## User Registration

By becoming a registered member of PC Gaming HQ, you gain several benefits over normal guests. To use these benefits, you must accept these terms and conditions and follow the set rules by PC Gaming HQ. You can find the rules at: <http://pcgaminghq.com/rules.php>

The privilege of being a registered member of PC Gaming HQ can be taken away at any point if the use has not followed these terms and conditions and the rules. Additional limits can also be placed onto any registered member of PC Gaming HQ; these limits include, but are not limited to: Removal of the ability to view certain pages, limitations to profile edits and extra limits placed on submitting content.

## **Warranties**

PC GAMING HQ IS PROVIDED WITHOUT WARRANTY OF ANY KIND. THERE ARE NO GUARANTEES THAT USE OF THIS SITE WILL NOT BE SUBJECT TO INTERRUPTIONS. ALL DIRECT AND INDIRECT RISKS RELATED TO THE USE OF PC GAMING HQ IS BORNE ENTIRELY BY THE USER.

PC GAMING HQ MAY CONTAIN INACCURACIES OR ERRORS AND MAKE NO GUARANTEES REGARDING THE ACCURACY OF THE SITE OR ITS' CONTENT.

## **Linking to PC Gaming HQ**

Any website may link to any of the pages on PC Gaming HQ. However, pages from PC Gaming HQ may not be embedded into a frame from the referring site, without the permission of Kieran Youngman (owner of PC Gaming HQ).

## **Updates to the Terms and Conditions**

When/if the terms and conditions policy is reviewed and updated; all registered members will receive an email with the new terms and conditions document and a date specifying when they become valid. It is the registered members' responsibility to keep their email up to date so that changes in the service provided by PC Gaming HQ can be announced.

Any guest that is not registered with PC Gaming HQ should not/cannot expect notification of updates to these Terms and Conditions for the use of PC Gaming HQ.