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# THE NOVICE'S CREED

## A BIG SISTER GULLIVER MINECRAFT SERVER GUIDEBOOK

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## **Y**ou are the Novice Player.

**F**resh and green, young and idealistic, energized and hopeful. You cannot wait to vanquish giants, care for little ones, or punch trees. You want to build the next epic town of such radiance – such magnificence and grandeur – the likes of which have never before been seen by any man, woman, child, or pigman! You want to befriend all and be loved by all. Or at the very least, you want to prove to yourself that you can survive, thrive, and prosper against all odds and without the luxury of a head start. The simple fact of being a Novice is but a minor inconvenience, like finding the jar of ink dried up right before penning your grand story. Because sooner or later, that grand story of yours will get told.

**I**n short, you are a person of small power, but grand ambition, and immeasurable potential. Yet you know you are currently a guest in a strange house, unknown by most or all its inhabitants. You are wise to proceed with caution, as your actions will be tracked, your words held against you, your every moment scrutinized. Just as you are unsure of what challenges and dangers lie ahead, so too will we be unsure of exactly what kind of person you are. After all that effort and hospitality, will you be a new good friend for us, and a noble protector to the server that is so dear to us? Or will you be seduced by the dark arts of griefery, and betray our trust in the most callous manner possible?

**U**ntil we can be sure of your intentions, and inasmuch as we would love to trust all our fellow players unconditionally, for your own protection and those of your new fellow players, you must honourably accept the Novice status until such time as we can grant you full server citizenship. Until that time, you stand as both a pinnacle of patience and fortitude in the face of adversity, and as an eternal reminder for us all of how we ourselves started our Minecraftian lives. Blessed is the Novice player who stands proud to this role and who assures us all of good intentions through kindness and good behaviour.

**T**o help you on your journey through our server, this list of Rights and Responsibilities has been compiled for you, to assure you that, even as a Novice player, you still have rules to abide to, as well as privileges offered to you to aid in your development. It is to your benefit to keep a copy of this list... this Novice's Creed... with you at all times to remain informed and astute.

## Rights

1. You have the right to useful server commands to assist you with messaging and status updates.
2. You have the right to a brief tour of the spawn city of Spawnington
3. You have a right to an explanation of the server currency, and the methods to buy, sell and exchange on our server.
4. You have the right to build a home of an appropriate scale [and make] in an unclaimed area.
5. If Tiny, you have the right to carve a home within Spawnington, its sewers, or its various hovels, so long as the outward appearance of the aforementioned structures are not altered.
6. If adventurous, you have the right to build and live in public thematic maps such as the Cheese Quest house, provided your habitation positively contributes to, rather than negatively impacts, the thematic value of the map.
7. You have the right to freely harvest mineral wealth from our lands, provided the caverns appear unclaimed or unvisited.
8. You have the right to harvest wood or public crops, so long as you replant these.
9. You have the right to explore large swathes of land, provided you do not exceed past 5000 blocks from the global spawn point in either direction.
10. You have the right to use the organized chat mod **TabbyChat** if you wish to filter out uninteresting conversations and roleplay.
11. If you have **TabbyChat** installed, you have the right to start roleplays or participate in active roleplays, provided you do it within the predesignated RP1 or RP2 channels.
12. If held or kidnapped by a Giant player against your will, or attacked by a PvP-obsessed player, you have the right to protest the act or defend yourself if necessary.
13. You have the right to report, with evidence, any crimes committed against you or your property, or those belonging to a neighbor, Veteran player, or another Novice player.
14. You have the right to report, with evidence, the overuse of inappropriate language or mature content, if it is making you, a neighbor, a Veteran player, or another Novice player uncomfortable.
15. You have the right to use public enderchests, in such locations as the Spawnington Bank, to protect invaluable items against theft.
16. You have the right to take the contents of any chest predesignated as a Donation Bin, such as the Spawnington Villager Church donation bins at the global spawn point.
17. You have the right to comment on the server Owner's blog or ask questions on the official server forum, provided you register accordingly and observe commons rules of conduct therein.
18. You have the right to vote in polls on said forum.
19. Unless promoted beforehand, you have the right to request a promotion to Veteran status after no less than one month of exhibiting good behaviour on our server.
20. With good behaviour, you have the right to one-time introductory bread and cheese.

## **R**esponsibilities

1. Please read all Rights and Responsibilities.
2. Please be courteous to your fellow players on our server.
3. Please be courteous to Staff, and observe their instructions should they give you any.
4. Please refrain from asking players and Staff for frequent favours and gifts – self-sufficiency and independence are virtues.
5. Please refrain from asking players and Staff non-stop questions that can be construed as annoying.
6. Please refrain from the act of griefing or vandalism on private property, as well as wholesale destruction of public property.
7. Please refrain from creating pixel art within and slightly beyond the city limits of Spawnington.
8. Please refrain from stealing from another player's property.
9. Please refrain from breaking and entering into another player's home without their consent.
10. Please refrain from frequent and blatant acts of vigilantism against offending players. Record useful evidence of crimes being perpetrated, and inform the authorities if you wish to help.
11. Please refrain from creating builds or items of a lewd and vulgar nature, unless specifically permitted by Staff in a controlled, isolated environment.
12. Please refrain from the overuse of inappropriate language or mature content in your messages.
13. Please refrain from stifling other player's limited rights to free speech, so long as they are not abusing the rule on the overuse of inappropriate language or content.
14. Please refrain from obstructing a player's right to observe cultural holidays, so long as the observance is not physically harmful to other player's or builds.
15. Please be mindful that the server's size changing theme is for platonic entertainment purposes, and that it is visited regularly by children and young adults with equal rights to enjoy the server.
16. As a Giant, please refrain from frequent and harmful bullying behavior, unless consented to by the smaller player.
17. As a Tiny, please refrain from frequent and uncomfortable stalking activities, unless consented to by the larger player.
18. Please avoid begging Staff to whitelist your friends without an application – if your friends wish to join our server, they must complete a whitelist application of their own.
19. Please avoid breaking rules of conduct on our official server forum, as bad behaviour in that external site could lead to punitive action on our server.
20. Please help keep the atmosphere on our server peaceful, laid-back, exhilarating, appreciative and fun.
21. And by extension, once you have enough experience, please be willing to assist new Novice players, or younger players, in acquainting them to the server, their rights, and their responsibilities.