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Thread: [Important Custom User Group Information](#)

**Omniscient** - October 5, 2011, 9:52 am

<https://hackforums.net/misc.php?action=help&hid=32>

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**Vexna** - October 5, 2011, 9:54 am

Quote:As always be paranoid and don't trust anyone.

I agree, alot of members scammed by this way. Great new Omni.

**BlueMelon** - October 5, 2011, 9:54 am

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**Ignite.** - October 5, 2011, 9:58 am

Thank you for making this rule omni seen the suggestion yesterday glad you took action so quickly.

**King** - October 5, 2011, 9:59 am

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I agree.

However, this change makes it clear for people. Thank you for making this rule, Omni.

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It was perhaps not for the groups, now, it is.

Can I ask for member donations to start a group?

You may only do so privately and we discourage members from donating to start a group. It's possible the person taking the donations is a scammer. So don't trust anyone. In any recruitment thread do not ask for donations to begin group.

**Basics** - October 5, 2011, 9:59 am

Thanks Omniscient, was tired of the "Soon to be official" group threads.

**Grammar Rays** - October 5, 2011, 10:02 am

Good update although I was doing this myself.

I am not a scammer but I personally don't like this, but fuck it. I will just follow the rules as normal.

**Omniscient** - October 5, 2011, 10:06 am

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**K?ala** - October 5, 2011, 10:08 am

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I agree completely cough TheGamers cough

**Exclusive** - October 5, 2011, 10:10 am

Great addition Omni, next hopefully the recruitment thread can be cleaned and only used for serious groups not skiddy kids trying to grab donations or transfer users to their own forums. Have seen allot of members especially the ones with less then 100 posts with no L33t or Ub3r.

**Phismatic** - October 5, 2011, 10:10 am

I think this is a good rule because I have seen a lot of non-official groups asking for donations and such to become official, and then in the end they never become official. ???

**Grammar Rays** - October 5, 2011, 10:10 am

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<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=1789674&pid=16277329#pid16277329>

**Grammar Rays** - October 5, 2011, 10:21 am

(Oct 5, 2011 10:15 AM)Anthracite Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) No, it will not happen.

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That guy is being a bitch. I have no connection with him any longer.  
He should be banned in my opinion. Fuck I wish I was Staff, he'd be gone lol.

I have a separate group idea anyway, similar concept but would be managed A LOT better imho.

Omniscient, quick question.

Does this apply if you have paid the initial amount and you need additional funds for the final payment?

I am not asking this for myself, just to clarify for future reference.

**Analog-** - October 5, 2011, 10:21 am

Very happy to see hysteria's suggestion fall into place. This was needed badly after recent events.

**.edit** - October 5, 2011, 10:24 am

You said the same thing twice:

Quote:Can I sell membership to my group?

Yes. The group is yours. Who you approve or deny and the reasons for it are your responsibility.  
and

Quote:Can I charge a fee to be in my custom group?

Yes you can. It's your group. For the most part you can allow/disallow anyone you want for whatever reason you want

Might want to edit one out.

**!!\* Alone Vampire \*!!** - October 5, 2011, 10:49 am

Thanks for implementing this, was tired of all these type of threads.

**D3xus** - October 5, 2011, 11:17 am

I have this in the recruitment thread for my clan but I'll be removing it ASAP. Thanks for the heads up.

**Grim ?** - October 5, 2011, 11:19 am

Thanks for clearing things up Omni. I feel like shit now for applying for an unofficial group yesterday. What a waste of time, I believe that the person should be banned who was the creator and starter of an unofficial group. People that were willing to help out but had no idea that the creator had a

sneaky plan behind it. Getting donations also to an unofficial group is so low of the so called creators of the unofficial group for even thinking about doing that. Just is so surprising to me. I feel bad for myself and the people that helped out for the unofficial The supporters group. Never again will I fall for something like this again. Thanks once again Omni, Appreciate the heads up, I've learned my lesson that's for sure.

**Grumpy** - October 5, 2011, 11:21 am

(Oct 5, 2011 10:24 AM).edit Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) You said the same thing twice:  
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Hehe, I noticed that just now too, wondered if anyone had pointed that little issue out yet... Eager eyes don't miss anything, eh? ?

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**Reported** - October 5, 2011, 11:24 am

Thank you for adding this group and answering my questions Omniscient ?. Now for this new non-donation begging group rule, does this mean "soon to be official groups" aren't allowed if they don't have 1k or 2k and ready to pay you or if they haven't already paid?

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Yes, And i know. I just read that earlier this morning. Are you still promoting them ? I see it in your signature. lol

**Reported** - October 5, 2011, 11:26 am

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<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=1789674&pid=16277329#pid16277329>We all read it.

He called the creator of the group LQ and a possible scammer.

So why are you rep-ing their signature? I admit though that was a waste of time. I posted my best application I ever have. Bastards ?.

**Grim ?** - October 5, 2011, 11:28 am

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Yea Seriously. That's so low of that so called creator to do that. I feel dumb now.

**D3xus** - October 5, 2011, 11:31 am

Thanks for pointing that out in my signature.

And me and Grammar Rays have been talking about the creator... not saying anything else than that.

**Arcturus Mengsk** - October 5, 2011, 12:04 pm

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Sounds to me as if hes talking about the haunTERS custom usergroup.

**Codevade** - October 5, 2011, 12:12 pm

(Oct 5, 2011 10:06 AM)Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Paid custom groups were meant for heavy donators not for skids that get 50 donations. I want less groups not more. Every idiot should not have a custom group.

I didn't take any donations for my group. Not one. So I guess that makes me not a skid.

**H??????a X™** - October 5, 2011, 1:58 pm

Thanks for taking my suggestion and using it this way. Glad to see it implemented.

**Glassy** - October 5, 2011, 2:00 pm

Glad to see this implemented. I was worried about the new group that was about to come up called "The Supporters". I know that group was a little fishy.

**Bridge** - October 5, 2011, 2:03 pm

The choice to remove start up donations was a good idea but what if one asks for donations after the first 1000\$ down payment.

**Sinq** - October 7, 2011, 1:11 pm

I agree 100% with the no asking for donations rule.

**Act?r** - October 8, 2011, 7:20 pm

:o Custom groups are expensive! There goes my dreams of having a PC Gamers group D:. Oh well, stops scammers so +10 from me!

**biasa199** - October 9, 2011, 12:43 pm

Nice addition Omni. I was wondering when you would make a post about this.

**confuse** - October 15, 2011, 6:13 pm

Thanks for the sticky Omni, it should help a few people ?

**mdhz.tk** - October 16, 2011, 7:00 pm

I agree with admin but everyone are not idiots!!

**Jittery** - October 16, 2011, 10:22 pm

(Oct 5, 2011 10:06 AM)Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Paid custom groups were meant for heavy donators not for skids that get 50 donations. I want less groups not more. Every idiot should not

have a custom group.I agree with this 100%, I don't think there should be so many groups.

**Mutes** - October 18, 2011, 8:28 am

Quick question. If I was to get accepted to a group with a userbar, would I be able to wear this bar without being l33t/ub3r, or do I need to upgrade to wear a userbar?

**Enterprise** - October 18, 2011, 4:37 pm

Yes Mutes you would be able to you just have to go into usercp and group memberships then display usergroup.

**Livewire** - October 21, 2011, 4:37 am

What I am curious about it this.

Quote:We will not allow any groups with obvious illegal or black hat intentions.  
Would the RAT crew not fall under that criteria?

**Muscle** - October 22, 2011, 4:00 am

Wouldn't the runescape hackers be breaking these rules by have a list of donators and have no donators???

Isn't this hinting to get your name there?

**St. Jiberish** - October 22, 2011, 7:49 am

So you cannot say "I paid 1k for a group, ## members are let in if they pay ## per person!". I just wish to be clear, thanks Omnims.

**Osuka** - October 24, 2011, 11:37 pm

WoW Thats pretty wired just to let you Now LOL

**Uiqueblhats** - January 26, 2012, 7:50 am

good i think scammers will got a shock huh!!1

**ven0m** - January 26, 2012, 10:16 pm

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I agree with you omni.

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~ven0m

**Velocity** - January 30, 2012, 4:54 pm

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**ISO** - January 31, 2012, 2:44 pm

(Jan 30, 2012 05:54 PM)Reliable Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Unfortunately, every idiot seems to be buying a custom group... Frankly, I'm surprised at the amount of people on HF that have \$2000 to spend  
There not that many officials groups on HackForums ,  
You should also consider that HackForums is now of the biggest forums on the internet.

**TheNeutron** - March 6, 2012, 5:52 am

Yo! Omni. Have a warm idea. increases the rate of custom group. Seems like everybody is asking about groups & there's too many groups in HF already.

**Qwazz** - March 18, 2012, 7:25 pm

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**LiamLC** - March 18, 2012, 7:58 pm

(Mar 18, 2012 07:25 PM)Qwazz Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Can you ask for donations toward groups, if they aren't directed towards making the group official?

Maybe this has changed, but I'm pretty sure I read that you CAN but it is not recommended that anyone pays into something like that.

**Dube** - April 2, 2012, 1:10 pm

Why did you raise the price to three thousand I'm still working for the \$2000

**FlamingArmor** - April 2, 2012, 2:29 pm

omni must feel like a god or a king XD, so many people look up to him. Personally, i think that all UserGroups should have a really good reason to be there, otherwise, its pointless. their shouldnt be a group for every person =P

**Zain** - April 2, 2012, 2:34 pm

(Apr 2, 2012 01:10 PM)Dube Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Why did you raise the price to three thousand I'm still working for the \$2000

Omni wants to make groups rare and encourage quality so he's raising the price by \$500 for every group that's sold. More info on this thread

<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=2347521>

**Dan.** - April 2, 2012, 5:55 pm

(Apr 2, 2012 02:34 PM)Zain Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Omni wants to make groups rare and encourage quality so he's raising the price by \$500 for every group that's sold. More info on this thread

<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=2347521> They are going to be super fucking rare after a few more are bought.

**Mr. Awesome Guy** - April 3, 2012, 3:11 pm

I really wish I could muster some more money out of my friends to start a group :(

**xvisceral** - April 4, 2012, 12:06 pm

Guys, I will say, it's pretty worth it. People like groups.

**Suspicion** - April 4, 2012, 12:15 pm

(Apr 4, 2012 12:06 PM)xvisceral Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Guys, I will say, it's pretty worth it. People like groups. If your not in it to get a return in "donation/investment" then yes, if you are then no.

**Reptar** - April 5, 2012, 12:48 pm

(Apr 4, 2012 12:06 PM)xvisceral Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Guys, I will say, it's pretty worth it. People like groups.

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Naw man, even if you charge people to enter you probably won't make all that money back. Besides, \$2,000 wasn't really worth it but \$3,000 is definitely not worth it

**Prince™** - April 7, 2012, 6:55 am

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**Omniscient** - May 8, 2012, 11:21 pm

(Apr 7, 2012 06:55 AM)????? Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) That will surely stop people getting scammed in large amount.

Only if they actually listened to me. :)

**Oni ?** - May 8, 2012, 11:43 pm

(May 8, 2012 11:21 PM)Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Only if they actually listened to me. :)

Im guessing this was said cause what happened with subscription.

**Withn?ss** - May 9, 2012, 1:24 am

lol i have been pm'd several times saying if i donate 15 dollars to a group cough respawn cough that i can join

**-?Divine-** - May 9, 2012, 6:29 am

(May 9, 2012 01:24 AM)Withn?ss Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) lol i have been pm'd several times saying if i donate 15 dollars to a group cough respawn cough that i can join

Respawn is allowed to recruit people upon donation. This rule applies for non official groups that are claiming to be official one day.

**Killuminatii** - May 9, 2012, 2:32 pm

(Oct 5, 2011 10:06 AM)Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Paid custom groups were meant for heavy donators not for skids that get 50 donations. I want less groups not more. Every idiot should not have a custom group.

Agreed. If we would have many groups it wouldn't be fun anymore.

Also, thanks for the laugh:

"As always be paranoid and don't trust anyone."

**EGIP** - May 12, 2012, 10:28 am

when on a hacking forum make sure u don't get hacked :P  
don't trust anyone that much...

**KoolDude87** - May 13, 2012, 10:59 pm

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**redpois0n** - May 24, 2012, 10:45 am

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through people buying themselves in and easier support.

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**Cronus-** - July 3, 2012, 11:39 pm

(May 24, 2012 10:45 AM)redpois0n Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Blackshades is a big product so 3k for them is not that big deal. They might have re earned it through people buying themselves in and easier support.

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**redpois0n** - July 8, 2012, 11:12 am

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gravedig sticky lol

**Cronus-** - July 9, 2012, 4:26 am

(Jul 8, 2012 11:12 AM)redpois0n Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) 100 grand internet cash and maybe a steady income IRL is much.

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Also, they need to worry about taxes, staff, marketing, hosting, chargebacks, and much more.

I would agree that it's a good income for a 15-17 year old living with his parents, but not a good primary employment.

They might be getting alot more, but I don't think so. It wouldn't sound realistic.

**redpois0n** - July 9, 2012, 4:40 am

(Jul 9, 2012 04:26 AM)Cronus- Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#)  $100,000 / 3 = \$33,333$  /year

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I think xvis for example was 21 so if he has a job so he can make cash to own a house, buy food etc and the online income he is pretty rich ?

**Serial Menace™** - July 28, 2012, 11:09 am

So Can I start a group without it actually being official? no userbar just recruit so we can pay for

official group as a group?

**EKNOZ** - July 28, 2012, 12:33 pm

Sounds good, waiting on response for my group. Thanks :D

- EKNOZ

**redpois0n** - July 28, 2012, 1:00 pm

(Jul 28, 2012 12:33 PM)EKNOZ Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Sounds good, waiting on response for my group. Thanks :D

- EKNOZ

Good luck and hope it becomes official ?

**\_MudKip\_** - August 5, 2012, 2:09 am

Thanks for making these rules helps a lot I appreciate it!)

**Mr.FluffyBunnyFluff** - August 5, 2012, 8:49 am

Can we create a regular group without paying?

**adampelletgun** - September 2, 2012, 8:43 am

(Oct 5, 2011 09:52 AM)Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) As always be paranoid and don't trust anyone. That's how you gotta be on HF all the time sadly.

**Primal Rage** - September 4, 2012, 12:07 am

(Sep 2, 2012 08:43 AM)adampelletgun Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) That's how you gotta be on HF all the time sadly.

Being Paranoid is only being fully aware of the possibility's, nothing wrong with that.

- Justin P.

**Jazabellarina** - September 4, 2012, 4:33 am

Ummm.. new to this page could use a little bit of help finding my way around NO BULLSHIT!!

**Omniscient** - September 15, 2012, 3:25 pm

Custom groups are no longer sold.

<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=2866105>