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Thread: [Changing Contest Terms](#)

Tutelary - December 31, 2013, 7:48 pm

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Gary - December 31, 2013, 7:50 pm

I'm sure you're talking about the contest Tiszy is hosting? Most of the time if more people enter then it is extended and not everyone has seen what happened to the other thread.

RDCA - December 31, 2013, 7:50 pm

This is actually a decent question, which I don't think has been answered specifically. My assumption would be no, and that people need to fulfill their contests based on their original stipulations. So long as all stipulations are met, the reward must be given. Though, that is just speculation.

Gustav - December 31, 2013, 7:50 pm

The extending of the date is allowed, not sure about the requirements. But as for extending the date, it must be publicly displayed so that the members who participated may see it.

Tutelary - December 31, 2013, 8:43 pm

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Fox™ - December 31, 2013, 9:14 pm

I don't see a problem in it. It's not breaking a rule, but you're clearly talking about Tiszy. It's his contest.

Carl Elias - December 31, 2013, 9:30 pm

I agree with not changing the requirements, but I think it would be fair to allow changes to the spots available. So if more post than you thought you can extend that, but not change "must get 100 of something first" to must reach 200 of something first. I think this should be more of a ethical type rule. I just think it is wrong when people do that...

-Ty

Morchid - December 31, 2013, 9:31 pm

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If you have any other questions feel free to message me.

Happy New Years!

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Prize changing would be a no no.

Thinking about it now, I don't think you should change anything at all, it will only lead to confusion.

SkullTraill - December 31, 2013, 9:59 pm

I don't think it should be allowed and is raising the entrants from 100 to 500 they should consider killing themselves for being attention whores.

thomasgreen - December 31, 2013, 10:25 pm

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Neal Caffrey - December 31, 2013, 10:28 pm

Nothing should be allowed to change.

The only reason the OP should be edited is to add winners or let people know that it's done.

??Tommy - January 1, 2014, 6:28 am

It shouldn't be allowed and members should be punished for editing it.

Robust - January 1, 2014, 7:19 am

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wellager - January 1, 2014, 7:23 am

As long as members have a shot at getting the same prizes, it should be allowed.

Omur - January 1, 2014, 8:12 am

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(Jan 1, 2014 09:12 AM)Xavier Wulf Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) He just ended it. lol .____. Guess you can close this now.

That contest isn't the only one that's changed their end date recently.

??Tommy - January 1, 2014, 8:24 am

(Jan 1, 2014 09:18 AM)- Sam - Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) This is wrong and they should be punished for this.

I agree. If people are allowed to extend the end date of a contest then you'll see a lot of people that can't fulfill a contest abusing that to avoid getting punished.

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Then people will forget about the contest being hosted because it was extended for so long.

'Snorlax - January 1, 2014, 10:13 am

This should not be allowed. What stops people from going from 100 to 2000?

It should not be allowed. I generally think that those contests are low quality, because it forces people to post on it to reach a certain amount.

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No.

webdev77 - January 6, 2014, 11:31 am

Personally I think that nothing should be changed because I could make users where my signature and then indefinitely keep extending it so that I get tons of free advertising without ever ending a contest. I could quietly junk the thread and nobody would know the difference after a few weeks of inactivity on the thread.

Viral Dragon - January 6, 2014, 2:51 pm

OP:

No. It's not allowed. It's immoral, unethical and unfair. Extend the date? Maybe ONCE, and that'd be about it. Changing the posting requirements, wearing requirements or XX requirements is no though. For a various amount of reasons at that. I can't even begin to give you a list it's that long.

If you run into financial trouble, that's on you. You should have set the money aside or something, given it to a middle man, anything really. Once you start a contest it is on YOU, to finish it and relinquish XX you've held a contest for. Otherwise, you'd be nothing more than the common scam artist. That said, I'll leave this open for now. Though..I thought about closing it and just letting Omni reply when he felt like it. ._.

-Viral.

Tutelary - January 7, 2014, 3:07 pm

(Jan 6, 2014 12:42 PM)- Sam - Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Agreed.

In most cases members make up excuses in order to extend their contest, for example financial troubles.

And the majority of the members lie just so they can have a hot thread (more reply's).

This should not be allowed, you are responsible for fulfilling a contest, therefore you should of been prepared.

That's what I'm afraid of happening already. Rather than deal with a fake contest, just 'extend' the contest for a month or two.

webdev77 - January 8, 2014, 2:45 pm

I was interested in this little phenomenon going on and I saw at least two members change contest terms today. In addition, people have started posting links to their marketplace threads saying that people must post on their sales thread to enter the contest. I think that's a load of bullshit and should be considered cross posting and/or posting a buy/sell/trade thread outside the marketplace.

Just my little input on this.

Mohatu - January 9, 2014, 5:59 pm

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Mmm. Though those issues can effectively be squashed by a new rule, which is not allowed to be suggested. What I'm attempting to ask is clarification on this policy. If it's allowed, then I can't complain that the user extended the date and switched the RTW (Replies 'till win) from 300 to 500.

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I think it'd be nice to finally get some clarification on this. Hopefully the verdict is that contest terms cannot be changed once posted.

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I didn't ask about Fake Contests. I know those. OP doesn't deliver and get a closed account. However, what if OP instead of not delivering, merely extends the date by two months? Or even a day or two? Or doubles the replies 'till the reward gets sent out? Or changes what you have to do?

StuffSneak - January 18, 2014, 11:10 pm

As Viral said, maybe extending it once could be understood but the requirements should expire. i.e. users can change their sig etc.

-Congrats! You have been Sneaked!

Tiszy - January 19, 2014, 5:15 am

(Jan 1, 2014 08:19 AM)thepadman300 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Tiszy was different. He had it 100 and he would get vouches and stuff. Now you expect him to give all those prizes for under 100 posts? Usually I'd say it's not allowed but he started a kinda new contest. He mentioned he had staff permission for the first time and I think it was just a bit of a confusion. Hence forcing him to keep the

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They're complaining because if it goes unchecked or unmodded people could just do one of the following:

- 1) Say they notified the winner when in fact they did not. They only said they did.
- 2) People could just keep extending it a mass amount of times until people just naturally forget about it.
- 3) People could just keep changing the requirements and then people will just say "fuck it" and leave.

If it goes unchecked, people could massive abuse it (which they may already anyway), which is why people are complaining about the contest terms and why they shouldn't be allowed to be changed.

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About your last sentence, Nothing against you as there are absolutely no requirements to join the contest but there are many people who ask people to wear signatures, post in their sales thread etc.

Offtopic- I love your contests!

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