

Sportbike775 Forum Page - Terms Of Service

1. Synopsis

1. Sportbike775 (SBK775) was founded in 2010 as an online extension of our local motorcycle club - a place to share your stories of motorcycling experience with friends, find information, learn from seasoned pros, contact each other to organize rides and activities, and discuss the latest motorcycling news, products and events. It doesn't matter if you simply ride to commute, tear up the twisties or rip it up racing or just go to track days. Maybe stunting is your cup of tea, or you're addicted to the track or the dirt or both! Adventure riding, touring, or mini bikes might hit your hot button, regardless of your specific interest, this site is for you if you enjoy your bike and, more importantly, you enjoy riding with others.
2. We focus our attention on group rides, track days, racing, training, safety, learning about our passion, social events, and other miscellaneous activities - as well as unbelievable amounts of time online getting to know each other. SBK775 is not about divisions, it is about being part of a motorcycling community that is supported by its members and exists for its members - we try to get together with as many other local organizations as we can. Everyone is welcome to be a part of SBK775, as long as you share that one common interest - MOTORCYCLING!
3. We strive to provide a moderated environment in which people can interact freely with each other. SBK775 is more than an online presence, however the rights and responsibilities laid forth in this document govern only the interactions on this website.

2. Mission Statement –

“Sportbike775 encourages a safe, family atmosphere where all motorcycle riders are welcome. Sportbike775 always put its members first, and welcomes diversity and open discussions with respect. Sportbike775 is all about riding motorcycles in all its forms so let’s ride and have fun. Welcome to SBK775! Enjoy!”

3. Rights

1. Members have the right to find pertinent motorcycling information quickly.
2. Members have the right to find relevant content in the forums they choose to browse.
3. Members have the right to interact in a respectful environment.
4. Members have the right not to be subjected to inappropriate graphic content, personal attacks or insults.
5. Members have a right to voice their opinions as long as that it does not conflict with another right.
6. If any action is necessary, Members have a right to know why the action was taken, or why their Membership was suspended or banned in a timely manner.
7. Members will not be held accountable for infractions preceding the adoption of any applicable rule(s).
8. Members will always be informed at the time a moderator does anything to their account or edits a post of the reasons why the action is being taken and why.
9. If possible the member will be warned one time before any action is taken or issue is escalated.

4. Responsibilities

1. Members will conduct themselves in a respectful manner. This is not to say that arguments and disagreements between Members will never happen or are not permitted, simply put a level of respect and decorum is to be expected and maintained. Members' posts should not contain malicious personal attacks, flaming, baiting, post whoring (posting for the sole purpose of increasing overall post count), trolling, e-sniping, e-stalking, indirect attacks, and other activities that are not conducive to a positive and productive environment.
2. Personal threats will not be tolerated, and will result in a suspension or a permanent ban. Such posts will be acted on by interpretation of the SBK775 Moderators and/or the club Officers.

3. When personal disputes arise between Members they will take their squabble to Private Message (PM) when requested by the Moderators, Admin or Officials to do so. This does not apply to differences of opinion from which others will benefit (arguments pertaining to motorcycling technique, style, history, etc.); it is specifically targeted at those who actively engage in violation of Section 4.1. Such PM's are not to be posted publicly, nor will they be moderated if between individuals – unless or until one of the parties believes the content of the PM is threatening, derogatory, or when one party requests the other to stop sending PMs and the request is ignored.
4. Members shall conduct themselves respectfully when in dispute with a Moderator. Verbal abuse of the volunteer staff will result in additional suspension or permanent ban at the discretion of the Moderators and/or Admin. If the Moderators and/or Admin. cannot agree they will bring the issue to the club's Officers who will assist in making the final decision.
5. Members that smear or otherwise attack the site or moderators are subject to suspension, and/or removal of posts, or may be banned.
6. Members will not post other Members' personal information. It will be removed as soon as possible by the Moderators if requested to remove it by the member.
7. Members will not start a thread with the intent of continuing the topic of a thread that was closed or removed in accordance with these TOS.
8. Members shall not post images containing, nudity, partial nudity, sexual acts, or depiction thereof, questionable images should be linked and not directly visible in a thread. This link, and if possible the thread title, should carry a warning about the material. The general application being NWS = "Not Work Safe" or some other similar ***warning***. SBK775 is primarily an adult community, but there are younger Members, and a vast number of Visitors that may come to SBK775 through links and search engines.
9. Graphic images depicting violence are discouraged, with the exception of those that serve an educational purpose in the motorcycling community. Those that satisfy the educational clause should be linked and not directly visible in a thread. Warnings are encouraged.
10. Images found to be in violation of Sections 4.8 and 4.9 will be handled in the following manner:
 1. Images depicting strong graphic or questionable ethical content will be converted to links. Those links will be labeled with a brief description of what is to be expected if the link is clicked.
 2. Images deemed entirely inappropriate (pornography, graphic violence) will be removed.
11. In order to ensure that people are able to find what they're looking for it is sometimes necessary to move threads from one forum to another. Posts made to inappropriate forums will be relocated. When a thread is relocated a new thread, and the title will be changed to read "MOVED: [original title]," and single locked post that reads, "Thread moved to [_____] forum [with a link to the active thread]."
12. Members are encouraged to post informative thread titles that provide other Members insight into the content. Vague thread titles are subject to editing for clarity.
13. Threads posted about current racing results where TV coverage is imminent shall not contain information about the result and will have the word "SPOILER" in the title.
14. Members should not post copyrighted materials without permission of author or photographer as applicable. Links to other publications or materials are allowed along with a short introduction to the material.
15. Signatures shall not exceed 10 lines of size 2 font, although shorter signatures of regular size font are encouraged. Signatures shall not contain any hidden links that add users to ignore lists or otherwise dupe or cause harm to other Members.
16. Multiple accounts by the same user are not permitted. If it is found a member has multiple accounts all but the first registered account will be locked or permanently suspended.
17. Other than in the Member's Businesses area Members shall not promote their business in a fashion that can be considered SPAM. Postings of such material may be removed by the Moderators and an explanation will generally be provided, but is not required. Repeat offenses may lead to suspension and/or removal of the post or the users account. Advertisers are exempt and may post specials and/or information about their business. Businesses may also post in thread asking for information

on where to find or have work done, or if a general question is asked that is reasonably related to their business.

18. It is the responsibility of Staff to protect the rights by enforcing the responsibilities laid out in this document to the best of their ability. When there is a question regarding the rules they will either execute their best impartial judgment, discuss with other staff for resolution, or present it to the club Officials.
 19. Any gray areas not explicitly covered within the TOS are up to the Moderators' to address in a fashion protecting the interest of the SBK775 club and community.
 20. It is the responsibility of the Official(s) to act in a judiciary role should a dispute arise between Moderators and Members. Disputes between Members are to be settled amongst themselves.
 21. It is the responsibility of The Officials to ensure that SBK775 adheres to the structure provided by this document. The Official s are also responsible for modifying this document, when necessary, to accommodate changes in policy as need arises. If necessary SBK775 reserves the right to take immediate action to protect the club's interests should the need arise and to adjust this document to conform to those actions.
5. **Harassment** - If unwanted sexual, romantic or other advances are reported, a member will be warned to discontinue their behavior. If the behavior is reported a second time, by the same target or another target of any unwanted advances/behavior, the offending member will receive a 30 day suspension. If a third violation occurs, the offending member will be permanently banned without exception.
6. **Repercussions**
1. At any time, Moderators may contact a Member by PM (Private Message), email or other means and request that said Member no longer post personal attacks, bait or flame other members, post whore, troll, or for any other violation of these Terms of Service. They may also request that a Member edit or remove a post due to text or images they posted, edit or remove an avatar or title, or edit or remove an item in their signature. If a Member does not comply a Moderator may take action according to section 5.2.
 2. At any time, Moderators may edit or remove a post, edit or remove an avatar or title, or edit or remove an item in a Member signature line if such content violates this TOS.
 3. At any time, Moderators may temporarily suspend a Member's account for violating the Terms of Service. While suspended, Members will not be able to post to the forums or PM other Members, but will be able to contact the Administration of the site by using the CONTACT tab or emailing Sportbike775@yahoo.com. After discussion with other Moderators, said Member account may be reinstated, suspended or banned as the Moderators see fit.
 4. The suspension tier is as follows: 7 days for the first violation, then 14, 30, & 60. A fifth offense may result in a permanent ban from the forum.
 5. No new users account may be created during the time a person is suspended. Doing so is a violation of these TOS and will result in additional (next tier) suspensions.
 6. An appeal to the Officials may be placed in writing by the banned Member. Duration of suspension and number of offenses may be changed at the discretion of club Officials on a case-by-case basis.
 7. At any time, Moderators may close or remove any thread, especially if they deem it has turned from a discussion into an argument. Upon discussion with other Moderators the thread may or may not be reopened, or deleted. Any new threads that are started with the intent of continuing the discussion may also be closed or removed and action may be taken against the thread starter.
 8. Threads that are deemed spam by Moderators may be removed at any time. If it appears the Member initiated the account for the sole purpose of posting spam, Moderators may ban the account without discussion and without notification to the offending account. The account may be reopened at a later time is deemed acceptable.
 9. Members who threaten Members or Moderators in any way (physical harm, property damage, legal action, etc.) may have their account suspended. Upon discussion with other Moderators, the account may be reinstated or banned.

10. Members who abuse the SBK775 tools may be suspended. This includes but is not limited to: Repeated reported posts that are unwarranted, abuse of the reputation system, or other tools put in place to aid Members.
11. Members may post in the Classifieds Forum after 30 days or once they've reached 10 posts elsewhere on the forum. All members posting in the Classifieds Forum shall conform to the Classifieds Forum Rules outlined there (if any). Violators are subject to the repercussions set forth here in this Section.

7. Roles

1. VISITORS: Anyone connected to the Internet and visiting the SBK775 website is a visitor.
2. REGISTERED VISITOR/MEMBERS: Any registered Member of SBK775 whose account is registered on the forums (registration complete and not muted or banned) is entitled to the rights of and subject to the rules of conduct at SBK775.
3. ACTIVE MEMBERS: As described in the bylaws for the SBK775 club are members who qualify for Active Membership as that terms is defined in the SBK775 Club Bylaws. By paying annual dues Active Members have all the rights of a Registered Visitor/Member but also have the right to vote in all elections for board members and other club elections. To hold a positions in the club on the Executive Board or as a Trustee, or to be an Admin. or Moderator of the forums. Active Members are encouraged to give input in decisions, either via online polls or through email or PM's involving the direction of the club. Online polls will be posted for Active Members as the Executive Board feels is appropriate for Active Member participation. Active Members will also receive any group discounts or club discounted pricing either at club events or offered by various ships and vendors around the area.
4. SPONSORS: Any individual or business that has a working relationship with SBK775. Sponsors shall have the same rights as members and subject to the same rules of conduct at SBK775 with exceptions noted herein.
5. STAFF: SBK775's administrator(s) and moderator(s), along with those who voluntarily accept being tasked with the execution of events, are all representatives of SBK775 serving in an assistance role. These individuals are collectively referred to as Staff throughout this document by definition of the roles they play, but are not obligated or empowered as though official representatives.
6. MODERATORS: Moderators are Members of SBK775 who volunteer to assist in the management and government of the Internet forum. Moderators have extended capabilities on the Forum in order to conduct their responsibilities, however, the enhanced privileges of Moderators end with the execution of their Roles. They are not extended exemptions or additional leniency and, as such, are expected to act in accordance with the same guidelines as the entire Membership of SBK775; they are entitled to the same Rights and are subject to the same responsibilities.
7. OFFICIALS: The only official representatives of SBK775 are the elected executive board and trustees. There are many who aid tremendously in the many aspects of SBK775's functions, for which we are greatly appreciative, but none shall be held responsible or liable to any commitment on the part of SBK775, nor shall SBK775 be held to any commitment on their part. That said, the Officials are not extended ANY exemptions or additional leniency and are expected to act in accordance with the same guidelines as the entire Membership of SBK775. They are entitled to the same rights on the website and forums and are subject to the same responsibilities, punishments and repercussions for any violation of these TOS or the club bylaws.

8. Declarations

1. The pictures and text posted by members of SBK775 do not necessarily represent the opinions or views of the club Officials, site Admin. or Moderators, or the SBK775 on the whole.
2. SBK775 Staff will do its best to ensure that the content on this website is in line with these guidelines but the ultimate responsibility for material within the forums of SBK775's website lies with the poster of the material and not with the SBK775, its staff or Officials.
3. SBK775 encourages its membership to interact with each other in an effort to reduce the anonymity frequently seen at online forums. However, unless otherwise indicated by SBK775 officials, no activities organized through SBK775 or its website or forum are either implicitly or explicitly endorsed

by SBK775 as a club event. This includes but is not limited to social activities, events, rides on public highways, rides off-highway (paved or dirt), and activity conducted on the website.

4. Any content posted to SBK775 immediately becomes the property of SBK775 and is therefore protected by SBK775 copyright. SBK775 reserves the right to use any content posted for other purposes. SBK775 will make reasonable efforts to contact the originator of content it wishes to reuse and acknowledge their submission when possible. SBK775 recognizes the copyrights of others and will remove any copyrighted material if requested to do so by the owner of said copyright.
5. SBK775 reserves the right to restrict or remove any commercial solicitations, group buys, or other promotions involving financial transactions, trades of services, or other forms of payment or bartering. Merchants are welcome to post promotions and sales but if the frequency is high enough SBK775 will ask that vendor to become an active sponsor to help support the site. Group buys will only be allowed when the merchant through which the buy is taking place is known.

9. Privacy Statement

1. SBK775 respects the privacy of its Members. At no time will SBK775 distribute email addresses or other personal information of Members to any person, business, or entity other than law enforcement officials. Only after validation of identity and justification of purpose will SBK775 release any information. SBK775 will not wait until being subpoenaed for information.
2. SBK775 will not create or provide access to any tools that allow any person, business, or other entity to contact Members through any means other than the Internet forum.
3. SBK775 reserves the right to email Members at any time. This will typically be an automated email sent by a machine for the purpose of maintaining accounts on the web server, notifying Members of updated threads (to which they have intentionally subscribed), and upon activation of other automated system (software and server) triggers.
4. SBK775 reserves the right to email Members updates and/or newsletters or blast emails for pertinent information related to the club, its sponsors or other motorcycle news and information.

10. Revision History

1. June 2010 SBK775 formed by a group of friends who motorcycle.
2. July 2010 Bylaws drafted and accepted by club Officials.
3. July 2010 TOS drafted and approved by the Officials and website staff.
4. October 2010 TOS amended to address change of Active Membership qualifications