



Cracker Rules of Usage

One of the privileges of membership of the Club is joining Cracker – the Impreza WRX Club’s Online Community. Cracker is a forum for members to make friends, swap ideas and share experiences in owning a turbo AWD Subaru. Many members have had great benefit from being connected to Cracker. Subject to the rules, the Committee encourages members to freely exchange thoughts and conversation.

The Committee wants Cracker to be pleasant and informative for members. It is to be expected from time to time that members may have differing views on a particular topic, and in some cases, a heated exchange of emails may follow.

Whilst Cracker is a closed community and is accessible by members only, it is still important to know that the laws concerning such matters as discrimination and defamation still apply to the content of what is posted on Cracker.

The following rules have been devised to make Cracker an enjoyable experience for every member who enters the “virtual clubhouse”.

If members are unsure of whether something should go on Cracker, the Committee can be contacted via email at: committee@wrx.org.au.

President
Impreza WRX Club Inc.

1 About Cracker

- 1.1 Cracker has been set up to promote the objectives of the Club. Subject to these Rules, any information which assists in achieving those objectives may be circulated to members using Cracker.
- 1.2 The Committee may invite members to join Cracker. Access to Cracker is not a right of membership.
- 1.3 Applications for access to Cracker will be accepted or rejected by the Committee. The Committee may, but shall not be bound to give the member reasons for refusal of an application.

2 Forwarding emails

Members must not:

- forward emails or communications received via general distribution on Cracker to anyone outside the list; or
- circulate private emails or messages sent from one member to another, without the express permission of the author.

3 Content restrictions

- 3.1 Members shall not circulate or cause to be circulated on Cracker material or information which may be:
 - advocating illegal activities;
 - defamatory;
 - sexually explicit or derogatory;
 - contrary to the objectives and purpose of Cracker;
 - discriminatory against another person on the grounds of race/ethnicity, religion or political belief, homosexuality, sex, disability, transgender status, age or marital status; or
 - in the reasonable opinion of the Committee, offensive or abusive.

- 3.2 Members must not circulate advertising material on Cracker. Members may pass information about their businesses to the Committee who will assist having the information placed on the Club Member's Benefits List.

4 Consequences of Breaching the Rules

The Committee will review any member's alleged breaches of the rules and will consider the matter. The Committee may then decide what action, if any, should be taken against the member, depending on the nature and severity of the breach.

4.1 First Breach:

The Committee will email the member privately, advising them of the Committee's view. The member will be requested to refrain from breaching the rules in the future.

4.2 Second Breach:

The Committee may suspend the member from participation on Cracker for a period of up to 2 weeks.

4.3 Third Breach:

The Committee may suspend the member from participation on Cracker for a period of up to 3 months.

4.4 Fourth and Subsequent Breaches:

The Committee may suspend the member from participation on Cracker for a period of time up to the remainder of the member's membership year.

5 Applications to rejoin Cracker after Suspension

If a member is suspended from Cracker under section 4.2, 4.3 or 4.4 of the rules, the member is eligible to re-apply for admission to participate the day after the end of the suspension period.

6 Members' Right of Appeal

- 6.1 In each case where the Committee advises a member that in the Committee's view, the member has breached the rules, the member shall have the right to make representations to the Committee within 7 days of being advised of the alleged breach.

- 6.2 The Committee will consider whether to suspend the member from Cracker for the relevant period of time, and notify the member of the Committee's decision.

- 6.3 In addition to any recourse contained in these rules, members may avail themselves of the avenues of appeal set out in the Club's Constitution.