

# Getting Started Guide

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# How To Join

RHC uses Discord to roleplay and a website to organise background information and character sheets.

To join RHC:

1. Join the **Discord server** (the Server), and
2. Register an account on this website (the Site).

The registration process requires an Invite Code to combat spam bots. To obtain the current Invite Code, join the Discord server, confirm that you have read the rules in the #rules channel and then you will be able to access the #invite-code channel.

When registering on the Site, please ensure to use the same name that you use on the Server.

# How To Roleplay

## Use Discord

RHC uses Discord to roleplay.

Roleplay occurs in the categories (and channels) marked as IC (e.g. #ic-central). Do not RP in other channels!

## Location, Location, Location

To start a roleplay scene, find the channel that best represents the **location** where the scene takes place (or the medium used in the case of communications).

## Use Threads

Use Discord's **thread functionality** to start a thread for your scene.

## Conventions

Some conventions to observe when roleplaying:

1. Do not use OOC chat conventions (e.g. using Italics to denote actions), instead use normal prose formatting.
2. Place any OOC text within double brackets,  
e.g. (( This is OOC text. ))

Optionally, you can enclose OOC text (including the brackets) in spoiler mark-up if you want to 'maintain' IC immersion,

e.g. ||(( This is OOC text in spoiler mark-up. ))||

3. Begin your first post in each scene with the name of the character you are playing within double brackets,

e.g. `(( Playing: Jane Smith ))`

Do not enclose playing declarations in spoiler mark-up.

4. If you are playing more than one character in a scene, prepend all IC posts with a playing declaration.
5. Do not use replies.
6. Tag participants to invite them into a scene, or to let them know that you have replied.

## Rolling

Use the `#dice-rolls` channel to perform any rolls required in a scene, including any feeding scenes that you are roleplaying out.

The command for the dice-roller is:

```
/mm <pool> [difficulty] [specialty] # comment
```

You must provide a comment describing the intent of the role for the roll to be valid.

Generally speaking, players do not need a Storyteller to oversee their rolls. If both players are content, then by and large Staff will be happy. However, players are free to request the assistance from staff using the `#ask-staff` channel including clarification on rolling, resolving a dispute, etc.

In the event of a botch, a Storyteller may intervene and explain what has happened; your character has full agency however to react as they see fit, but remember, IC actions have IC consequences.

# How To Collect XP

So, you want some of those sweet sweet eXperience Points do you? Well collecting them is pretty straight forward:

- Roleplay a scene (see [How To Roleplay](#))
- When the scene is complete, one of the participating players posts a scene summary in the #scene-summaries channel on the Discord sever using the following template:

```
Characters: <name> (<@player>) , <name or Victim NPC> (<@player>), etc.  
Scene: <title or link to thread>  
Duration: <rough amount of time, 15 minutes, 1 hour, 1 day, etc>  
Summary: <a brief summary of the scene and any accomplishments>
```

- When a scene summary has been processed by Staff it will be marked with a check-mark reaction and the applicable characters' sheets will be updated according. If Staff have any questions with respect to a Scene Summary, they will contact the posting player.