Core Rules of Netiquette

➢ **Rule 1: Remember the Human: Before you press "send" or "submit," ask yourself, "Would I be okay with this if someone else had written it?"**

➢ **Rule 2: Respect other people's time and bandwidth: As a virtual world communicator, it is your responsibility to make sure that the time spent reading your words isn't wasted. Make your written communication meaningful and to the point, without extraneous text or superfluous graphics or attachments that may take forever to download.**

➢ **Rule 3: Know where you are in cyberspace: Depending on where you are in the virtual world, the same written communication can be acceptable in one area, where it might be considered inappropriate in another.**

➢ **Rule 4: Adhere to the same standards of behavior online that you follow in real life: While it can be argued that standards of behavior may be different in the virtual world, they certainly should not be lower. You should do your best to act within the laws and ethical manners of society whenever you inhabit "cyberspace." Would you behave rudely to someone face-to-face? On most occasions, no. Neither should you behave this way in the virtual world.**

➢ **Rule 5: Make yourself look good online:One of the best things about the virtual world is the lack of judgment associated with your physical appearance, sound of your voice, or the clothes you wear (unless you post a video of yourself singing Karaoke in a clown outfit.)**