

# Code of Conduct - ASN Connect from the American Society for Nutrition

Thank you for being part of ASN Connect. By joining and using this community, you agree that you agree to follow these rules and guidelines. You also agree to reserve discussions and shared files and content to those best suited to the ASN Connect community and members of the American Society for Nutrition (ASN).

This community is intended for networking with other ASN members, requesting the advice of peers, and participate in ongoing conversations. In order to preserve an environment that encourages productive and constructive dialogue, ASN reserves the right to suspend or terminate access to this community online for anyone who violates these rules.

Questions should be directed to the ASN Membership Department at [mem@nutrition.org](mailto:mem@nutrition.org).

## Community Rules

- Respect the purpose of the community. Use the community to share successes, challenges, constructive feedback, questions, and goals instead of products or services that you provide. If you've found a product or service helpful, please share your experience with the group in a respectful way.
- Respect others and focus on the content of posts and not on the people making them. Please extend the benefit of the doubt to newer guests and members. Contact [mem@nutrition.org](mailto:mem@nutrition.org) if you need further clarification.
- Do not promote meetings, publications or products/services for groups outside ASN without prior approval from ASN. Please submit external announcements to [mem@nutrition.org](mailto:mem@nutrition.org) for review and approval.
- Do not self-promote your own research or publications. Other members can post about your research or publications, if they're of interest for the appropriate ASN member GEM.
- Use caution when discussing products. Information posted on groups, forums, galleries, and the dashboard. Comments and posts are available for all ASN members and ASN staff to see. Any comment or post is subject to libel, slander, and antitrust laws.

- All defamatory, abusive, profane, threatening, offensive, or illegal materials are strictly prohibited. Do not post anything that you would not want the world to see or that you would not want anyone to know came from you.
- Respect intellectual property. Post content that you have personally created or have permission to use and have properly attributed to the content creator.
- When posting items in our collaborative environment, please indicate if the item is not available for reuse. It's also advisable to contact the owner of any material if you would like to reuse it.
- Post your message or documents only to the most appropriate communities. This helps ensure all messages receive the best response by eliminating "noise."

## ASN Connect Group Etiquette

- Do not post jobs or paid positions through the ASN Connect community unless you have purchased a posting from the [ASN Career Center](#). To mirror an ASN Career Center posting on ASN Connect, please include the ASN Career Center URL in your post. Only grant-funded fellowships do not need to be listed on the ASN Career Center previously, *but that information must be clearly disclosed on the posting.*
- Concisely and clearly state the topic of your comments in the post. This allows members to respond more appropriately to your posting and makes it easier for members to search the archives by keyword.
- Send messages such as "thanks for the information" as a reply on individual posts using the "Reply" button.
- Do not send administrative messages, such as "remove me from the list," as a new post on groups, forums, or the dashboard. Instead, go to your profile notification settings to adjust your notifications. If you would like assistance with your subscriptions, contact [mem@nutrition.org](mailto:mem@nutrition.org). If you want to update your contact information, please log into the [ASN Member Portal](#) to do so.

## Legal Disclaimer

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Messages should not be posted if they encourage or facilitate members to arrive at any agreement that either expressly or impliedly leads to price fixing, a boycott of another's business, or other conduct intended to illegally restrict free trade. Messages that encourage or facilitate an agreement about the following subjects are inappropriate: prices, discounts, or terms or conditions of sale; salaries; profits, profit margins, or cost data; market shares, sales territories, or markets; allocation of customers or territories; or selection, rejection, or termination of customers or suppliers.

ASN does actively monitor the site for inappropriate postings but does not on its own undertake editorial control of postings. In the event that any inappropriate posting is brought to the attention of American Society for Nutrition we will take all appropriate action.

ASN reserves the right to terminate access to any user who does not abide by these guidelines.

## Privacy Policy - ASN Connect from the American Society for Nutrition

Any personal information you provide to us including and similar to your name, address, telephone number and e-mail address will not be released, sold, or rented to any entities or individuals outside of our organization except as noted below.

*With Whom Do We Share the Personal Information We Collect Through This Site:*

### ***Our Service Providers***

We may share your personal information with companies (including our affiliates) that perform services on our behalf, for example, companies that help process credit card payments. Our service providers are required by contract to protect the confidentiality of the personal information we share with them and to use it only to provide specific services on our behalf.

### ***Business Transfers***

Your personal information may be transferred to another entity (either an affiliated entity or an unrelated third party) in connection with a merger, reorganization, dissolution or similar corporate event. If such a transfer were ever to occur, the acquiring entity's use of your personal information will still be subject to this Privacy Policy.

### ***Government and Legal Disclosures***

We may disclose the personal information we collect through this Site, when we, in good faith, believe disclosure is appropriate to comply with the law (or a court order or subpoena); to prevent or investigate a possible crime, such as fraud or identity theft; to enforce our Terms and Conditions or other agreements that govern your use of this Site; or to protect the rights, property or safety of our company, our users, or others.

### ***External Sites***

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