

# Terms of Service

## Rural Sociological Society

By using the Rural Sociological Society web site ("Service"), or any services of Rural Sociological Society, you are agreeing to be bound by the following terms and conditions ("Terms of Service"). IF YOU DO NOT AGREE WITH THESE TERMS AND CONDITIONS, YOU MUST NOT ACCEPT THIS AGREEMENT AND MAY NOT USE THE SERVICES.

If Rural Sociological Society makes material changes to these Terms, we will notify you by email or by posting a notice on our site before the changes are effective. Any new features that augment or enhance the current Service, including the release of new tools and resources, shall be subject to the Terms of Service. Continued use of the Service after any such changes shall constitute your consent to such changes. You can review the most current version of the Terms of Service at any time at: [www.ruralsociology.org/terms](http://www.ruralsociology.org/terms).

Violation of any of the terms below will result in the termination of your Account. While Rural Sociological Society prohibits such conduct and Content on the Service, you understand and agree that Rural Sociological Society cannot be responsible for the Content posted on the Service and you nonetheless may be exposed to such materials. You agree to use the Service at your own risk.

### A. Account Terms

1. You must be 13 years or older to use this Service.
2. You must be a human. Accounts registered by "bots" or other automated methods are not permitted.
3. You must provide your name, a valid email address, and any other information requested in order to complete the signup process.
4. Your login may only be used by one person - a single login shared by multiple people is not permitted.
5. You are responsible for maintaining the security of your account and password. Rural Sociological Society cannot and will not be liable for any loss or damage from your failure to comply with this security obligation.
6. You are responsible for all Content posted and activity that occurs under your account (even when Content is posted by others who have accounts under your account).
7. One person or legal entity may not maintain more than one free account.
8. You may not use the Service for any illegal or unauthorized purpose. You must not, in the use of the Service, violate any laws in your jurisdiction (including but not limited to copyright or trademark laws).

### B. Copyright and Content Ownership

1. We claim no intellectual property rights over the material you provide to the Service. Your profile and materials uploaded remain yours. However, by setting your pages to be viewed publicly, you agree to allow others to view your Content.
2. Rural Sociological Society does not pre-screen Content, but Rural Sociological Society and their designees have the right (but not the obligation) in their sole discretion to refuse or remove any Content that is available via the Service.
3. You shall defend Rural Sociological Society against any claim, demand, suit or proceeding made or brought against Rural Sociological Society by a third-party alleging that Your Content, or Your use of the Service in violation of this Agreement, infringes or misappropriates the intellectual property rights of a third-party or violates applicable law, and shall indemnify Rural Sociological Society for any damages finally awarded against, and for reasonable attorney's fees incurred by, Rural Sociological Society in connection with any such claim, demand, suit or proceeding; provided, that Rural Sociological Society (a) promptly gives You written notice of the claim, demand, suit or proceeding; (b) gives You sole control of the defense and settlement of the claim, demand, suit or proceeding (provided that You may not settle any

claim, demand, suit or proceeding unless the settlement unconditionally releases Rural Sociological Society of all liability); and (c) provides to You all reasonable assistance, at Your expense.

4. The look and feel of the Service is copyright ©2018 Rural Sociological Society. All rights reserved. You may not duplicate, copy, or reuse any portion of the HTML/CSS, Javascript, or visual design elements or concepts without express written permission from Rural Sociological Society.

## C. General Conditions

1. Your use of the Service is at your sole risk. The service is provided on an "as is" and "as available" basis.
2. Support for Rural Sociological Society services is only available in English, via email.
3. You understand that Rural Sociological Society uses third-party vendors and hosting partners to provide the necessary hardware, software, networking, storage, and related technology required to run the Service.
4. You must not modify, adapt or hack the Service or modify another website so as to falsely imply that it is associated with the Service, Rural Sociological Society, or any other Rural Sociological Society service.
5. You may use the Rural Sociological Society Pages static hosting service solely as permitted and intended to host your organization pages, personal pages, or project pages, and for no other purpose. You may not use Rural Sociological Society Pages in violation of Rural Sociological Society's trademark or other rights or in violation of applicable law. Rural Sociological Society reserves the right at all times to reclaim any Rural Sociological Society subdomain without liability to you.
6. You agree not to reproduce, duplicate, copy, sell, resell or exploit any portion of the Service, use of the Service, or access to the Service without the express written permission by Rural Sociological Society.
7. We may, but have no obligation to, remove Content and Accounts containing Content that we determine in our sole discretion are unlawful, offensive, threatening, libelous, defamatory, pornographic, obscene or otherwise objectionable or violates any party's intellectual property or these Terms of Service.
8. Verbal, physical, written or other abuse (including threats of abuse or retribution) of any Rural Sociological Society customer, employee, member, or officer will result in immediate account termination.
9. You understand that the technical processing and transmission of the Service, including your Content, may be transferred unencrypted and involve (a) transmissions over various networks; and (b) changes to conform and adapt to technical requirements of connecting networks or devices.
10. You must not upload, post, host, or transmit unsolicited email, SMSs, or "spam" messages.
11. You must not transmit any worms or viruses or any code of a destructive nature.
12. Questions about the Terms of Service should be sent to [rssira@wiu.edu](mailto:rssira@wiu.edu)