

## USER-Manual : Olympus-Style\_ForumRules(BETA\_0.7.0)

### Introduction

The 'Olympus-Style' Forums Rules-MOD has been inspired by the upcoming version 3.0 of phpBB, which is also known as „Olympus“. As such, it's main goal is to provide similar functionality for phpBB 2.x boards.

Here's the complete feature-list:

- Define separate Rules for every forum on your board in ACP
  - Decide to display these Rules in a separate ForumRules-BOX in any of these 3 situations
    - While viewing a forum
    - While viewing a topic in a forum
    - While posting/replying in a forum
- Option to use a custom title for the ForumRules-BOX in every forum
- Option to switch off the title in the ForumRules-BOX of every forum

### Installation

This MOD has been coded for phpBB-version 2.0.13. Although it should also work with older versions of phpBB, this hasn't been tested **and you should update anyway**, because there have been serious security-issues with older versions of phpBB. You can get the latest version at <http://www.phpbb.com/downloads.php>

The MOD-package contains 3 MOD-instruction-files, but you must only use one of them depending on what you have already installed on your board:

- Use **Olympus-Style\_ForumRules(BETA\_0.7.0).mod**, if this is the first installation of this MOD
- Use **/contrib/updates/[update]Olympus-Style\_ForumRules(BETA0.6.0\_to\_0.7.0).mod**, if you currently have version 0.6.0 installed
- Use **/contrib/updates/[update]Olympus-Style\_ForumRules(BETA0.6.1\_to\_0.7.0).mod**, if you currently have version 0.6.1 installed

Any of these MOD-files can be installed manually or using EasyMOD version 0.1.13. If you are using the subSilver-template, then this shouldn't cause you any problems. Applying the MOD to other templates will require a good portion of HTML-knowledge on your side ...

### Incompatibilities

This MOD will not work with the very popular CategoriesHierarchy(2.0.10)-MOD by **Ptirhiik – RPGnet-fr**, which you can find here: <http://www.phpbb.com/phpBB/viewtopic.php?t=265040>

I will be working on a CH-flavoured version of this MOD, but I cannot yet promise any release-dates :-)

I have not yet tested this with the Attachment-MOD by **acyd\_burn**, but I would guess that it should work with that MOD.

If you find any other MOD, that causes you trouble along with this MOD ... please contact me via phpBB.

### Known bugs

There are no known bugs in the current version of this MOD.

If you find any bugs, please contact me via phpBB ... Thanks.

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### Instructions

The behaviour of this MOD is controlled in the ACP

Go to **Forum Admin \ Management** and edit an existing or create a new forum ...

The screenshot shows the phpBB ACP interface. On the left is a sidebar menu with categories like Administration, Forum Admin, General Admin, Group Admin, MOD Center, and Styles Admin. The main content area is titled 'General Forum Settings' and contains fields for 'Forum name' (Board-Support), 'Description', 'Category' (Help & Stuff), and 'Forum status' (Unlocked). Below these are 'Auto-pruning' settings. The 'Olympus-Style Forum Rules' section is expanded, showing 'Display title in the ForumRules-BOX ?' set to 'Enabled', a 'Custom title' field, a 'Forum Rules' text area containing HTML code, and 'These Forum Rules appear while ...' checkboxes for 'Viewing this forum', 'Viewing topics in this forum', and 'Posting/Replying in this forum'. An 'Update' button is at the bottom right of the rules section.

... and it should look like this. *If you have other MODs that expand forum-related stuff, it might vary a bit*

The interesting part is the additional ForumRules-BOX. Let's take a close look:

This is a close-up of the 'Olympus-Style Forum Rules' configuration box. It has a title bar and four main sections: 1. 'Display title in the ForumRules-BOX ?' with a checked 'Enabled' checkbox. 2. 'Custom title' with an empty text input field. 3. 'Forum Rules' with a large text area containing the text: 'Don't do this and don't do that ...<br /><font color="red">...otherwise you will be warned!</font>'. 4. 'These Forum Rules appear while ...' with three checkboxes: 'Viewing this forum' (checked), 'Viewing topics in this forum' (unchecked), and 'Posting/Replying in this forum' (checked).

- If you enable **Display title in the ForumRules-BOX ?**, then the ForumRules-BOX will have a title otherwise it will only display the Forum Rules themselves.
- If you enter a **Custom Title**, then that custom title will be used instead of the language-specific standard-term defined for „Forum Rules“. Leave this field blank if you want to use the standard term.
- The big textbox for the **Forum Rules**, is the place to put ... you guessed right: the Forum Rules ☺ You can use HTML and with enough knowledge, there's hardly a limit regarding what can be displayed in the ForumRules-BOX.  
Remember to use `<br />`-tags for line-breaks and `target="_blank"`-tags if you want links to open in a new window.
- **These Forum Rules appear while ...** comes with 3 checkboxes granting you control over where you want the Forum Rules to appear. They should be pretty much self-explanatory?!

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### Translations

Currently there is only a german translation for this MOD. You will have to manually apply the necessary changes made available in `/translations/[lang_german]Olympus-Style_ForumRules(BETA_0.7.0).mod`.

This german translation can be used for both versions of german (*Deutsch and Deutsch[SIE]*), because there are no terms that need to be different for any of these versions!

**Other translations** will hopefully follow, if users are willing to send me their translations. For this purpose, you will find a „template-file“ in `/translations/[lang_xxx]Olympus-Style_ForumRules(BETA_0.7.0).mod`. Just edit that file and when you're done send it to me via E-Mail ... Thanks!

### What else can I change?

In the current version, there is no ACP-control for the appeance of the ForumRules-BOX. If you know how to use css-style definitions, you can still control some aspects of its appeance:

Search for this piece of CODE in `templates/subSilver/overall_header.tpl`

```
/* inserted MOD-CSS: ['Olympus-Style' Forum Rules] starts here ... */
.forum_rules { font-size : {T_FONTSIZE2}px; color : #ff0000; font-weight : bold; }
/* ... inserted MOD-CSS: ['Olympus-Style' Forum Rules] ends here ... */
```

--> Here you can control the size, color and style of the ForumRules-title

You could also change the background-color, by searching this piece of code in any of these files:

`templates/subSilver/posting_body.tpl`  
`templates/subSilver/viewforum_body.tpl`  
`templates/subSilver/viewtopic_body.tpl`

```
<td class="row1">
    <span class="forum_rules">{L_FORUM_RULES}</span><br>
```

Changing the `<td class="row1">` to `<td class="row2">`, you will have a darker background.

You could also add a new **td.yourclass** style-definition to change that to whatever you want.

So for a lime green background, you could use:

```
td.yourclass { background-color: #99ff99; }
```

### Credits

Credits need to be given to the phpBB development-team, because by studying the source-code of their excellent piece of software I have improved my PHP coding-skills, which finally enabled me to write such nice MODs!

Special thanks for testing, feedback and feature-suggestions go out to **afterlife\_69** and **chilling**(Chris Hilling)

I hope you enjoy this MOD,

Manfred.