

Computer Usage Policy

All users of WSAM computer resources are expected to act in a spirit of mutual respect and cooperation, while adhering to the regulations for their use as set forth in this document. Any violation may result in loss of computer access, as well as other disciplinary or legal action. Users are considered subject to all local, state, federal and school laws.

Access to computer services is given to those who agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner. Access is a *privilege*, not a right. That access entails responsibility. The E-Board will deem what is inappropriate use, and their decision is final. Inappropriate use may result in a suspension or cancellation of computing privileges, as well as other disciplinary or legal action. Users are considered subject to all local, state, federal and school laws.

WSAM reserves the right to monitor, under appropriate conditions, all data contained in the system to protect the integrity of the system and to insure compliance with the policies, rules and regulations governing the use of its computer systems.

WSAM also reserves the right to modify this policy, although posting the modified policy in a general location in the Station as to be in plain view for all to see.

Your responsibilities as a user of WSAM Computer Resources:

Regarding Access

1. You are required to have a valid, authorized account to access any computer. You may use only those computer resources that you are specifically authorized to use. You may use you account only in accordance with its authorized purposes.
2. Computing is accessible to all DJs and staff of WSAM. All users are expected to have their own account. You are responsible for safeguarding your computing account. You are expected to take all necessary precautions to protect access to your account by periodically changing your password and by not giving it out.
3. You must adhere to policies regarding the imposition of a time limit on access to all equipment including relinquishing access to others with business of a higher priority.

Regarding Computer Resources:

4. You may not intentionally circumvent system protection facilities.
5. Electronic tampering with computer resources is not permitted. You may not knowingly use any means to produce system failure, degrade performance, or proliferate computer viruses.

6. You may not engage in unauthorized duplication, installation, alteration or destruction of data, programs or software. You may not transmit or disclose data, programs or software belonging to others. Users must respect all copyright laws that protect software owners, artists and writers. Plagiarism in any form will not be tolerated.

7. You may not engage in abusive or improper use of computer resources which includes, but is not limited to, misuse of system/operator privileges, tampering with equipment and unauthorized removal of equipment components.

Regarding Information Resources:

8. You are expected to abide by generally accepted rules of network etiquette and conduct yourself in a responsible, ethical and polite manner while on-line. You are not permitted to transmit, receive, submit or publish any defamatory, inaccurate, abusive, obscene, profane, sexually oriented, threatening, offensive or illegal material. Such abuse includes, but is not limited to, sending/receiving offensive messages beyond the University of Hartford Local Area Network via network facilities.

9. You are not permitted to use the computing resources for private and/or commercial purposes that include, but are not limited to, buying and selling merchandise, product advertising, political lobbying, political campaigning, profit-making or illegal purposes.

10. You assume all risk associated with using any information obtained via the Internet. Every effort will be made to direct users to suitable information resources; however, it is impossible to preview the content of all materials available on the Internet, and a user may discover controversial information either by accident or design. WSAM specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through its services.

Your accountability as a user of WSAM's computer resources:

I understand that I will be held accountable for all activities including, but not limited to, the content of materials sent by mail, news or any other means using my account and/or user privileges. I agree to abide by the news group etiquette guidelines and that my use of this system will be for educational purposes only. I agree not to hold WSAM nor any of its employees nor any of the institutions or networks providing access to WSAM responsible for the content of any material accessed through it.

Penalties:

The WSAM Executive Board will deem what is inappropriate use, and their decision is final. Inappropriate use may result in a suspension or cancellation of computing privileges, as well as other disciplinary or legal action. Users are considered subject to all local, state and federal laws. Any user who is found to be in violation of these rules may be subject to the following:

1. Suspension and/or termination of computer use privileges.
2. Suspension and/or revocation of WSAM membership.
3. Referral to civil law enforcement authorities for criminal prosecution.
4. Other legal action, including action to recover civil damages and property.

In signing, I

1. agree to adhere to and abide by the computer usage policy of WSAM and realize the penalties that have been set forth in this policy
2. fully understand the rules and provisions stated in this document.

Printed Name: _____

Box #: _____ **Phone Number:** _____

On Campus Residence: _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Please either drop this form in the Computer Director's box at the Station, or return it to a member of the e-board. The computer director will initially assign your account name and password.