

USE OF COOKIES

Article 1. Purpose and Scope

- 1.1. This Cookie Policy explains how Galaxy Role Play (the "**Executor**") uses cookies and comparable browser storage on its website, forum, staff dashboard and associated online services (collectively, the "**Platform**").
- 1.2. It is a separate document from, and supplements, the Privacy Policy published in the User Agreement & Terms of Service. The Privacy Policy governs personal data generally; this Policy governs cookies and browser storage specifically, and the two are not duplicated.
- 1.3. It applies to every visitor to the Platform, whether or not that visitor holds an account.
- 1.4. Where any other statement published on the Platform conflicts with this Policy in respect of cookies, this Policy prevails.

Article 2. What Cookies Are

- 2.1. A cookie is a small text file that a website asks a visitor's browser to store, and which the browser returns to that website on subsequent requests. A cookie cannot execute programs, and cannot read files from the visitor's device.
- 2.2. A **first-party** cookie is set by the website being visited; a **third-party** cookie is set by a different domain. **Galaxy Role Play sets first-party cookies only.**
- 2.3. A **session** cookie is erased when the browser is closed. A **persistent** cookie remains on the device until its stated expiry, or until the visitor deletes it.

Article 3. Cookies Used by the Platform

- 3.1. **A visitor who is not signed in receives no cookies whatsoever.** Browsing the public website, the forum or any other public page places nothing on the device. This has been verified against the production build of the Platform.
- 3.2. The following cookies are set only after a User signs in, and only for the periods stated. All three are first-party and strictly necessary:

Cookie	What it does	Expires	Flags
better-auth.session_token	Keeps the User signed in between requests. Without it, every page load would require signing in again.	7 days from issue	HttpOnly; SameSite=Lax; Secure in production
better-auth.session_data	A short-lived cache of the current session, so routine page loads do not each require a fresh database read.	60 seconds from issue	HttpOnly; SameSite=Lax; Secure in production
csrf_token	Supplies one half of a double-submit check that prevents another website from making requests on the User's behalf.	End of browser session	SameSite=Lax; readable by the Platform's own scripts by design, as the check requires

- 3.3. No cookie other than those listed in Article 3.2 is set by Galaxy Role Play.
- 3.4. Signing out ends the session and invalidates the session cookie immediately.

Article 4. Categories of Cookie Deliberately Not Used

- 4.1. **No analytics or performance cookies.** The Platform loads no analytics or measurement service of any kind.
- 4.2. **No advertising, marketing or re-targeting cookies.** The Platform is not part of any advertising network and does not build advertising profiles of its visitors.
- 4.3. **No third-party or social-media cookies.** No embedded widget, tracking pixel or social plug-in sets a cookie on the Platform.
- 4.4. **No cross-site tracking, device fingerprinting or behavioural profiling** is carried out.
- 4.5. **Embedded video.** The home page may embed a trailer hosted by YouTube. It is loaded only if and when the visitor presses play, and through YouTube's privacy-enhanced **youtube-nocookie.com** domain, so nothing is placed on the device by merely viewing the page. If the visitor chooses to play it, YouTube may set cookies on its own domain under its own cookie policy, over which Galaxy Role Play has no control.

Article 5. Browser Storage That Is Not a Cookie

- 5.1. **The Platform stores nothing in the browser's local storage.** It stores a single item in **session storage** — **galaxy:music-resume**, the current playback position of the background audio — which the browser discards when the tab is closed.
- 5.2. The background audio's volume and mute setting are **not remembered**. Both return to their default (on, at 10% of the device volume) on every page load, so no preference about audio is retained between visits.
- 5.3. This item is **not a cookie**. It is never attached to a request, never transmitted to Galaxy Role Play or to any third party, and exists only so that a page reload does not restart the background audio from the beginning.
- 5.4. It may be cleared at any time through the browser's site-data controls, with no effect other than the audio starting a track afresh.

Article 6. Consent

- 6.1. Every cookie listed in Article 3.2 is **strictly necessary** to provide a service the User has expressly requested — signing in, and remaining signed in securely.
- 6.2. Under the applicable rules governing cookies, cookies that are strictly necessary for a service requested by the user do not require prior consent. **Galaxy Role Play sets no cookie that would require consent, and therefore presents no consent banner.**
- 6.3. Should Galaxy Role Play ever introduce analytics, advertising or any other non-essential cookie, this Policy will be revised and the visitor's consent will be obtained **before** any such cookie is placed.

Article 7. Managing and Deleting Cookies

- 7.1. Cookies can be inspected, blocked and deleted from the browser's own settings:
 - (a) **Chrome** — Settings › Privacy and security › Third-party cookies, and Settings › Privacy and security › Delete browsing data.
 - (b) **Edge** — Settings › Cookies and site permissions › Manage and delete cookies and site data.
 - (c) **Firefox** — Settings › Privacy & Security › Cookies and Site Data.
 - (d) **Safari** — Settings › Privacy › Manage Website Data.
- 7.2. Most browsers also offer a private or incognito mode, which discards all cookies and browser storage when the window is closed.
- 7.3. **Effect of blocking.** Because every cookie the Platform sets is strictly necessary, blocking or deleting them will prevent signing in and will disable every feature that requires an account — posting to the forum, uploading files, notifications, and the staff dashboard. Public pages remain fully readable without cookies.

Article 8. Amendments, Contact and Related Documents

- 8.1. This Policy may be amended at any time. The date of the latest revision is recorded on the Platform, and continued use following a revision constitutes acceptance of the revised Policy.
- 8.2. Questions and complaints concerning this Policy are received through the official support channels published on the Platform and on the official community Discord server.
- 8.3. This Policy should be read together with the **Privacy Policy** and the **User Agreement & Terms of Service**, which are published separately on the Platform.