**Reece’s Rainbow Acceptable Use Agreement for Internet, Forums and Other Electronic Resources**

**Reece’s Rainbow** recognizes the value of Internet and other electronic resources as a primary tool for communication with RR families and the RR community. Therefore, Reece’s Rainbow encourages the responsible use of online networks, including the Internet; and other electronic forums (Facebook, RR forum, RR blog, etc.) in support of the mission and goals of Reece’s Rainbow.

The Internet is an unregulated, worldwide vehicle for communication, information available to RR families, advocates, and members is often, impossible to control. Therefore, Reece’s Rainbow adopts this policy governing the voluntary use of electronic resources and the Internet in order to provide guidance to individuals and groups obtaining access to the Reece’s Rainbow online community forums and other online electronic forums/venues.

**Reece’s Rainbow Rights and Responsibilities**

It is the policy of Reece’s Rainbow to maintain an environment that promotes ethical and responsible conduct in all online network activities. It shall be a violation of this policy for any individual to engage in any activity that does not conform to the established purpose and general rules and policies. Within this general policy, Reece’s Rainbow recognizes its legal and ethical obligation to protect the well-being of Reece’s Rainbow as a nonprofit organization.

To this end, Reece’s Rainbow retains the following rights and recognizes the following obligations:

1. To monitor the use of online activities as needed. This may include real-time monitoring of Reece’s Rainbow online activity to ensure professional and positive forums of communication within the RR community.
2. To provide internal and external controls as appropriate and feasible. Such controls shall include the right to determine who will have access to Reece’s Rainbow’s online forums/communication channels and to exclude those who do not abide by Reece’s Rainbow’s acceptable use policy or other policies governing the use of online resources and communication methods.
3. To provide guidelines and make reasonable efforts to ensure acceptable use and policies governing online communications of all involved Reece’s Rainbow community members.
4. To remove a user account on the Reece’s Rainbow online network forums if deemed necessary for correction actions.

**Staff Responsibilities**

1. RR leadership, RR personnel, RR members and moderators shall make reasonable efforts to monitor the use of RR online forums to assure that it conforms to the mission and goals of Reece’s Rainbow.
2. RR leadership, RR personnel, RR members and moderators shall make reasonable efforts to become familiar with the Internet and its use so that effective monitoring, instruction, and assistance may be achieved.

**User Responsibilities**

1. Use of the online RR forums (i.e. the RR forum, RR Facebook Groups) which are offered to the RR community and other patrons are at no cost. In order to maintain the privilege, users agree to learn and comply with all of the provisions of this policy.
Acceptable Use

1. All use of the Internet must be in support of key objectives consistent with the mission and objectives of Reece’s Rainbow.
2. Proper codes of conduct in electronic communication must be used. In news groups, RR forums and other online channels, giving out personal information is inappropriate. When using e-mail, extreme caution must always be taken in revealing any information of a personal nature.
3. RR online list serves will be monitored and maintained and used appropriately.
4. Exemplary behavior shall be exhibited on the RR online communication forums (Facebook, RR forum, etc.).
5. From time to time, Reece’s Rainbow will make determinations on whether specific uses of the RR online forum communications are consistent with the acceptable use of practice.

Unacceptable Use

1. Giving out personal information about another person or child is strictly prohibited.
2. Any use of the RR online forum for political lobbying is prohibited.
3. Users shall not intentionally seek information on, obtain copies of, or modify data belonging to other users, or misrepresent other users on the RR forums.
4. Malicious use of the RR online forums/communication channels that harass other users is prohibited.
5. Hate mail, chain letters, harassment, discriminatory remarks, and other antisocial behaviors are prohibited.
6. Use of the RR online forums to post inappropriate text files, documents (as determined by the RR leadership), or files dangerous to the integrity Reece’s Rainbow is prohibited.
7. Downloading, copying, otherwise duplicating, and/or distributing copyrighted materials without the specific written permission of the copyright owner is prohibited, except that duplication and/or distribution of materials for educational purposes is permitted when such duplication and/or distribution would fall within the Fair Use Doctrine of the United States Copyright Law (Title 17, USC).
8. Use of the RR online forums for any unlawful purpose is prohibited.
9. Use of profanity, obscenity, racist terms, or other language that may be offensive to another user is prohibited.