

# The Book of Toad

## The Toad Code

### Overview and Index:

The Book of Toad serves as a comprehensive guide and rulebook for members of Tunnel Toads. It outlines the group's rules, member expectations, and organisational structure to ensure safety, camaraderie, and smooth operations.

This document provides detailed information on the process of joining, becoming a full member (a Toad), and importantly the group's various events and activities. It also addresses important aspects such as injury protocols, the role of the Board of Toads, and criteria for disciplinary actions, including kicking/banning members.

Reading this document is not mandatory, but it is highly recommended. Familiarising yourself with the contents of The Book of Toad ensures that you are aware of all group rules, guidelines, and expectations.

Ignorance of the rules will not be accepted as a valid excuse if you break any of them. Understanding the rules and procedures helps to maintain safety, camaraderie, and smooth operations within Tunnel Toads. By reading this document, you will be fully informed and better prepared to participate in group activities while upholding the values and standards of our community.

If you have any questions regarding anything covered in this document, please reach out to a member on the Board of Toads.

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## General Rules:

1. Tunnel Toads is an 18+ group. If you are found to be under 18 you will be removed from the group and allowed to reapply once you are 18.
2. Be a decent person; if you don't understand what that means, this group isn't for you.
3. Use your Urbex name within the group to prevent confusion.
4. If you've said you'll attend a meetup, give at least 24 hours notice if you'll be absent. Repeated failure may result in removal, but you can reapply.
5. Graffiti only on concrete, metal, or plastic. Do not graffiti on brick, bluestone, sandstone, or slate.
6. Do not invite anyone to Tunnel Toads chats or servers, these are for members only. Please send them the [application form](#).

## Rules for Tadpoles:

1. You may not invite anyone to an official Tunnel Toads meetup that is not a tadpole/toad without express permission from the meetup host.
2. Do not ask for locations. Find them by attending meetups or becoming a full member and gaining access to our location map. Asking for locations will result in warnings and eventual removal, but you can reapply. (This extends to asking about details or methods of entry to locations you may already know the whereabouts of).

## Rules for Toads:

1. Do not share the Tunnel Toads location map with anyone outside the group (including Tadpoles).
2. If you organise a meetup, ensure you can attend. Repeatedly pulling out without reasonable notice may result in removal. Of course canceling due to weather is 100% fine.
3. If you host a meetup, bring or organise someone to bring a permanent marker or spray paint. It is tradition to document all Tunnel Toad meetups on the walls.
4. You may invite non-Tunnel Toad guests (if they're 18+) to meets you are hosting. Do not invite guests to meets you are not hosting without discussing it with the host and receiving express permission.

## Injuries:

It is encouraged for any member, Tadpole or Toad, to bring along a basic first aid kit to meets, but not required. The hope is that at least one person at any given meet will have one but due to the nature of these outings it cannot be ensured.

In the event of an injury where emergency services need to be called, it is Tunnel Toad procedure that one person (likely, but not necessarily the meetup host) stays with the injured individual while anyone else present leaves the area. This is to ensure that if there are legal ramifications for being at the location, that only 2 people face them and not everyone involved.

**Disclaimer: Tunnel Toads is an 18+ group, and participation is voluntary. We accept no liability for any injuries sustained.**

## The Board of Toads:

The Board of Toads handle the bureaucratic and logistical side of the group.

They are responsible for The Book of Toad and making common-sense decisions. Any unresolved decisions will be brought to a vote with all full members. The Board's decisions can be overruled via referendum that all full members will have a vote in. The Board is NOT in charge of the Toads but separates administrative tasks from exploring.

Contact a board member if you wish to join. Requirements: be a Toad (no Tadpoles), be sensible, be available for and involved in discussion, and genuinely want the best for the group!

Current Board of Toads members: Hippy, B.Man!, Merca, Nippy, Manic, Rusco. Jr, and Venture.

## Joining:

Joining The Tunnel Toads is a very simple and straightforward process, simply fill out the [application form](#), and wait for Tunnel Toads to reach out to you. If you do pass the application you will be sent a link to the Discord. Currently, Tunnel Toads use Discord to organise everything. You will need to make a Discord account if you don't already have one to proceed. Don't worry though, it's free and easy to set up.

## Road to Toad:

All new members start off as Tadpoles. This is for quite a few reasons, but mostly to see if you're generally agreeable to be around and trustworthy. The road to toad consists of coming to 3 meetups to become eligible for nomination by a full member. This does not mean you will be nominated straight away. It could take 4, 5, maybe 10 meetups before someone decides to nominate you.

The Toad that nominates you must have met you in person, and 2 additional full members that have also met you in person must then give the thumbs up for you to proceed.

The best way to speed up this process is to be involved with the group as a whole i.e. come to meets, talk in the Discord etc, as well as show yourself to be trustworthy and good to be around, this will greatly improve your chances of being nominated.

Once 3 toads agree you should be promoted, we will hold a promotion ceremony for you at the next official meetup you attend. After the ceremony, you will be a full member! With access to our location list, invites to exclusive Toad only meetups, and the ability to host official meets.

## Winter Break:

Winter break is from **June 1st to August 1st** to prevent meetup burnout. Casual exploring is still encouraged, and smaller less frequent official meetups will still happen, though less likely to be held in drains. Some members may use this time to scout new locations to host meets after the break.

## Yearly Events:

- 2 open meets: (The first Saturdays of May and November)
- The Golden Toad Awards: (Third Saturday of January)
- Drainbeque - Yearly BBQ: (closest Saturday to 18th of March)
- Toadaloo - End of drain season get together: (Last Saturday of May)
- Return to The Tunnels Celebration: (First Saturday of August)
- Tunnelween: (Closest Saturday to October 31st)
- ToadOut - camping trip: (Second Saturday of December)

## Open Meetups:

There will be two open meetups a year at beginner-friendly drains (First Saturdays of May, and November). These are open to anyone over 18 and posted publicly on official Tunnel Toad socials. Anyone can invite anyone to these meets.

## The Golden Toad Awards:

The Golden Toad Awards is an annual awards ceremony on the third Saturday of January in the Cobra's Den chamber of Glass drain. Open to Toads, Tadpoles, and invited guests (Tadpoles need express permission to invite people).

Awards include Most Meetups Attended, Most Meetups Hosted, Toad of the Year, Funniest Quote, Most Hardcore, and more.

For logistical reasons, only full members will be eligible to receive awards and participate in the voting process. Voting sheets will be sent to all full members at the beginning of December to allow enough time for the process to be completed and for the award statues to be prepared in time for the event.

Unfortunately, anyone promoted to full membership after the voting sheets have been distributed will not be eligible for that year's awards, as there won't be sufficient time to issue new voting sheets and produce additional statues. However they will be eligible for the next years Golden Toad Awards.

## Kicking/Banning:

Being kicked from the Tunnel Toads will most likely be the result of repeatedly breaking rules to the point we don't want you around but have a level of faith you might come to your senses in the future, You will be informed of why you are being kicked and be allowed to reapply.

Being banned from the Tunnel Toads would be the result of you fucking up really bad, Knowingly or even unknowingly putting people in danger (we can't have you around if you're going to get someone killed) Leaking sensitive locations, Assaulting people in anyway, being Racist, Homophobic, Transphobic or anything else the general population considers unacceptable, doing anything that the majority of members consider ban worthy.

Bans will likely be permanent but there is a possibility if what was done was bad enough that we don't want you rejoining any time in the near future but not bad enough that we as a group think

is constitutes a permanent ban that there will be a time frame given to you upon your banishment, however that is a very thin line. If banned you will be excommunicated permanently (or for the provided time frame) and your name and the reason you were banned will be given to other drain/urbex groups so they are aware of what's happened and who you are.

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