

# Terms of Use Agreement

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This notice shall be sent to: PeopleMedia, Attn: Cancellations, P.O. Box 25472, Dallas, Texas 75225, USA. The Company's business is conducted, in part, at 8750 N. Central Expressway, Suite 1400, Dallas, TX 75205. You may have these Terms of Use ("Terms") emailed to you by sending a letter to Terms Inquiries, P.O. Box 25472, Dallas, Texas 75225, USA. In accordance with Cal. Civ. Code §1789.3, you may report complaints to the Complaint Assistance Unit of the Division of Consumer Services of the California Department of Consumer Affairs by contacting them in writing at Consumer Information Division, 1625 North Market Blvd., Suite N112 Sacramento, CA 95834, or by telephone at (800) 952-5210.

***We have included brief summaries at the beginning of each section to make it easier for you to read and understand this agreement. The summaries do not replace the text of each section, and you should still read each section in its entirety.***

## 1. INTRODUCTION

***By accessing or using PeopleMedia's Services, you agree to be bound by this Terms of Use Agreement (the "Terms" or "Agreement"), including our [Privacy Policy](#), [Cookie Policy](#), [Community Guidelines](#), and [Safety Tips](#), so it is important that you read this Agreement and these policies and procedures carefully before you create an account.***

**PLEASE CAREFULLY REVIEW THE DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROVISIONS IN SECTION 15 BELOW. THESE GOVERN THE MANNER IN WHICH CLAIMS WILL BE ADDRESSED BETWEEN YOU AND PEOPLEMEDIA. THESE PROVISIONS INCLUDE A MANDATORY PRE-ARBITRATION INFORMAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESS, AN ARBITRATION AGREEMENT, SMALL CLAIMS COURT ELECTION, CLASS ACTION WAIVER, ADDITIONAL PROCEDURES FOR MASS ARBITRATION FILINGS, AND JURY TRIAL WAIVER THAT AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS. IN ARBITRATION, THERE IS TYPICALLY LESS DISCOVERY AND APPELLATE REVIEW THAN IN COURT.**

***We may update these Terms from time to time, so check this page regularly for updates.***

Welcome to DemocraticPeopleMeet.com, operated by PeopleMedia, Inc. As used in this Agreement, the terms "PeopleMedia", "us", "we", the "Company", and "our" shall refer to PeopleMedia, Inc. Together you and PeopleMedia may be referred to as the "Parties" or separately as "Party."

By accessing or using our Services on DemocraticPeopleMeet.com (the "Website"), the DemocraticPeopleMeet.com mobile application (the "App"), or any other platforms or services DemocraticPeopleMeet.com may offer (collectively, the "Service" or our "Services"), you agree to, and are bound by this Agreement. This Agreement applies to anyone who accesses or uses our Services, regardless of registration or subscription status.

Your access and use of our Services is also subject to the [Privacy Policy](#), [Cookie Policy](#), [Community Guidelines](#), and [Safety Tips](#), and any terms disclosed and agreed to by you when you purchase additional

features, products, or services from PeopleMedia ("Additional Terms Upon Purchase"), which are incorporated into this Agreement by reference. If you do not wish to be bound by this Agreement, do not access or use our Services.

We reserve the right to modify, amend, or change the Terms at any time. Notice of any material change will be posted on this page with an updated effective date. In certain circumstances, we may notify you of a change to the Terms via email or other means; however, you are responsible for regularly checking this page for any changes. Your continued access or use of our Services constitutes your ongoing consent to any changes, and as a result you will be legally bound by the updated Terms. If you do not accept a change to the Terms, you must stop accessing or using our Services immediately.

## **2. ACCOUNT ELIGIBILITY; YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES**

***Before you create an account on PeopleMedia, make sure you are eligible to use our Services. This Section also details what you can and can't do when using the Services, as well as the rights you grant PeopleMedia.***

**You are not authorized to create an account or use the Services unless all of the following are true, and by using our Services, you represent and warrant that:**

1. You are at least 18 years old;
2. You are legally qualified to enter a binding contract with PeopleMedia;
3. You are single or separated from your spouse;
4. You are not located in a country that is subject to a U.S. Government embargo, or that has been designated by the U.S. Government as a "terrorist supporting" country;
5. You are not on any list of individuals prohibited from conducting business with the United States;
6. You are not prohibited by law from using our Services;
7. You have not committed, been convicted of or pled no contest to a felony or indictable offense (or crime of similar severity), a sex crime, or any crime involving violence or a threat of violence, unless you have received clemency for a non-violent crime and we have determined that you are not likely to pose a threat to other users of our Services;
8. You are not required to register as a sex offender with any state, federal or local sex offender registry;
9. You do not have more than one account on our Services; and
10. You have not previously been removed from our Services or our affiliates' services by us or our affiliates, unless you have our express written permission to create a new account.

If at any time you cease to meet these requirements, all authorization to access our Services or systems is automatically revoked, and you must immediately delete your account.

### **You agree to:**

- Comply with these Terms, and check this page from time to time to ensure you are aware of any changes;
- Comply with all applicable laws, including without limitation, privacy laws, intellectual property laws, anti-spam laws, and regulatory requirements;
- Use the latest version of the Website and/or App;
- Treat other users in a courteous and respectful manner, both on and off our Services;
- Be respectful when communicating with any of our customer care representatives or other employees;
- Review the [Safety Tips](#);
- Review and comply with the [Community Guidelines](#), as updated from time to time; and

- Maintain a strong password and take reasonable measures to protect the security of your login information.

**You agree that you will not:**

- Misrepresent your identity, age, current or previous positions, qualifications, or affiliations with a person or entity;
- Use the Services in a way that damages the Services or prevents their use by other users;
- Use our Services in a way to interfere with, disrupt or negatively affect the platform, the servers, or our Services' networks;
- Use our Services for any harmful, illegal, or nefarious purpose, including, but not limited to, using any Virtual Items for purposes of money laundering or other financial crimes;
- Harass, bully, stalk, intimidate, assault, defame, harm or otherwise mistreat any person;
- Post or share Prohibited Content (see below);
- Solicit passwords for any purpose, or personal identifying information for commercial or unlawful purposes from other users or disseminate another person's personal information without his or her permission;
- Solicit money or other items of value from another user, whether as a gift, loan, or form of compensation;
- Use another user's account;
- Use our Services in relation to fraud, a pyramid scheme, or other similar practice; or
- Violate the terms of the license granted to you by PeopleMedia (see Section 6 below).
- Disclose private or proprietary information that you do not have the right to disclose;
- Copy, modify, transmit, distribute, or create any derivative works from, any Member Content or Our Content, or any copyrighted material, images, trademarks, trade names, service marks, or other intellectual property, content or proprietary information accessible through our Services without PeopleMedia's prior written consent;
- Express or imply that any statements you make are endorsed by PeopleMedia;
- Use any robot, crawler, site search/retrieval application, proxy or other manual or automatic device, method or process to access, retrieve, index, "data mine," or in any way reproduce or circumvent the navigational structure or presentation of our Services or its contents;
- Upload viruses or other malicious code or otherwise compromise the security of our Services;
- Forge headers or otherwise manipulate identifiers to disguise the origin of any information transmitted to or through our Services;
- "Frame" or "mirror" any part of our Services without PeopleMedia's prior written authorization;
- Use meta tags or code or other devices containing any reference to PeopleMedia or the platform (or any trademark, trade name, service mark, logo or slogan of PeopleMedia) to direct any person to any other website for any purpose;
- Modify, adapt, sublicense, translate, sell, reverse engineer, decipher, decompile or otherwise disassemble any portion of our Services, or cause others to do so;
- Use or develop any third-party applications that interact with our Services or Member Content or information without our written consent;
- Use, access, or publish the PeopleMedia application programming interface without our written consent;
- Probe, scan or test the vulnerability of our Services or any system or network;
- Encourage, promote, or agree to engage in any activity that violates these Terms; or
- Create a new account after we suspend or terminate your account, unless you receive our express permission.

The license granted to you under these Terms and any authorization to access the Services is automatically revoked in the event that you do any of the above.

**Prohibited Content-PeopleMedia prohibits uploading or sharing content that:**

- Is likely to be deemed offensive or to harass, upset, embarrass, alarm or annoy any other person;
- Is obscene, pornographic, violent or otherwise may offend human dignity, or contains nudity;
- Is abusive, insulting or threatening, discriminatory or that promotes or encourages racism, sexism, hatred or bigotry;
- Encourages or facilitates any illegal activity including, without limitation, terrorism, inciting racial hatred or the submission of which in itself constitutes committing a criminal offense;
- Is defamatory, libelous, or untrue;
- Relates to commercial activities (including, without limitation, sales, competitions, promotions, and advertising, solicitation for services, "sugar daddy" or "sugar baby" relationships, links to other websites or premium line telephone numbers);
- Involves the transmission of "junk" mail or "spam";
- Contains any spyware, adware, viruses, corrupt files, worm programs or other malicious code designed to interrupt, damage or limit the functionality of or disrupt any software, hardware, telecommunications, networks, servers or other equipment, Trojan horse or any other material designed to damage, interfere with, wrongly intercept or expropriate any data or personal information whether from PeopleMedia or otherwise;
- Infringes upon any third party's rights (including, without limitation, intellectual property rights and privacy rights);
- Was not written by you or was automatically generated, unless expressly authorized by PeopleMedia;
- Includes the image or likeness of another person without that person's consent (or in the case of a minor, the minor's parent or guardian), or is an image or likeness of a minor unaccompanied by the minor's parent or guardian;
- Is inconsistent with the intended use of the Services; or
- May harm the reputation of PeopleMedia or its affiliates.

The uploading or sharing of content that violates these Terms ("Prohibited Content") may result in the immediate suspension or termination of your account.

### **3. CONTENT**

***It is important that you understand your rights and responsibilities with regard to the content on our Services, including any content you provide or post. You are expressly prohibited from posting inappropriate content.***

While using our Services, you will have access to: (i) content that you upload or provide while using our Services ("Your Content"); (ii) content that other users upload or provide while using our Services ("Member Content"); and (iii) content that PeopleMedia provides on and through our Services ("Our Content"). In this agreement, "content" includes, without limitation, all text, images, video, audio, or other material on our Services, including information on users' profiles and in direct messages between users.

#### **3a. YOUR CONTENT**

***You are responsible for Your Content. Don't share anything that you wouldn't want others to see, that would violate this Agreement, or that may expose you or us to legal liability.***

You are solely responsible and liable for Your Content, and, therefore, you agree to indemnify, defend, release, and hold us harmless from any claims made in connection with Your Content.

You represent and warrant to us that the information you provide to us or any other user is accurate, including any information submitted through Facebook or other third-party sources (if applicable), and that you will update your account information as necessary to ensure its accuracy.

The content included on your individual profile should be relevant to the intended use of our Services. You may not display any personal contact or banking information, whether in relation to you or any other person (for example, names, home addresses or postcodes, telephone numbers, email addresses, URLs, credit/debit card or other banking details). If you choose to reveal any personal information about yourself to other users, you do so at your own risk. We encourage you to use caution in disclosing any personal information online.

Your individual profile will be visible to other people around the world, so be sure that you are comfortable sharing Your Content before you post. You acknowledge and agree that Your Content may be viewed by other users, and, notwithstanding these Terms, other users may share Your Content with third parties. By uploading Your Content, you represent and warrant to us that you have all necessary rights and licenses to do so and automatically grant us a license to use Your Content as provided under Section 7 below.

You understand and agree that we may monitor or review Your Content, and we have the right to remove, delete, edit, limit, or block or prevent access to any of Your Content at any time in our sole discretion. Furthermore, you understand agree that we have no obligation to display or review Your Content.

### **3b. MEMBER CONTENT**

***While you will have access to Member Content, it is not yours and you may not copy or use Member Content for any purpose except as contemplated by these Terms.***

Other users will also share content on our Services. Member Content belongs to the user who posted the content and is stored on our servers and displayed at the direction of that user.

You do not have any rights in relation to Member Content, and, unless expressly authorized by PeopleMedia, you may only use Member Content to the extent that your use is consistent with our Services' purpose of allowing use to communicate with and meet one another. You may not copy the Member Content or use Member Content for commercial purposes, to spam, to harass, or to make unlawful threats. We reserve the right to terminate your account if you misuse Member Content.

### **3c. OUR CONTENT**

***PeopleMedia owns all other content on our Services.***

Any other text, content, graphics, user interfaces, trademarks, logos, sounds, artwork, images, and other intellectual property appearing on our Services is owned, controlled or licensed by us and protected by copyright, trademark and other intellectual property law rights. All rights, title, and interest in and to Our Content remains with us at all times.

We grant you a limited license to access and use Our Content as provided under Section 6 below, and we reserve all other rights.

## **4. INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT AND MISCONDUCT; REPORTING**

***PeopleMedia does not tolerate inappropriate content or behavior on our Services.***

We are committed to maintaining a positive and respectful PeopleMedia community, and we do not tolerate any inappropriate content or misconduct, whether on or off of the Services (including, but not limited to, on services operated by our affiliates). We encourage you to report any inappropriate Member Content or misconduct by other users. You can report a user directly through the "Report a Concern" link on a user's profile or at the bottom of every email. You may also email PeopleMedia Customer Service by clicking [here](#).

As set forth in our [Privacy Policy](#), we may share data between our affiliates for the safety and security of our users and may take necessary actions if we believe you have violated these Terms, including banning you from our Services and/or our affiliates' services (such as Tinder, OkCupid, Match, Meetic, Plenty of Fish, LoveScout24, DemocraticPeopleMeet, Pairs, ParPerfeito, and Twoo; for more details, click [here](#)), and/or preventing you from creating new accounts. You understand and agree that we may not share information with you regarding your account if doing so would potentially impair the safety or privacy of our other users.

Member Content is subject to the terms and conditions of Sections 512(c) and/or 512(d) of the Digital Millennium Copyright Act 1998. To submit a complaint regarding Member Content that may constitute intellectual property infringement, see Section 12 (Digital Millennium Copyright Act) below.

## 5. PRIVACY

***Privacy is important to us. We have a separate policy about it that you should read.***

For information about how PeopleMedia and its affiliates collect, use, and share your personal data, please read our [Privacy Policy](#). By using our Services, you agree that we may use your personal data in accordance with our [Privacy Policy](#).

## 6. RIGHTS YOU ARE GRANTED BY PEOPLEMEDIA

***PeopleMedia grants you the right to use and enjoy our Services, subject to these Terms.***

For as long as you comply with these Terms, PeopleMedia grants you a personal, worldwide, royalty-free, non-assignable, non-exclusive, revocable, and non-sublicensable license to access and use our Services for purposes as intended by PeopleMedia and permitted by these Terms and applicable laws. This license and any authorization to access the Service are automatically revoked in the event that you fail to comply with these Terms.

## 7. RIGHTS YOU GRANT PEOPLEMEDIA

***You own all of the content you provide to PeopleMedia, but you also grant us the right to use Your Content as provided in this Agreement.***

By creating an account, you grant to PeopleMedia a worldwide, perpetual, transferable, sub-licensable, royalty-free right and license to host, store, use, copy, display, reproduce, adapt, edit, publish, translate, modify, reformat, incorporate into other works, advertise, distribute and otherwise make available to the general public Your Content, including any information you authorize us to access from Facebook or other third-party sources (if applicable), in whole or in part, and in any way and in any format or medium currently known or developed in the future. PeopleMedia's license to Your Content shall be non-exclusive, except that PeopleMedia's license shall be exclusive with respect to derivative works created through use of our Services. For example, PeopleMedia would have an exclusive license to screenshots of our Services that include Your Content.

In addition, so that PeopleMedia can prevent the use of Your Content outside of our Services, you authorize PeopleMedia to act on your behalf with respect to infringing uses of Your Content taken from our Services by other users or third parties. This expressly includes the authority, but not the obligation, to send notices pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 512(c)(3) (i.e., DMCA Takedown Notices) on your behalf if Your Content is taken and used by third parties outside of our Services. PeopleMedia is not obligated to take any action with regard to use of Your Content by other users or third parties. PeopleMedia's license to Your Content is subject to your rights under applicable law (for example, laws regarding personal data protection to the extent the content contains personal information as defined by those laws).

In consideration for PeopleMedia allowing you to use our Services, you agree that we, our affiliates, and our third-party partners may place advertising on our Services. By submitting suggestions or feedback to



PeopleMedia regarding our Services, you agree that PeopleMedia may use and share such feedback for any purpose without compensating you.

You agree that PeopleMedia may access, preserve, and disclose your account information, including Your Content, if required to do so by law or upon a good faith belief that such access, preservation, or disclosure is reasonably necessary to: (i) comply with legal process; (ii) enforce these Terms; (iii) respond to claims that any content violates the rights of third parties; (iv) respond to your requests for customer service; or (v) protect the rights, property or personal safety of the Company or any other person.

## **8. PURCHASES AND AUTOMATICALLY RENEWING SUBSCRIPTIONS**

***You will have the opportunity to purchase products and services from PeopleMedia. If you purchase a subscription, it will automatically renew—and you will be charged—until you cancel.***

PeopleMedia may offer products and services for purchase through iTunes, Google Play or other external services authorized by PeopleMedia (each, an "External Service," and any purchases made thereon, an "External Service Purchase"). PeopleMedia may also offer products and services for purchase via credit card or other payment processors on the Website or inside the App ("Internal Purchases"). **If you purchase a subscription, it will automatically renew until you cancel, in accordance with the terms disclosed to you at the time of purchase, as further described below.** If you cancel your subscription, you will continue to have access to your subscription benefits until the end of your subscription period, at which point it will expire.

Because our Services may be utilized without a subscription, canceling your subscription does not remove your profile from our Services. If you wish to fully terminate your membership, you must terminate your membership as set forth in Section 9.

PeopleMedia operates a national business, and our pricing varies by a number of factors. We frequently offer promotional rates - which can vary based on region, length of subscription, bundle size and more. We also regularly test new features and payment options.

### **8a. EXTERNAL SERVICE PURCHASES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS**

***External Service Purchases, including subscriptions, may be processed through the External Service, in which case those purchases must be managed through your External Service Account. Subscriptions automatically renew until you cancel.***

When making a purchase on the Service, you may have the option to pay through an External Service, such as with your Apple ID or Google Play account ("your External Service Account"), and your External Service Account will be charged for the purchase in accordance with the terms disclosed to you at the time of purchase and the general terms applicable to your External Service Account. Some External Services may charge you sales tax, depending on where you live, which may change from time to time.

**If your External Service Purchase includes an automatically renewing subscription, your External Service Account will continue to be periodically charged for the subscription until you cancel. After your initial subscription commitment period, and again after any subsequent subscription period, the subscription will automatically continue for the price and time period you agreed to when subscribing.**

**To cancel a subscription:** If you do not want your subscription to renew automatically, or if you want to change or terminate your subscription, you must log in to your External Service Account and follow instructions to manage or cancel your subscription, even if you have otherwise deleted your account with us or if you have deleted the App from your device. For example, if you subscribed using your Apple ID, cancellation is handled by Apple, not PeopleMedia. To cancel a purchase made with your Apple ID, go to Settings > iTunes & App Stores > [click on your Apple ID] > View Apple ID > Subscriptions, then find your PeopleMedia subscription and follow the instructions to cancel. You can also request assistance at <https://getsupport.apple.com>. Similarly, if you subscribed on Google Play, cancellation is handled by

Google. To cancel a purchase made through Google Play, launch the Google Play app on your mobile device and go to Menu > My Apps > Subscriptions, then find your PeopleMedia subscription and follow the instructions to cancel. You can also request assistance at <https://play.google.com>. If you cancel a subscription, you may continue to use the cancelled service until the end of your then-current subscription term. The subscription will not be renewed when your then-current term expires.

If you initiate a chargeback or otherwise reverse a payment made with your External Service Account, PeopleMedia may terminate your account immediately in its sole discretion, on the basis that you have determined that you do not want a PeopleMedia subscription. In the event that your chargeback or other payment reversal is overturned, please contact [Customer Care](#). PeopleMedia will retain all funds charged to your External Service Account until you cancel your subscription through your External Service Account. Certain users may be entitled to request a refund. See Section 8d below for more information.

## **8b. INTERNAL PURCHASES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS**

***Internal Purchases, including subscriptions, are processed using the Payment Method you provide on the Website or App. Subscriptions automatically renew until you cancel.***

If you make an Internal Purchase, you agree to pay the prices displayed to you for the Services you've selected as well as any sales or similar taxes that may be imposed on your payments (and as may change from time to time), and you authorize PeopleMedia to charge the payment method you provide (your "Payment Method"). PeopleMedia may correct any billing errors or mistakes even if we have already requested or received payment. If you initiate a chargeback or otherwise reverse a payment made with your Payment Method, PeopleMedia may terminate your account immediately in its sole discretion, on the basis that you have determined that you do not want a PeopleMedia subscription. In the event that your chargeback or other payment reversal is overturned, please contact [Customer Care](#).

If your Internal Purchase includes an automatically renewing subscription, your Payment Method will continue to be periodically charged for the subscription until you cancel. After your initial subscription commitment period, and again after any subsequent subscription period, your subscription will automatically continue for the price and time period you agreed to when subscribing, until you cancel.

To cancel a subscription, log in to the Website or App and go to the Settings tool. If you cancel a subscription, you may continue to use the cancelled service until the end of your then-current subscription term. The subscription will not be renewed when your then-current term expires.

You may edit your Payment Method information by using the Settings tool. If a payment is not successfully processed, due to expiration, insufficient funds, or otherwise, you remain responsible for any uncollected amounts and authorize us to continue billing the Payment Method, as it may be updated. This may result in a change to your payment billing dates.

In addition, you authorize us to obtain updated or replacement expiration dates and card numbers for your credit or debit card as provided by your credit or debit card issuer. The terms of your payment will be based on your Payment Method and may be determined by agreements between you and the financial institution, credit card issuer, or other provider of your chosen Payment Method. Certain users may be entitled to request a refund. See Section 8d below for more information.

## **8c. VIRTUAL ITEMS**

***Virtual items are non-refundable and subject to certain conditions.***

From time to time, you may have the opportunity to purchase a limited, personal, non-transferable, non-sublicensable, revocable license to use or access special limited-use features such as "Boost" ("Virtual Item(s)") from PeopleMedia. You may only purchase Virtual Items from us or our authorized partners through



our Services. Virtual Items represent a limited license right governed by this Agreement, and, except as otherwise prohibited by applicable law, no title or ownership in or to Virtual Items is being transferred or assigned to you. This Agreement should not be construed as a sale of any rights in Virtual Items.

Any Virtual Item balance shown in your account does not constitute a real-world balance or reflect any stored value, but instead constitutes a measurement of the extent of your license. Virtual Items do not incur fees for non-use; however, the license granted to you in Virtual Items will terminate in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, on the earlier of when PeopleMedia ceases providing our Services, or your account is otherwise closed or terminated.

PeopleMedia, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to charge fees for the right to access or use Virtual Items and/or may distribute Virtual Items with or without charge. PeopleMedia may manage, regulate, control, modify, or eliminate Virtual Items at any time, including taking actions that may impact the perceived value or purchase price, if applicable, of any Virtual Items. PeopleMedia shall have no liability to you or any third party in the event that PeopleMedia exercises any such rights. The transfer of Virtual Items is prohibited, and you shall not sell, redeem, or otherwise transfer Virtual Items to any person or entity. Virtual Items may only be redeemed through our Services.

ALL PURCHASES AND REDEMPTIONS OF VIRTUAL ITEMS MADE THROUGH OUR SERVICES ARE FINAL AND NON-REFUNDABLE. YOU ACKNOWLEDGE THAT PEOPLEMEDIA IS NOT REQUIRED TO PROVIDE A REFUND FOR ANY REASON, AND THAT YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE MONEY OR OTHER COMPENSATION FOR UNUSED VIRTUAL ITEMS WHEN AN ACCOUNT IS CLOSED, WHETHER SUCH CLOSURE WAS VOLUNTARY OR INVOLUNTARY.

#### **8d. REFUNDS**

***Generally, all purchases are nonrefundable. Special terms apply in Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Rhode Island, and Wisconsin.***

Generally, all purchases are final and nonrefundable, and there are no refunds or credits for partially used periods, except if the laws applicable in your jurisdiction provide for refunds.

For subscribers residing in Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Rhode Island, and Wisconsin:

**Your Right to Cancel-You may cancel your subscription, without penalty or obligation, at any time prior to midnight of the third business day following the date you subscribed.** In the event that you die before the end of your subscription period, your estate shall be entitled to a refund of that portion of any payment you had made for your subscription which is allocable to the period after your death. In the event that you become disabled (such that you are unable to use our Services) before the end of your subscription period, you shall be entitled to a refund of that portion of any payment you had made for your subscription which is allocable to the period after your disability by providing the Company notice in the same manner as you request a refund as described below.

Purchases of Virtual Items are FINAL AND NON-REFUNDABLE.

If any of the above apply to you and you subscribed using your Apple ID, your refund requests are handled by Apple, not PeopleMedia. To request a refund, please contact your External Service directly; for example using your Apple device, go to Settings > iTunes & App Stores > [click on your Apple ID] > View Apple ID > Purchase History. Find the transaction and select "Report a Problem." You can also request a refund at <https://getsupport.apple.com>. For any other purchase, please contact PeopleMedia Customer Service with your order number (see your confirmation email) by mailing or delivering a signed and dated notice which states that you, the buyer, are canceling this Agreement, or words of similar effect. Please also include the email address or telephone number associated with your account along with your order number. This notice

shall be sent to: PeopleMedia, Attn: Cancellations, P.O. Box 25472, Dallas, Texas 75225, USA (California and Ohio users may also email us by clicking [here](#) or send a facsimile to 214-853-4309).

## 9. ACCOUNT TERMINATION

***If you no longer wish to use our Services, or if we terminate your account for any reason, here's what you need to know.***

You can delete your account at any time by logging into the Website or App, going to "Settings" (the gear/pencil icon in the top right corner), and following the instructions to cancel your membership. **However, you will need to cancel / manage any External Service Purchases through your External Service Account (e.g., iTunes, Google Play) to avoid additional billing.**

PeopleMedia reserves the right to investigate and, if appropriate, suspend or terminate your account without a refund if PeopleMedia believes that you have violated these Terms, misused our Services, or behaved in a way that PeopleMedia regards as inappropriate or unlawful, on or off our Services. We reserve the right to make use of any personal, technological, legal, or other means available to enforce the Terms, at any time without liability and without the obligation to give you prior notice, including, but not limited to, preventing you from accessing the Services.

If your account is terminated by you or by PeopleMedia for any reason, these Terms continue and remain enforceable between you and PeopleMedia, and you will not be entitled to any refund for purchases made. Your information will be maintained and deleted in accordance with our [Privacy Policy](#).

## 10. NO CRIMINAL BACKGROUND OR IDENTITY VERIFICATION CHECKS

***PeopleMedia does not conduct criminal background or identity verification checks on its users. Use your best judgment when interacting with others and review our [Safety Tips](#).***

**YOU UNDERSTAND THAT PEOPLEMEDIA DOES NOT CONDUCT CRIMINAL BACKGROUND OR IDENTITY VERIFICATION CHECKS ON ITS USERS OR OTHERWISE INQUIRE INTO THE BACKGROUND OF ITS USERS.** PEOPLEMEDIA MAKES NO REPRESENTATIONS OR WARRANTIES AS TO THE CONDUCT, IDENTITY, INTENTIONS, LEGITIMACY, OR VERACITY OF USERS. PEOPLEMEDIA RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CONDUCT— AND YOU AUTHORIZE PEOPLEMEDIA TO CONDUCT—ANY CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK OR OTHER SCREENINGS (SUCH AS SEX OFFENDER REGISTER SEARCHES) AT ANY TIME USING AVAILABLE PUBLIC RECORDS, AND YOU AGREE THAT ANY INFORMATION YOU PROVIDE MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF THE COMPANY DECIDES TO CONDUCT ANY SCREENING THROUGH A CONSUMER REPORTING AGENCY, YOU HEREBY AUTHORIZE THE COMPANY TO OBTAIN AND USE A CONSUMER REPORT ABOUT YOU TO DETERMINE YOUR ELIGIBILITY UNDER THESE TERMS.

YOU ARE SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR INTERACTIONS WITH OTHER USERS. SEX OFFENDER SCREENINGS AND OTHER TOOLS DO NOT GUARANTEE YOUR SAFETY AND ARE NOT A SUBSTITUTE FOR FOLLOWING THE [SAFETY TIPS](#) AND OTHER SENSIBLE SAFETY PRECAUTIONS. ALWAYS USE YOUR BEST JUDGMENT AND TAKE APPROPRIATE SAFETY PRECAUTIONS WHEN COMMUNICATING WITH OR MEETING NEW PEOPLE. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED THROUGH THE SERVICE, INCLUDING AUTOMATIC NOTIFICATIONS SENT BY PEOPLEMEDIA, MAY RESULT FROM USERS ENGAGING WITH THE SERVICE FOR IMPROPER PURPOSES, INCLUDING FRAUD, ABUSE, HARASSMENT, OR OTHER SUCH IMPROPER BEHAVIOR.

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## 11. DISCLAIMER

***PeopleMedia's Services are provided "as is" and we do not make, and cannot make, any representations about the content or features of our Services.***

PEOPLEMEDIA PROVIDES OUR SERVICES ON AN "AS IS" AND "AS AVAILABLE" BASIS AND TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, GRANTS NO WARRANTIES OF ANY KIND, WHETHER EXPRESS, IMPLIED, STATUTORY OR OTHERWISE WITH RESPECT TO OUR SERVICES (INCLUDING ALL CONTENT CONTAINED THEREIN), INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, ANY IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF SATISFACTORY QUALITY, MERCHANTABILITY, FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE OR NON-INFRINGEMENT. PEOPLEMEDIA DOES NOT REPRESENT OR WARRANT THAT (A) OUR SERVICES WILL BE UNINTERRUPTED, SECURE, OR ERROR FREE, (B) ANY DEFECTS OR ERRORS IN OUR SERVICES WILL BE DISCOVERED OR CORRECTED, OR (C) THAT ANY CONTENT OR INFORMATION YOU OBTAIN ON OR THROUGH OUR SERVICES WILL BE ACCURATE OR APPROPRIATE FOR YOUR PURPOSES. FURTHERMORE, PEOPLEMEDIA MAKES NO GUARANTEES AS TO THE NUMBER OF ACTIVE USERS AT ANY TIME; USERS' ABILITY OR DESIRE TO COMMUNICATE WITH OR MEET YOU, OR THE ULTIMATE COMPATIBILITY WITH OR CONDUCT BY USERS YOU MEET THROUGH THE SERVICES.

PEOPLEMEDIA ASSUMES NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY CONTENT THAT YOU OR ANOTHER USER OR THIRD PARTY POSTS, SENDS, OR RECEIVES THROUGH OUR SERVICES, NOR DOES PEOPLEMEDIA ASSUME ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE IDENTITY, INTENTIONS, LEGITIMACY, OR VERACITY OF ANY USERS WITH WHOM YOU MAY COMMUNICATE WITH THROUGH PEOPLEMEDIA. ANY MATERIAL DOWNLOADED OR OTHERWISE OBTAINED THROUGH THE USE OF OUR SERVICES IS ACCESSED AT YOUR OWN DISCRETION AND RISK. PEOPLEMEDIA IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY DAMAGE TO YOUR COMPUTER HARDWARE, COMPUTER SOFTWARE, OR OTHER EQUIPMENT OR TECHNOLOGY INCLUDING, BUT WITHOUT LIMITATION, DAMAGE FROM ANY SECURITY BREACH OR FROM ANY VIRUS, BUGS, TAMPERING, HACKING, FRAUD, ERROR, OMISSION, INTERRUPTION, DEFECT, DELAY IN OPERATION OR TRANSMISSION, COMPUTER LINE OR NETWORK FAILURE, OR ANY OTHER TECHNICAL OR OTHER DISRUPTION OR MALFUNCTION.

## **12. DIGITAL MILLENNIUM COPYRIGHT ACT**

***We take copyright infringement very seriously. We ask you to help us to ensure we address it promptly and effectively.***

PeopleMedia has adopted the following policy towards copyright infringement in accordance with the Digital Millennium Copyright Act (the "DMCA"). If you believe any Member Content or Our Content infringes upon your intellectual property rights, please submit a notification alleging such infringement ("DMCA Takedown Notice") including the following:

1. A physical or electronic signature of a person authorized to act on behalf of the owner of an exclusive right that is allegedly infringed;
2. Identification of the copyrighted work claimed to have been infringed, or, if multiple copyrighted works at a single online site are covered by a single notification, a representative list of such works;
3. Identification of the material claimed to be infringing or to be the subject of infringing activity and that is to be removed or access disabled and information reasonably sufficient to permit the service provider to locate the material;
4. Information reasonably sufficient to permit the service provider to contact you, such as an address, telephone number, and, if available, an electronic mail;
5. A statement that you have a good faith belief that use of the material in the manner complained of is not authorized by the copyright owner, its agent, or the law; and
6. A statement that, under penalty of perjury, the information in the notification is accurate and you are authorized to act on behalf of the owner of the exclusive right that is allegedly infringed.

Any DMCA Takedown Notices should be sent to [copyright@match.com](mailto:copyright@match.com), by phone to 214-576-3272 or via mail to the following address: Copyright Compliance Department c/o Match Group Legal, 8750 N. Central Expressway, Dallas, Texas 75231.

PeopleMedia will terminate the accounts of repeat infringers.

### **13. ADS AND THIRD-PARTY CONTENT**

*Like many subscription-based services, there are ads on our websites.*

Our Services may contain advertisements and promotions offered by third parties and links to other websites or resources. PeopleMedia may also provide non-commercial links or references to third parties within its content. PeopleMedia is not responsible for the availability (or lack of availability) of any external websites or resources or their content. Furthermore, PeopleMedia is not responsible for, and does not endorse, any products or services that may be offered by third-party websites or resources. If you choose to interact with the third parties made available through our Services, such party's terms will govern their relationship with you. PeopleMedia is not responsible or liable for such third parties' terms or actions.

### **14. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY**

*PeopleMedia's liability is limited to the maximum extent allowed by applicable law.*

TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, IN NO EVENT WILL PEOPLEMEDIA, ITS AFFILIATES, EMPLOYEES, LICENSORS, OR SERVICE PROVIDERS BE LIABLE FOR ANY INDIRECT, CONSEQUENTIAL, EXEMPLARY, INCIDENTAL, SPECIAL, PUNITIVE, FIXED, OR ENHANCED DAMAGES, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, LOSS OF PROFITS, WHETHER INCURRED DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, OR ANY LOSS OF DATA, USE, GOODWILL, OR OTHER INTANGIBLE LOSSES, RESULTING FROM: (I) YOUR ACCESS TO OR USE OF OR INABILITY TO ACCESS OR USE THE SERVICES, (II) THE CONDUCT OR CONTENT OF ANY USERS OR THIRD PARTIES ON OR THROUGH ANY OF OUR AFFILIATES' SERVICES OR IN CONNECTION WITH THE SERVICES; OR (III) UNAUTHORIZED ACCESS, USE, OR ALTERATION OF YOUR CONTENT, EVEN IF PEOPLEMEDIA HAS BEEN ADVISED OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DAMAGES. TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, IN NO EVENT WILL PEOPLEMEDIA'S AGGREGATE LIABILITY TO YOU FOR ALL CLAIMS RELATING TO THE SERVICES EXCEED THE AMOUNT PAID, IF ANY, BY YOU TO PEOPLEMEDIA FOR THE SERVICES DURING THE TWENTY-FOUR (24) MONTH PERIOD IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE DATE THAT YOU FIRST FILE A LAWSUIT, ARBITRATION OR ANY OTHER LEGAL PROCEEDING AGAINST PEOPLEMEDIA, WHETHER STATUTORY, IN LAW OR IN EQUITY, IN ANY TRIBUNAL. THE DAMAGES LIMITATION SET FORTH IN THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING SENTENCE APPLIES (i) REGARDLESS OF THE GROUND UPON WHICH LIABILITY IS BASED (WHETHER DEFAULT, CONTRACT, TORT, STATUTE, OR OTHERWISE), (ii) IRRESPECTIVE OF THE TYPE OF BREACH OF RIGHTS, PRIVILEGES, OR OBLIGATIONS, AND (iii) WITH RESPECT TO ALL EVENTS, THE SERVICE, AND THIS AGREEMENT.

THE LIMITATION OF LIABILITY PROVISIONS SET FORTH IN THIS SECTION 14 SHALL APPLY EVEN IF YOUR REMEDIES UNDER THIS AGREEMENT FAIL WITH RESPECT TO THEIR ESSENTIAL PURPOSE.

SOME JURISDICTIONS DO NOT ALLOW THE EXCLUSION OR LIMITATION OF CERTAIN DAMAGES, SO SOME OR ALL OF THE EXCLUSIONS AND LIMITATIONS IN THIS SECTION MAY NOT APPLY TO YOU.

### **15. DISPUTE RESOLUTION SECTION**

*In the unlikely event that we have a legal dispute, here is how the Parties agree to proceed, except where prohibited by applicable law.*

Any Subsection in this Dispute Resolution Section that is prohibited by law shall not apply to the users residing in that jurisdiction, including Subsections 15b, 15c, 15d, and 15e, which shall not apply to users residing within the European Union, European Economic Area, the United Kingdom, or Switzerland.

### **15a. INFORMAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESS**

If you are dissatisfied with our Services for any reason, please contact PeopleMedia Customer Service first so we can try to resolve your concerns without the need of outside assistance. If you choose to pursue a dispute, claim or controversy against PeopleMedia, these terms will apply. For purposes of this Dispute Resolution Process and Arbitration Procedures set forth in Section 15, "PeopleMedia" shall include our affiliates, employees, licensors, and service providers.

PeopleMedia values its relationship with you and appreciates the mutual benefit realized from informally resolving Disputes (as defined below). Before formally pursuing a Dispute in arbitration or small claims court, you agree to first send a detailed notice ("Notice") to Match Group Legal, P.O. Box 25458, Dallas, Texas 75225, USA. If PeopleMedia has a Dispute with you, PeopleMedia agrees to first send a Notice to you at your most recent email address on file with us, or if no email address is on file, other contact information associated with your account. Your Notice must contain all of the following information: (1) your full name; (2) information that enables PeopleMedia to identify your account, including a picture or screenshot of your profile, your address, mobile phone number, email address, and date of birth you used to register your account if any; and (3) a detailed description of your Dispute, including the nature and factual basis of your claim(s) and the relief you are seeking with a corresponding calculation of your alleged damages (if any). You must personally sign this Notice for it to be effective. PeopleMedia's Notice must likewise set forth a detailed description of its Dispute, which shall include the nature and factual basis of its claim(s) and the relief it is seeking, with a corresponding calculation of our damages (if any). You and PeopleMedia agree to then negotiate in good faith in an effort to resolve the Dispute. As part of these good faith negotiations, if PeopleMedia requests a telephone conference with you to discuss your Dispute, you agree to personally participate, with your attorney if you're represented by counsel. Likewise, if you request a telephone conference to discuss PeopleMedia's Dispute with you, PeopleMedia agrees to have one representative participate. This informal process should lead to a resolution of the Dispute. However, if the Dispute is not resolved within 60 days after receipt of a fully completed Notice and the Parties have not otherwise mutually agreed to an extension of this informal dispute resolution time period, you or PeopleMedia may initiate an arbitration (subject to a Party's right to elect small claims court as provided below).

Completion of this informal dispute resolution is a condition precedent to filing any demand for arbitration or small claims court action. Failure to do so is a breach of this Agreement. The statute of limitations and any filing fee deadlines will be tolled while you and PeopleMedia engage in this informal dispute resolution process. Unless prohibited by applicable law, the arbitration provider, National Arbitration and Mediation ("NAM"), shall not accept or administer any demand for arbitration and shall administratively close any arbitration unless the Party bringing such demand for arbitration can certify in writing that the terms and conditions of this informal dispute resolution process were fully satisfied. A court of competent jurisdiction shall have authority to enforce this provision and to enjoin any arbitration proceeding or small claims court action.

### **15b. INDIVIDUAL RELIEF: CLASS ACTION AND JURY TRIAL WAIVER**

**TO THE FULLEST EXTENT ALLOWABLE BY LAW, YOU AND PEOPLEMEDIA EACH WAIVE THE RIGHT TO A JURY TRIAL AND THE RIGHT TO LITIGATE DISPUTES IN COURT IN FAVOR OF INDIVIDUAL ARBITRATION (EXCEPT FOR SMALL CLAIMS COURT AS PROVIDED ABOVE). YOU AND PEOPLEMEDIA EACH WAIVE THE RIGHT TO FILE OR PARTICIPATE IN A CLASS ACTION AGAINST THE OTHER OR OTHERWISE TO SEEK RELIEF ON A CLASS BASIS, INCLUDING ANY CURRENTLY PENDING ACTIONS AGAINST PEOPLEMEDIA. TO THE FULLEST EXTENT ALLOWABLE BY LAW, THERE SHALL BE NO RIGHT OR AUTHORITY FOR ANY CLAIMS TO BE ARBITRATED OR LITIGATED ON A CLASS, COLLECTIVE, REPRESENTATIVE, CONSOLIDATED, OR PRIVATE ATTORNEY GENERAL BASIS. THE ARBITRATOR CAN AWARD THE SAME RELIEF AVAILABLE IN COURT PROVIDED THAT THE ARBITRATOR MAY ONLY AWARD FINAL RELIEF (INCLUDING INJUNCTIVE OR DECLARATORY RELIEF) IN FAVOR OF THE INDIVIDUAL PARTY SEEKING RELIEF AND ONLY TO THE EXTENT**

**NECESSARY TO PROVIDE FINAL RELIEF WARRANTED BY THAT INDIVIDUAL PARTY'S CLAIM. THE ARBITRATOR MAY NOT AWARD FINAL RELIEF FOR, AGAINST, OR ON BEHALF OF ANYONE WHO IS NOT A PARTY TO THE ARBITRATION ON A CLASS, COLLECTIVE, REPRESENTATIVE, OR PRIVATE ATTORNEY GENERAL BASIS. IF A COURT DETERMINES THAT ANY OF THESE PROHIBITIONS IN THIS PARAGRAPH ARE UNENFORCEABLE AS TO A PARTICULAR CLAIM OR REQUEST FOR RELIEF (SUCH AS A REQUEST FOR PUBLIC INJUNCTIVE RELIEF), AND ALL APPEALS OF THAT DECISION ARE EXHAUSTED OR THE DECISION IS OTHERWISE FINAL, THEN YOU AND PEOPLEMEDIA AGREE THAT THAT PARTICULAR CLAIM OR REQUEST FOR RELIEF SHALL PROCEED IN COURT BUT SHALL BE STAYED PENDING INDIVIDUAL ARBITRATION OF THE REMAINING CLAIMS FOR RELIEF THAT YOU HAVE BROUGHT. IF THIS SPECIFIC PARAGRAPH IS FOUND TO BE UNENFORCEABLE, THEN THE ENTIRETY OF THIS ARBITRATION PROVISION (EXCEPT FOR THE JURY TRIAL WAIVER AND THE INFORMAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESS) SHALL BE NULL AND VOID. THIS PARAGRAPH IS AN ESSENTIAL PART OF THIS ARBITRATION AGREEMENT.**

#### **15c. DISPUTE RESOLUTION THROUGH ARBITRATION OR SMALL CLAIMS COURT**

Any dispute, claim, or controversy between you and PeopleMedia (that is not resolved informally by PeopleMedia Customer Service or as provided under subsection 15a above) that arises from or relates in any way to this Agreement (including any alleged breach of this Agreement), the Services, or our relationship with you (collectively, "Dispute"), shall be exclusively resolved through BINDING INDIVIDUAL ARBITRATION except as specifically provided otherwise in this Dispute Resolution Section. "Dispute" as used in this Agreement shall have the broadest possible meaning and include claims that arose before the existence of this or any prior Agreement and claims that arise during the term of this Agreement or after the termination of this Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, either you or PeopleMedia may elect to have an individual claim heard in small claims court. If the request to proceed in small claims court is made after an arbitration has been initiated but before an arbitrator has been appointed, such arbitration shall be administratively closed. Any controversy over the small claims court's jurisdiction shall be determined by the small claims court. All other issues (except as otherwise provided herein) are exclusively for the Arbitrator to decide, including but not limited to scope and enforceability of this Dispute Resolution Section, as well as any request to proceed in small claims court that is made after an arbitrator has been appointed. If you or PeopleMedia challenges the small claims court election in your Dispute, and a court of competent jurisdiction determines that the small claims court election is unenforceable, then such election shall be severed from this Agreement as to your Dispute. However, such court determination shall not be considered or deemed binding with respect to PeopleMedia's other contracting parties.

Any court proceeding to enforce this Dispute Resolution Section 15, including any proceeding to confirm, modify, or vacate an arbitration award, must be commenced in accordance with Section 17. In the event Dispute Resolution Section 15 is for any reason held to be unenforceable, any litigation against PeopleMedia (except for small claims court actions) may be commenced only in the federal or state courts located in Dallas County, Texas. You hereby irrevocably consent to those courts' exercise of personal jurisdiction over you for such purposes and waive any claim that such courts constitute an inconvenient forum.

#### **15d. INDIVIDUAL ARBITRATION AND MASS ARBITRATION PROTOCOLS**

This subsection 15d applies to Disputes that are submitted to NAM after fully completing the informal Notice and Dispute resolution process described in subsection 15a above and when no small claims court election is made by either Party. Any arbitration between you and PeopleMedia shall be administered by NAM in accordance with NAM's operative Comprehensive Dispute Resolution Rules and Procedures (the "NAM Rules") in effect at the time any demand for arbitration is filed with NAM, as modified by this Dispute Resolution Section 15. For a copy of the NAM Rules, please visit <https://www.namadr.com/resources/rules-fees-forms> or contact NAM at NAM's National Processing Center at 990 Stewart Avenue, 1st Floor, Garden City, NY 11530 and email address [commercial@namadr.com](mailto:commercial@namadr.com). If NAM is unable or unwilling to perform its duties under this Agreement, the parties shall mutually agree on an alternative administrator that will replace NAM and



assume NAM's role consistent with this Agreement. If the parties are unable to agree, they will petition a court of competent jurisdiction to appoint an administrator that will assume NAM's duties under this Agreement.

The Parties agree that the following procedures will apply to any Arbitrations initiated under this Dispute Resolution Section:

1. **Commencing an Arbitration** – To initiate an arbitration, you or PeopleMedia shall send to NAM a demand for arbitration (“Demand for Arbitration”) that describes the claim(s) and request for relief in detail, consistent with the requirements in this Agreement and NAM Rules. If you send a Demand for Arbitration, you shall also send it to PeopleMedia at Match Group Legal, P.O. Box 25458, Dallas, Texas 75225, USA, within 10 days of delivery of the Demand for Arbitration to NAM. If PeopleMedia sends a Demand for Arbitration, we will also send it to your mailing address on file with us within the same 10-day period. If your mailing address is unavailable, we will send it to your email address on file, or if no email address is on file, other contact information associated with your account. The arbitration provider shall not accept or administer any demand for arbitration and shall administratively close any such demand for arbitration that fails to certify in writing that the Party meets the requirements of Dispute Resolution Section 15 or if either Party elects small claims court as set forth above.
2. **Fees** – The payment of all fees shall be governed by the NAM Rules, except to the extent that the case is a part of a Mass Filing (as defined below) or the NAM fees and costs (including Arbitrator fees) paid by either Party are reallocated upon order of the Arbitrator following a determination that (a) either Party breached Section 15 of this Agreement, (b) such reallocation is called for under this Agreement, or (c) reallocation is otherwise permitted under applicable law. Upon a showing to PeopleMedia of your financial hardship we will consider a good faith request made by you to pay your portion of the applicable consumer portion of the filing fee. PeopleMedia is committed to ensuring that arbitration costs to consumers do not serve as a barrier to the adjudication of disputes. If PeopleMedia initiates an arbitration against you, we shall pay all fees.
3. **The Arbitrator** – The arbitration shall be conducted by a single, neutral arbitrator (the “Claim Arbitrator”), as assisted by any Process Arbitrator appointed under NAM Rules. (The term “Arbitrator” applies to both the Claim Arbitrator and the Process Arbitrator). If a hearing is elected by either Party, the Arbitrator shall be in or close to the location in which you reside. The Arbitrator is bound by and shall adhere to this Agreement. In the event NAM Rules conflict with this Agreement, the terms of this Agreement shall control. If the Arbitrator determines that strict application of any term of Section 15 of this Agreement (except for the small claims election, which shall be determined by the small claims court) would result in a fundamentally unfair arbitration (the “Unfair Term”), then the Arbitrator shall have authority to modify the Unfair Term to the extent necessary to ensure a fundamentally fair arbitration that is consistent with the Terms of Use (the “Modified Term”). In determining the substance of a Modified Term, the Arbitrator shall select a term that comes closest to expressing the intention of the Unfair Term.
4. **Dispositive Motions** – The Parties agree that the Claim Arbitrator shall have the authority to consider dispositive motions without an oral evidentiary hearing. Dispositive motions may be requested under the following circumstances: (a) within 30 days after the Claim Arbitrator's appointment, a Party may request to file a dispositive motion based upon the pleadings; and (b) no later than 30 days prior to the evidentiary hearing, a Party may request to file a dispositive motion for summary judgment based upon the Parties' pleadings and the evidence submitted.

5. **Discovery** – Each Party may (a) serve up to five requests for relevant, non-privileged documents from the other Party; and (b) request that the other Party provide verified responses to no more than 5 relevant interrogatories (including subparts). Unless both Parties agree otherwise, no other forms of discovery (including depositions) may be utilized. Any such discovery requests must be served on the other Party within 21 days after the Claim Arbitrator’s appointment. The responding Party shall provide the requesting Party with all responsive, non-privileged documents, responses signed by the Party themselves to the requested interrogatories, and/or any objections to the requests within 30 days after receipt of the requests, or, in the event of an objection to any discovery request, 30 days after the Claim Arbitrator resolves the dispute. In the event either Party requests that the Claim Arbitrator consider a dispositive motion on the pleadings, such written discovery response deadlines shall be extended until 30 days following the Claim Arbitrator’s final decision on such dispositive motion. Any disputes about discovery or requests for extensions shall be submitted promptly to the Claim Arbitrator for resolution. In ruling on any discovery dispute or extension request, the Claim Arbitrator shall take into consideration the nature, amount, and scope of the underlying arbitration claim, the cost and other effort that would be involved in providing the requested discovery, the case schedule, and whether the requested discovery is necessary for the adequate preparation of a claim or defense.
6. **Confidentiality** – Upon either Party’s request, the Arbitrator will issue an order requiring that confidential information of either Party disclosed during the arbitration (whether in documents or orally) may not be used or disclosed except in connection with the arbitration or a proceeding to enforce the arbitration award and that any permitted court filing of confidential information must be done under seal.
7. **Arbitration Hearing** – You and PeopleMedia are entitled to a fair evidentiary hearing (i.e. trial) before the Claim Arbitrator. Arbitration proceedings are usually simpler, less costly, and more streamlined than trials and other judicial proceedings. The Parties agree to waive all oral hearings and instead submit all disputes to the Claim Arbitrator for an award based on written submissions and other evidence as the Parties may agree, unless a Party requests an oral hearing at least 10 days after the Respondent files a response. If an oral evidentiary hearing is requested, both Parties must be personally present at the hearing, regardless of whether either Party has retained counsel. Both Parties must personally attend the hearing. Either Party’s failure to personally attend the hearing, without a continuance ordered by the Claim Arbitrator for good cause, will result in a default judgment taken against that Party.
8. **Arbitration Award** – Regardless of the format of the arbitration, the Claim Arbitrator shall provide a reasoned decision, in writing within 30 days after the hearing or, if no hearing is held, within 30 days after any rebuttal or supplemental statements are due. The decision must clearly specify the relief, if any, awarded and contain a brief statement of the reasons for the award. The arbitration award is binding only between you and PeopleMedia and will not have any preclusive effect in another arbitration or proceeding that involves a different Party. The Claim Arbitrator may, however, choose to consider rulings from other arbitrations involving a different Party. The Arbitrator may award fees and costs as provided by the NAM Rules or to the extent such fees and costs could be awarded in court. This includes but is not limited to the ability of the Arbitrator to award fees and costs if the Arbitrator determines that a claim or defense is frivolous or was brought for an improper purpose, for the purpose of harassment, or in bad faith.
9. **Offer of Settlement** – The Respondent may, but is not obligated to, make a written settlement offer to the opposing Party any time before the evidentiary hearing or, if a dispositive motion is permitted, prior to the dispositive motion being granted. The amount or terms of any settlement offer may not be disclosed to the Claim Arbitrator until after the Claim Arbitrator issues an award

on the claim. If the award is issued in the opposing Party's favor and is less than the Respondent's settlement offer or if the award is in the Respondent's favor, the opposing Party must pay the Respondent's costs incurred after the offer was made, including any attorney's fees. If any applicable statute or caselaw prohibits the flipping of costs incurred in the arbitration, then the offer in this provision shall serve to cease the accumulation of any costs that claimant may be entitled to for the cause of action under which it is suing.

10. **Mass Filing** – If, at any time, 25 or more similar demands for arbitration are asserted against PeopleMedia or related parties by the same or coordinated counsel or entities (“Mass Filing”), consistent with the definition and criteria of Mass Filings set forth in the NAM’s Mass Filing Supplemental Dispute Resolution Rules and Procedures (“NAM’s Mass Filing Rules”, *available at <https://www.namadr.com/resources/rules-fees-forms/>*), the additional protocols set forth below shall apply.
  - i. If you or your counsel file a Demand for Arbitration that fits within the definition of Mass Filing referred to above, then you agree that your Demand for Arbitration shall be subject to the additional protocols set forth in this Mass Filing subsection. You also acknowledge that the adjudication of your Dispute might be delayed and that any applicable statute of limitations shall be tolled from the time at which the first cases are chosen to proceed until your case is chosen for a bellwether proceeding.
  - ii. NAM’s Mass Filing Rules shall apply if your Dispute is deemed by NAM, in its sole discretion pursuant to its Rules and this Dispute Resolution Section, to be part of a Mass Filing. Such election for NAM’s Mass Filing Rules and related fee schedule must be made by either you or PeopleMedia in writing and submitted to NAM and all Parties.
  - iii. ***Bellwether Proceedings.*** **Bellwether proceedings are encouraged by courts and arbitration administrators when there are multiple disputes involving similar claims against the same or related parties. Counsel for the Mass Filings claimants (including you) and counsel for PeopleMedia shall each select 15 Demands for Arbitration (30 total), and no more than 30 arbitrations shall be filed, processed, adjudicated, or pending at the same time, with each of the 30 individual arbitrations presided over by a different Claim Arbitrator, in a first set of bellwether proceedings. During this time, no other Demands for arbitration that are part of the Mass Filings may be filed, processed, adjudicated, or pending. If the Parties are unable to resolve the remaining Demands for Arbitration after the first set of bellwether proceedings are arbitrated or otherwise resolved, then counsel for the Claimants and counsel for PeopleMedia shall each select an additional 15 Demands for Arbitration (30 total to be filed, processed, and adjudicated as individual arbitrations, with each of the 30 arbitrations presided over by a different Claim Arbitrator, in a second set of bellwether proceedings. During this time, no other Demands for Arbitration that are part of the Mass Filings may be filed, processed, or adjudicated. This staged process of bellwether proceedings, with each set including 30 Demands for Arbitration adjudicated on an individual basis, shall continue until each Demand included in the Mass Filings (including your Demand for Arbitration) is adjudicated or otherwise resolved. Fees associated with a Demand for Arbitration included in the Mass Filings, including fees owed by PeopleMedia and the claimants (including you), shall only be due after your Demand for Arbitration is chosen as part of a set of bellwether proceedings and**

**therefore properly designated for filing, processing, and adjudication. Any applicable statute of limitations shall be tolled beginning when you initiate the informal dispute resolution process set forth in subsection 15a of the Agreement, and if the first Mass Filings' Demands for Arbitration are chosen for the initial set of bellwether proceedings have been filed, your claims will remain tolled until your Demand for Arbitration is decided, withdrawn, or is settled. A court of competent jurisdiction located in a venue allowed under Section 17 of the Agreement shall have the power to enforce this subsection.**

- iv. You and PeopleMedia agree that we each value the integrity and efficiency of the arbitration and small claims court process and wish to employ the process for the fair resolution of genuine and sincere disputes between us. You and PeopleMedia acknowledge and agree to act in good faith to ensure the fair resolution of genuine and sincere Disputes. The Parties further agree that application of these Mass Filings procedures have been reasonably designed to result in an efficient and fair adjudication of such cases.

#### **15e. FUTURE CHANGES AND RETROACTIVE APPLICATION**

This Dispute Resolution Section 15 applies to all Disputes between the Parties, including for any claims that accrued against you or PeopleMedia prior to the time of your consent to this Agreement and to any claims that accrue against you or PeopleMedia after your consent to this Agreement. Notwithstanding any provision in this Agreement to the contrary, you may elect to opt out of the retroactive application of this Dispute Resolution Section 15 as to claims that have accrued against you or against PeopleMedia prior to the time of your consent to this Agreement. You may opt out by sending us written notice, within 30 days of the time you consent to this Agreement, to the following email address:

[DemocraticPeopleMeetOptOut@peoplemedia.com](mailto:DemocraticPeopleMeetOptOut@peoplemedia.com). Please do not direct any customer support inquiries [DemocraticPeopleMeetOptOut@peoplemedia.com](mailto:DemocraticPeopleMeetOptOut@peoplemedia.com), as they will not be addressed; such inquiries should be directed to [customer support](#). You must include information sufficient to identify your account(s), such as the email address or phone number associated with your account(s), and should include a statement that you are opting out of the retroactive application of this Dispute Resolution Section 15. Please note: if you opt out of the retroactive application of this Dispute Resolution Section 15, you will still be subject to and bound by any Dispute Resolution Sections and Arbitration Procedures you previously agreed to, including any arbitration provisions, class action waivers, and retroactive application sections. Also, regardless of whether you opt out of the retroactive application of these changes, the Parties will resolve any claims that accrue against you or PeopleMedia after your consent to this Agreement in accordance with this Dispute Resolution Section.

#### **16. GOVERNING LAW**

***Texas law and the Federal Arbitration Act will apply to any Dispute (except where prohibited by law).***

To the fullest extent allowable by law, the laws of Texas, U.S.A., without regard to its conflict of laws rules, shall apply to any disputes arising out of or relating to this Agreement or our Services. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Dispute Resolution Process set forth in Section 15 shall be governed by the Federal Arbitration Act.

#### **17. VENUE/FORUM SELECTION**

***To the fullest extent allowable by law, any claims that are not arbitrated for any reason must be litigated in Dallas County, Texas (except for claims filed in small claims court).***

Except where prohibited by law and except for claims that are heard in a small claims court as set forth in Section 15, any claims arising out of or relating to this Agreement, to our Services, or to your relationship with PeopleMedia that for whatever reason are not required to be arbitrated or filed in small claims court, will be litigated exclusively in the federal or state courts located in Dallas County, Texas, U.S.A. You and PeopleMedia consent to the exercise of personal jurisdiction of courts in the State of Texas and waive any claim that such courts constitute an inconvenient forum.

## **18. INDEMNITY BY YOU**

***You agree to indemnify PeopleMedia if a claim is made against PeopleMedia due to your actions.***

You agree, to the extent permitted under applicable law, to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless PeopleMedia, our affiliates, and their and our respective officers, directors, agents, and employees from and against any and all complaints, demands, claims, damages, losses, costs, liabilities, and expenses, including attorney's fees, due to, arising out of, or relating in any way to your access to or use of our Services, your Content, your conduct toward other users, or your breach of this Agreement.

## **19. ACCEPTANCE OF TERMS**

***By using our Services, you accept the Terms of this Agreement.***

By using our Services, whether through a mobile device, mobile application, or computer, you agree to be bound by (i) these Terms, which we may amend from time to time, (ii) our [Privacy Policy](#), [Cookie Policy](#), [Community Guidelines](#), and [Safety Tips](#), and (iv) any Additional Terms Upon Purchase. If you do not accept and agree to be bound by all of the terms of this Agreement, you are not entitled to use our Services.

All pronouns and any variations thereof shall be deemed to refer to the masculine, feminine, neuter, singular or plural as the identity of the entities or persons referred to any require.

## **20. ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

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For subscribers residing in New York:

- The Services do not guarantee any number of "referrals"—rather, the functionality of the Services is such that the subscriber can view as many profiles as he/she would like;

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- How your information is used and how you may access your information is set forth in our [Privacy Policy](#);
- You may review the New York Dating Service Consumer Bill of Rights [here](#);

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- Our Services are widely available in the United States-if you believe that you have moved outside a location where we provide the Services, please contact us in writing delivered to Match Group Legal, P.O. Box 25472, Dallas, Texas 75225, USA, and we will work with you to provide alternative services or a refund.

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