

February 8, 2021...

This past weekend - Facebook posted a warning on our group page, stating there was a "violation," with a comment made by a member, that "goes against the Facebook's Community Standards."

There are a few articles under Facebook's Help & Support Center, linked below, that can be referenced for understanding.

<https://bit.ly/FB-rules-selling-firearms>

<https://bit.ly/FB-firearm-definition>

Just highlighting below the general information given by Facebook on the above pages:

*In order to enforce our policies as fairly and consistently as possible, we use one broad set of standards for the entire Facebook community.*

*The purchase, sale or trade of firearms, ammunition and explosives between private individuals isn't allowed on Facebook. This includes:*

*Black powder firearms*

*Muzzle-loading firearms*

*Also...*

*Firearm replicas*

*Non-functioning firearms*

*Ammunition components, such as blanks, bullets, bullet tips, casings, gun powder, primers, and shotgun shells*

*Keep in mind that posts about firearms in general are allowed on Facebook. This includes discussions about sales in stores or by online retailers, posts advocating for changes to firearm regulation or anything else that follows Facebook's Community Standards and Terms.*

*We can remove or restrict access to content that is in violation of these provisions.*

*If we remove content that you have shared in violation of our Community Standards, we'll let you know and explain any options you have to request another review.*

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See under "Files" a pdf doc - WELCOME TO OUR FB GROUP PAGE, which explained some of our guidelines or rules when the page was originally set up. There have been a few conversations regarding not selling guns on this page, but not in this doc.

<http://bit.ly/OVMLGC-Welcome>

We have now added "Group Rules" under the "About" section and added the words, "No Sale of Guns and/or Ammunition," which means making any comments or posts with any kind of hint that a member is selling.

## **GROUP RULES**

- ✓ No Hate Speech or Bullying
- ✓ Be Kind & Courteous
- ✓ Respect Everyone's Privacy
- ✓ No Promotions, Spam or Sale of Guns and/or Ammunition

Let's all try to adhere to the terms that Facebook has set up, so that our group page doesn't get taken down... THANKS