5. Guidelines for the Use of Special Powers

5.1 General Guidelines

- **Survival Server:** Our community is a mostly survival experience, and as such each member playing should not receive any special treatment. If it is not part of survival, or part of a plugin accessible to the community, it should not be used. This includes staff members.
- **Threshold for Intervention:** Officers should only employ special powers when a situation clearly requires administrative action. For example, to resolve serious rule violations or emergencies, or to correct an issue caused by an administrator maintenance action.
- **Proportionality:** The measures taken should be commensurate with the severity of the issue.
- **Post-Action Review:** Significant actions taken using special powers may be subject to review to ensure compliance with this Code.

5.2 Special Powers

These guidelines can be summarized in this: All players of the server, including officers, are playing Survival Minecraft. No player, especially officers, should have an unfair advantage over other players.

- **Op** - Op powers should not be enabled or used by staff when the powers are not needed to execute an action.
- **Creative Mode -** Creative mode can be used when an officer is going to help with a staff position. Often times this is required before teleporting to a user to ensure that the officer is not going to be accidentally killed or suffer negative consequences from attempting to help out users. Ensure you return to Survival Mode before resuming normal game play.
  - Using creative mode powers such as generating items should not be done unless absolutely needed
  - Using creative mode to fly around outside of where normal players can fly should not be used unless absolutely necessary
- **Teleportation** - Using any means of teleporting that is not generally accessible to the community should not be used by officers unless in the service of helping the community with something that is not part of the normal Survival Minecraft experience.

    - Example 1: a lag spike causes someone to fall infinitely through the floor, you can teleport them back to ground level
    - Example 2: There is an issue with someone's claim that is locking a player down or preventing them from recovering their grave, teleportation can be used to help them
- **Spectator Mode** - Spectator should only be used when needed to observe what certain players are doing when it is suspected that admin intervention may be needed. This is not to be used for flying around to find resources (diamonds, biomes, etc) or to spy "just for fun".

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