

# Deciphering the ISCA Discord Server

If you dropped into the Mailbox Mayhem Virtual Con last year or attended a CaricatureBBQ, you are probably familiar with Discord. But here is more information to help you find your way around the platform.

## What is Discord?

Discord is an application/program on desktop and mobile devices. It can be used for voice, video, text chatting and screen sharing. It is divided into Servers (similar to Groups on Facebook), and every community can have its own Server. Discord also has direct messaging and friends lists.

## What is a Server?

Discord Servers have their own members, rules, categories and channels. Servers can be public, or private groups that require membership to view. Some Servers' membership is simply joining, while others have more requirements, such as accepting the rules of the Server or being a paying member of an organization.

## What is a channel in a Discord Server?

A **channel** is a "room" inside the server. Channels can also have their own sets of rules, requirements and purposes. There are two types of channels: Text Channels and Voice Channels. Channels are organized by categories.

**Categories** have a ">" symbol or a "v" symbol before the name. The "v" symbol means that when the category is expanded, the channels in the category will be visible. The ">" symbol means that the category is collapsed, the channels will not be visible. Click on the category name to expand the category to see the channels. Categories can be public, private or exclusive.

**Text Channels** have # (pound signs) before the name. These channels have text chat rooms and can be modified to be used as announcement boards, rule pages, individual member's "walls," sign-up sheets, etc. To see a Text Channel, click on the channel name. It

is possible to view Text Channels while inside a Voice Channel without leaving the Voice Channel.

**Voice Channels** (also referred to as "vc") have a megaphone symbol before the name. These channels can be used for voice chatting, video chatting and screen sharing. Members can only be in one Voice Channel at a time, but can still browse the Text Channels. Voice Channels may have a set number of members allowed to join with voice. Once a member activates video within a Voice Channel, the channel automatically puts a cap on the number of people who can join. The current cap is 25 members.

## "ISCA - Caricature.org"- ISCA Discord Server

The **ISCA Discord Server** is used as a community platform. It is open to all caricature artists, however some channels are exclusive to "Online" and "Professional" ISCA members. Find out more about membership [here](#).

## ISCA Discord Limited Access

**Limited access** is open to the public. The visible categories to the public are "Getting Started" and "Caricature BBQ."

## "Getting Started" Channels

**#read-me-first** Viewable to all, but only Board Members may post here. This channel is for rules, introduction, and information for the ISCA Discord server.

**#announcements** Viewable to all, but only Board Members may post here. Look for community announcements and Caricature BBQ schedules in this channel.

**#help-desk** Viewable to all, and everyone may post any questions they have in this channel.

**#introductions** Viewable to all, and everyone may post an introduction of themselves in this channel.

**#reference-photos** Viewable to all and everyone may post photos of themselves to be used as reference for others to draw in this channel.

## "Caricature BBQ" Channels

**#bbq-table-chat** Viewable to all and everyone may post their drawings or communicate about Caricature BBQ in this channel.

**#self-promote** Viewable to all and everyone may post only their websites and social media pages.

**BBQ Table 1** Viewable to all and everyone may join with voice. This channel may have up to 99 members with voice at a time. However the video cap will be enacted if a member activates their camera.

**BBQ Table 2** Viewable to all and everyone may join with voice. This channel may have up to 25 members at a time.

## ISCA Discord Full Access

The **Full Access** categories are visible for Professional ISCA members only. The categories are "ISCA Members Full Access," "Merch Booths" and "ISCAcon29 Archive."

## "ISCA Members Full Access" Channels

**#pro-member-resources** Viewable to Professional ISCA members, however only Board Members may post here. This channel is a list of Discord resources and benefits for Professional ISCA members.

**#general-chat** Viewable to Professional ISCA members and everyone may chat or communicate about ISCA in this channel.

**#show-us-what-you-got** Viewable to Professional ISCA members and can use this channel to show off what they do — caricature or otherwise.

**#con-memories** Viewable to Professional ISCA members and can use this channel to post convention moments past or present.

**Studio A** Viewable to Professional ISCA members and can use this channel to voice or video chat. This channel has a 25-person limit.

**Studio B** Viewable to Professional ISCA members and can use this channel to voice or video chat. This channel has a 10-person limit.

**Studio C** Viewable to Professional ISCA members and can use this channel to voice or video chat. This channel has a 5-person limit.

## "Merch Booths" Channels

**"Merch booths" channels** are designated for current sponsors of ISCA. These channels are viewable to Professional ISCA members. These channels are subject to change.

## "ISCAcon29 Archive" Channels

**#announcements** Viewable to Professional ISCA members, however only Board Members may post here. This channel was used for community announcements during the conference.

**#new-videos** Viewable to Professional ISCA members, however only Board Members may post here. This channel was used for posting videos for events during the 2020 conference and will be updated for the 2021 conference.

**#throwback-videos** Viewable to Professional ISCA members, however only Board Members may post here. On this channel you'll find videos from various spots in ISCA history, including selections from past ISCAcon speakers, *Exaggerated Features* articles and 2020's #DrawnTogether2020 event.

**#rules** Viewable to Professional ISCA members, however only Board Members may post here. This channel was used for competition rules during the 2020 conference and will be updated for the 2021 conference.

**#schedule** Viewable to Professional ISCA members, however only Board Members may post here. This channel was used for schedules during the 2020 conference and will be updated for the 2021 conference.

**#award-categories** Viewable to Professional ISCA members, however only Board Members may post here. This channel was used to list award categories during the 2020 conference and will be updated for the 2021 conference.

**#studio-piece-competition** Viewable to Professional ISCA members. This channel was used for the studio piece competition during the 2020 conference and will be updated for the 2021 conference.

**#published-commercial-work-contest** Viewable to Professional

ISCA members. This channel was used for the published commercial work contest during the 2020 conference and will be updated for the 2021 conference.

**#comic-covers** Viewable to Professional ISCA members. This channel was used for the comic cover mini contest during the 2020 conference and will be updated for the 2021 conference.

**#facebook-competition-finals** Viewable to Professional ISCA members. This channel was used for the Facebook competition during the 2020 conference and will be updated for the 2021 conference.

**#likeness-competition** Viewable to Professional ISCA members. This channel was used for the Likeness competition during the 2020 conference and will be updated for the 2021 conference.

**#postcard-exchange** Viewable to Professional ISCA members. This channel was used to show off and exchange members' postcard art during the 2020 conference.

**#attendees-and-wall-numbers** Viewable to Professional ISCA members, however only Board Members may post here. This channel was used to list attendees and wall numbers during the 2020 conference.

## Discord Tips and Tricks

### How to turn off notifications for specific categories, or channels.

To mute a category or channel, right click the name, select/hover over "Mute Category/Channel". Mute for 15 minutes, 1 hour, 8 hours, 24 hours, and "Until I turn back on." Use this feature to minimize notifications. The server can also be muted in the same way by right clicking the server logo on the left hand menu.

### Need more help? Look for online Moderators.

The server members are listed in a menu on the right hand side. Look for members under the "Moderator" label. Green dot = online, Yellow crescent = away, Red circle = Do Not Disturb. Message an online mod by right clicking their name, click message and a direct message will open.

### How to mute and deafen during voice chatting.

Under the category, and channel menu there is a bar with a microphone, and headphones. Clicking the microphone will mute you, a red line will appear over the icon when muted. Click again to unmute. Clicking the headphones will "deafen" (silence the channel, and mute you), a red line will appear over the icon when deafened. Click again to undefen.

### How to turn individual users voices up or down in voice chat.

A list of in chat users is under the voice chat channel name, right click the user, use the slider under "User Volume" to adjust their volume. These changes are independent for every user. ef