

# Privacy Policy for Step Wars

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## Introduction

Welcome to **Step Wars**. This Privacy Policy explains how we collect, use, and protect your information when you use our fitness gaming app.

By using Step Wars, you agree to this policy. If you disagree, please do not use our app.

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## 1. Information We Collect

### Personal Information

- **Account Data:** Name, email, and profile picture (via Google Sign-In)
- **Device Data:** Device model, OS version, unique identifiers

### Health & Fitness Data

- **Step Count Only:** We collect step count data from your device's pedometer to power our gameplay
- **Activity Recognition:** We detect when you're walking to count steps accurately

***Important:** We **ONLY** access **Step Count** data. We do **NOT** collect heart rate, blood pressure, sleep data, or any other health metrics.*

### Game Data

- Battle history, scores, rewards, and achievements

- App usage, crashes, and performance data for improvements

## What We Don't Collect

- Precise location data (only approximate country/region for analytics)
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## 2. How We Use Your Data

### Core Functionality

- **Real-time step tracking** during battles
- **Score calculation** with multipliers (1.5x, 2x, 3x)
- **Account management** via Firebase Authentication
- **Reward distribution** based on battle outcomes
- **Background tracking** to count steps continuously

### Communication

- Push notifications for battle invites, results, and updates
- Customer support responses

### Improvements

- App stability monitoring and bug fixes
  - Usage analytics (Clarity Flutter, Firebase Analytics)
  - New feature development
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## 3. Data Sharing

We **do not sell** your data. We share information only with:

### Service Providers

- **Firebase/Google:** Authentication, database, messaging, analytics
- **MongoDB/AWS:** Backend storage
- **Google Play Games:** Leaderboards and achievements

## Legal Requirements

We may disclose data when required by law or to protect our rights.

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## 4. Security & Storage

- **Cloud Storage:** Firebase (Google Cloud) and MongoDB (AWS)
- **Local Storage:** Cached data on your device (SharedPreferences)
- **Encryption:** All data transmission uses HTTPS/TLS
- **Access Control:** Restricted to authorized personnel only

While we use industry-standard security, no system is 100% secure.

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## 5. Data Retention

- **Active accounts:** Data retained while your account exists
  - **Deleted accounts:** Data deleted within 30 days
  - **Battle history:** May be retained for analytics and fraud prevention
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## 6. Your Rights

- **Access & Update:** Manage your profile in app settings
  - **Delete Account:** Email us at [stepwars2025@gmail.com](mailto:stepwars2025@gmail.com)
  - **Opt-Out:** Disable notifications in device or app settings
  - **Data Export:** Request a copy of your data anytime
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## 7. Children's Privacy

Step Wars is not for children under 13. We don't knowingly collect data from children. If we discover such data, we'll delete it immediately.

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## 8. Third-Party Services

We integrate with Google Sign-In, Firebase, and Google Play Games. Review their privacy policies:

- [Google Privacy Policy](#)
  - [Firebase Privacy Policy](#)
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## 9. App Permissions

Permission	Why We Need It	Required
INTERNET	Online battles and server communication	Yes
ACTIVITY_RECOGNITION	Detect walking and count steps	Yes
FOREGROUND_SERVICE	Background step counting	Yes
FOREGROUND_SERVICE_HEALTH	Health-related background service	Yes
POST_NOTIFICATIONS	Battle invites and results	Optional
WAKE_LOCK	Keep device awake during	Yes

Permission	Why We Need It	Required
	battles	
<b>REQUEST_IGNORE_BATTERY_OPTIMIZATIONS</b>	Reliable background step counting	Optional
<b>RECEIVE_BOOT_COMPLETED</b>	Auto-restart after device reboot	Optional
<b>SCHEDULE_EXACT_ALARM</b>	Precise battle timers	Optional

You can manage permissions in your device settings anytime.

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## 10. Health Connect Compliance

### Minimum Scope Policy:

- We request **Step Count data ONLY**
- No heart rate, blood pressure, sleep, or other health metrics
- Step data is essential for our core gameplay:
  - Real-time battle scoring
  - Multiplier calculations
  - Win condition determination
  - Progress tracking
  - Reward distribution

### Data Minimization:

- We collect only necessary step data for active battles
- No historical data beyond recent activity
- Step data is never used for advertising

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## 11. Policy Updates

We may update this policy to reflect changes in our practices or legal requirements. You'll be notified via:

- In-app notification
- Push notification or email
- Updated "Last Updated" date

Continued use means you accept the updated policy.

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## 12. Contact Us

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We respond within 7 business days.

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## 13. Legal

This policy is governed by applicable laws in your jurisdiction.

By using Step Wars, you consent to this Privacy Policy.

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**Thank you for choosing Step Wars! 🚀**

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