

Jersey Line By Laws

Preamble

The Proud Boys is not a gang; it is a Fraternity. Although any Proud Boys coalition has no right to discipline, it does have the right to set minimum standards of conduct for the brothers in the Fraternity. It also has the right to impose collective discipline on chapters that fail to discipline their members due to lack of proper vetting and/or poor Sharia court procedures. Accordingly these By Laws shall govern all members and probationers of this this Jersey Line Chapter of the Proud Boys.

It is hereby declared and decreed that the purpose of the Jersey Line Chapter is as follows:

- (1) To promote and adhere to the Twelve Tenets of this Fraternity.
- (2) To foster and sustain loyalty to country and community
- (3) To aid and advance by all legitimate means the aspirations and endeavors of the Proud Boy Fraternity.
- (4) To foster the ideas and perpetuate the history and traditions of the Proud Boy Fraternity
- (5) To promote western culture
- (6) To encourage civic participation
- (7) To accept and support, without prejudice, the Constitution of the United States of America.

Article I

Minimum Standards of Conduct

Section 1: Proud Boy Law

- (a) No member shall violate these By Laws
- (b) No member shall assist another member in violating these By Laws
- (c) No member shall engage in any conduct, or become a member of any group, that would make him ineligible for membership of this Fraternity under Article VIII section 1 of these By Laws.
- (d) No member shall engage in sexual conduct with, or attempt to engage in sexual conduct, with the spouse, girlfriend, or boyfriend of any other member.
- (e) No member shall engage in any act of unlawful sexual conduct or sexual misconduct
- (f) No member shall cheat, steal from, defraud, or defame any member of this Fraternity.
- (g) No member shall abuse opiates, or opioids.
- (h) No member shall conspire with any other member to commit any criminal act against the laws of the state and country.
- (i) No member shall sell, use, or distribute illegal drugs at a Fraternity function.
- (j) Article VIII, Section 3 of the Proud Boys National By Laws states: “10th Amendment” Provision.

“Any matter not addressed by these By Laws is, by default, left to the discretion of the individual chapters with the intention that they operate as autonomously as possible.”

**Article II
Name**

Section 1: The name of the Fraternity is the Proud Boys. The name of this independent Chapter is *New Jersey Line* aka *Jersey Lin* (named in honor of the first New Jersey Regiment of the Revolution, the great Jersey Blue Line) herein, the Chapter.

**Article III
Purpose and Composition**

Section 1: The purpose of this Chapter is set forth in the preamble to these By Laws. We pledge to work within the boundaries, traditions, and laws of the Proud Boys Fraternity, and to sustain loyalty to country among all members.

Section 2: Composition of Fraternity

- (a) The Chapter consists of 2^o, 3^o and 4^o degree Brothers, 1^o and Probationers, admitted to the Chapter.
- (b) References in these By Laws to “Brothers” shall, unless otherwise specified or unless the context clearly requires otherwise, means persons who have completed the 2^o of the initiation. The term “members” in context includes all degrees.
- (c) The Chapter shall be geographically centered in North Jersey, and membership may include members from any geographical territory who remain in communication with the Chapter.

**Article IV
Organization and Governance**

[1] Organization:

Section 1: Per the National By Laws: (1) the basic units of the Fraternity are chapters of not less than seven members, and (2) each chapter shall bear a designating name which the Chapter chooses.

[2] Governance:

Section 2: Chapter and Coalition

- (a) The primary governing body of this Chapter is this Chapter’s Church meetings. This Chapter is a voluntary part of the New Jersey Coalition of chapters that mutually recognize each other.
- (b) The governing body of the Coalition is the officers of each of the member chapters: the President, Vice President and SAA of each respective chapter, meeting together in person or electronically.
- (c) The governing bodies shall adhere to the By Laws of the Proud Boys.
- (d) In the governing bodies a 2/3 vote must be achieved in order to move forward with any endeavor, civic participation, disciplinary action, including: Sharia, suspension, or expulsion of a member.

**Article V
Traditions**

(a) Creed: The Fraternity creed is “I am a western chauvinist and I refuse to apologize for creating the modern world.”

(b) Colors: The official colors of the Fraternity are black and yellow

(c) The Official Crest of the Fraternity is the weathervane and the laurels. The Official Crest of this Chapter shall be the Jersey Blue Line Drummer and Laurels.

(d) Song: The official song of the Fraternity is “Proud of your boy” The unofficial song of this Chapter is “By god, we’ll have our home again.”

(e) Dress code: The dress code for all Brothers of the Fraternity shall be a black polo shirt with two lines of yellow piping and laurels, long pants or jeans, and closed toe shoes or boots. Prospects shall dress in a causal manner. “No Colors.”

(f) Prohibited items: No Brother of the Fraternity shall wear open toe sandals, flip flops, fedoras, or cargo shorts at any Fraternity meeting or rally.

Article VI Church

[1] Opening of Chapter Church Meeting:

- (a) The President takes his respective position.
- (b) The SAA deems Church to have all Brothers in good standing accounted for.

- (1) The President calls Church to order.
- (2) Leadership and respective officers take their respective positions.
- (3) The President read the Church mandate and begins the Pledge of Allegiance.

[2] Suggested Order of Business:

- (a) Church called to order
- (b) Proud Boy Prayer
- (c) SAA checks credentials - all telephones off
- (d) Pledge of Allegiance/reading of mandate
- (e) Roll call of leadership and Officers
- (f) SAA calls for any Sharia
- (g) Old business report from VP
- (h) Recommendations for membership
- (i) Report from vetting officer on prospects
- (j) Voting on prospects by 2° and above
- (k) Initiation into 2°, if any
- (l) New business
- (m) Grievances
- (n) Adjournment

[3] Holding Church and Meet-Ups:

(a) The Chapter shall hold Church at such a time, place, and frequency as the President sees fit, but at least every 30 days. In general decisions at Church are by majority vote of the Members present.

(b) Under no circumstances shall any person who is not a Prospect or Member of this Fraternity be permitted at Church. A Meet-Up may include any persons compatible with the Purposes of this Chapter.

(c) Any Brother, Probationer or Prospect may at any time host or attend a Meet-Up. Such Meet-Ups are not Church and no voting regarding Chapter business is permitted.

[4] Conducting Church

(a) The form of Church shall be held in regards to Article VI section 1 of these By Laws.

(b) A Church meeting, sanctioned by the president of the Chapter is the only time official Chapter business can be voted on. In order to bring a matter to a vote, a 50% quorum of Brothers of 2^o and above must be present.

(c) When necessary the President may call an absent member who may participate by phone.

(d) It is strongly suggested, during deliberation of any topic being voted on, each brother has the information and opportunity to speak once.

(e) It is generally the responsibility of the President to conduct Church, and the responsibility of the SAA to maintain order.

(f) In situations that require urgent decision, the President has the right to conduct an emergency church virtually

Article VII Officers

Section 1: The President shall serve as chief executive officer of the Chapter, shall have general supervision and direction of business affairs of the Chapter. The President shall act as voice and face of the Chapter as a whole on matters of public concern.

Section 2: The Vice President shall serve as a link between officers, committees, and Brothers in general. The VP shall monitor the performance of elected and appointed officers, shall supervise the Chapter's objectives, and shall assist and fill in for the President when necessary.

Section 3: The SAA (Sargent at Arms) is the primary organizer of the accountability system within the Chapter. The SAA shall maintain order and ensure proper procedures and rituals of the Fraternity, and shall be the chief mediator in any dispute resolution among Brothers.

Section 4: The Vetting Officers, appointed by the President, shall be responsible for speaking with prospects through telecommunications, meeting in person, and overall assessing the prospect. The Vetting Officer shall give his assessment after a three-month waiting period, at which time a vote will be had to promote the Prospect to 1^o.

Section 5: Vetting Process for Prospects

(a) The President shall appoint the Vetting Officer(s) and a Vetting Committee to design and conduct the Vetting Process. The Vetting Committee shall determine the appropriate background checks required.

(b) The Vetting Committee shall consist of the Vetting Officers and a minimum of two Brothers steadily active for six-months. Measures shall be taken to protect the personal information of the brothers in this chapter.

Section 6: The Treasurer, appointed by the President and removable by him, shall be responsible for the collection of dues, donations, travel costs and overall expenses for the Chapter.

Section 7: Election of Officers

(a) Brothers who seek election for President, Vice President, and/or SAA must personally stand for election or be nominated by another Brother at a Church meeting. The Candidate must inform the Chapter at least 30 days before the election is scheduled.

(b) The elections for the Chapter shall be held at a duly called Church as close as practical to 19 November of each year (St. Kyle's Day).

(c) The President, Vice President and SAA shall be elected for a term of one year, and until their successors are duly elected. An officer may stand for re-election.

(d) Only 2^o, 3^o or 4^o Brothers accepted into the Chapter who have been steadily active for 6 months are eligible to vote in elections. A determination of eligibility by the Three Officers may be appealed by a majority of the Brothers present.

(e) To win an election, a candidate must receive an absolute majority of the vote, with all Brothers voting yay or nay. In the event that an absolute majority is not reach, a run-off of the top two candidates shall occur. In the event of a tie the election shall be decided by 2/3 vote of the three most senior members who themselves are not candidates.

Article VIII Membership

Section 1: Eligibility

To be eligible to be a member of this Chapter, the individual must be a United States citizen, born male, believe western culture is the best, and not discriminate against race, color, creed, ethnicity, sexual orientation, religion or national origin.

Section 2: Degrees

(a) Prospects: Prospects are persons accepted into the Vetting Process by the Vetting Committee. They may attend Meet-Ups when invited. The Vetting Committee, after a minimum of three months, may recommend to a Church that a Prospect is eligible to receive his 1^o.

(b) A 1^o Member is accepted by approval at Church, after receiving a recommendation from the Vetting Committee, shall be permitted to attend Church, Meet-Ups, BBQs, events and rallies. At no time is a 1^o to wear a PB "Perry". Black and yellow clothing is allowed, and other Proud Boy apparel is acceptable when with any 2^o or above Brother.

(c) A 2^o Member is accepted by approval at Church and Initiation. He is a Brother for Life. To be eligible for the 2^o a member must be active in the Chapter for a period of six months, be in good standing with the Brothers of this Chapter, and show loyalty to the Fraternity.

(d) A 3^o Member is accepted by approval at Church and becomes eligible by working for the Chapter. Such as: (1) setting up events that forward the Chapter, (2) attending events and rallies that are conducive to the welfare of our communities, state and country, (3) being available to uplift and help a Brother in need. Upon being accepted as 3^o he will be eligible for the "Proud Boy" tattoo, in the correct font allowed by the Fraternity. Upon the unanimous recommendation by the Officers at a Church this Degree is conferred by 2/3 vote of the Brother present.

(e) The 4^o is purely honorary in nature. It symbolizes a formal recognition of material sacrifice or service by a Brother. The sacrifice or service may be for the Fraternity, this Chapter, Coalition, a Brother, or for our community or country. Upon the unanimous recommendation by the Officers at a Church this Degree is conferred by 2/3 vote of the Brother present.

Article IX Rites of Initiation

Section 1: Rites of Initiation

(a) (1) A Prospect may be approved by the Vetting Committee after receiving from the person a video in which the prospect (a) states his true and legal name; (b) states his desire to be a Proud Boy; and (c) recites the Fraternity Creed. (2) After a three month period and acceptance by a majority at a Church the Prospect shall be considered a 1^o Member.

(b) The 2^o of initiation shall follow this procedure:

[1] The 2^o initiation shall be fully explained to the 1^o. After an explanation of the 2^o, the Brother supervising the 2^o will ask the 1^o if he understands what is about to happen to him.

[2] Upon receiving an answer in the affirmative, the supervising Brother shall inform the 1^o that it is not the desire of any Brother that he suffer physical injury during the 2^o, but a possibility exists that he may be injured. He shall then ask the 1^o again if he understands.

[3] Upon receiving an answer in the affirmative, the supervising Brother shall inform the 1^o that upon completion of his 2^o, he will be a Brother for Life and shall ensure that the 1^o understands the implications of this fact (including his continued obligation to obey these By Laws).

[4] Once the 1^o has responded in such a manner as to ensure that the 1^o understands the 2^o and the implications thereof, the 1^o shall be surrounded by a minimum of five brothers, instructed to stand with his arms at his sides with his hands protecting his genitals, and to recite the Fraternity Creed together with the supervising Brother.

[v] Immediately after reciting the Fraternity Creed, the supervising Brother shall instruct to 1^o to name five breakfast cereals. At that time, the five brothers surrounding the 1^o shall begin punching the 1^o only in the arms and torso area of his body until such a time as he recites the names of five breakfast cereals. The supervising Brother shall count the cereals aloud and the punching shall immediately cease once either (a) the fifth breakfast cereal is reached; or (b) the 1^o indicates through words or actions that he is unable to continue and wishes to withdraw from the Fraternity. It is the responsibility of the supervising Brother to protect the 1^o undergoing his 2^o from serious injury.

VI. Immediately following the 2^o, the new Brother should get a hug from the supervising Brother and told “Welcome Aboard”. The same should then be done by all others who participated in the ritual of the 2^o.

Article X Discipline

Section 1: Discipline of Members

(a) **Authority.** The sole and exclusive authority, as well as the responsibility, for the discipline of members rests with the individual chapters. It is strongly recommended, but not required, that each chapter develop its own written “Proud Boy Sharia Court” procedures.

(b) Authorized Discipline. A Brother may be disciplined for violations of the National By Laws, of his Chapter's By Laws, or for a violation of state or federal law so grievous that a failure to discipline the brother would injure the name and reputation of the Fraternity, this Chapter or the Coalition.

(c) Ex Post Facto Discipline Prohibited. No brother may be disciplined for any violation of these By Laws, a chapter rule or bylaw, or other rules that occurred prior to the formal adoption and publication of said By Law or rule.

(d) Methods of Chapter Discipline. The following methods of discipline are approved for use by chapters of the Fraternity:

i. Reprimand. This is a formal warning under which a Brother is notified that he has violated the By Laws or other rules, and that further violations will result in additional discipline.

ii. Fine. Misconduct by a Brother may be punished by a Beer Fine or other fine. The amount of the beer purchased should be proportionate with the offense committed and the disciplinary history of the Brother.

iii. Probation. A Chapter Church may place one of its Brothers on probation for a period during which time the Brother's activities may be restricted.

iv. Suspension. A Chapter Church may suspend a Brother for a period of up to one year. During this time, the Brother may not purport to be a member of the Chapter and shall not be entitled to participate in any activities of the Fraternity. A Brother that is suspended is no longer considered to be in good standing with the Fraternity and may not transfer his membership to another Chapter.

v. Expulsion. The permanent removal of a member from a chapter by a 2/3 vote of the Brothers at a Church. A member who has been expelled may join another Chapter, if that chapter accepts his membership.

vi. Disavowal. This is the ultimate sanction for a member and results in permanent separation from the Chapter. The member is permanently removed. Upon imposing this sanction, the Chapter shall notify the Proud Boys of the name of the former Brother who has been disavowed and shall provide a concise list of reasons for the disavowal.

(e) Disciplinary Appeals. There are no appeals from Disciplinary Action taken by a 2/3 vote of the Brothers at a Church, except to apply to the Chapter for reconsideration. A 2/3 vote of the Brothers at a Church is required for a reconsideration.

(f) Conditional Suspension. Upon the unanimous decision of the Three Chapter Officers an automatic suspension may be imposed on a Member who is inactive for six months, failed to meet Chapter Church attendance standards or who failed to remain current on financial obligations to the Chapter. A majority vote of the Brothers at a Church reinstates the member.

Section 2. Voluntary Inactive Status

It is the policy of the Fraternity to accommodate members to the greatest extent possible. The Fraternity understands that it is possible that a brother could be placed in a position where his membership in the Fraternity could cause legal harm to the member or could be inconsistent with his legal obligations. For this reason, any member of the Fraternity who is a Brother may request that his Chapter place him on voluntary inactive status. A member seeking to return from voluntary inactive status must simply notify his prior chapter, or the president of any chapter to which he has transferred his membership, and pay, over a reasonable time, any then current dues or financial assessments of the Chapter.

Section 3. Good Standing

A Brother is considered in good standing unless he is suspended, expelled or disavowed.

Section 4. Privileges of Membership.

All brothers who are in good standing shall enjoy all of the privileges of membership granted by the By Laws. They may attend any meeting of any Proud Boys chapter. They may address, vote, and hold office in their home chapter. They may purchase and wear the name, insignia, and colors of the Fraternity. Sharia Court shall be held at a duly called Church, after notice to the Brother in question.

Article XI Sharia Court

Section 1. Initiating Sharia

In order to initiate Sharia Court proceedings three Brothers must be in agreement that there has been a violation of these By Laws, the National By Laws, or a violation of state or federal law so grievous that a failure to discipline the Accused Brother would injure the name, reputation or well-being of the Fraternity, this Chapter or the Coalition. These three Brothers shall submit their Accusation in writing to the SAA who will then move forward with Sharia Court proceedings at Church. The President or the Vice President shall serve as Judge of the Sharia Court.

Section 2: SAA as Prosecutor

The SAA shall act as the Prosecutor. It is his responsibility to gather all the evidence, present the evidence to the Jury and ensure that the proper Sharia Court procedures are followed. In the event there is a substantial conflict of interest the prosecutor may be replaced with a randomly selected Brother.

Section 3: Notices: First and Second Sharia

- (a) Upon receipt of a written Accusation the SAA shall provide a copy to the Accused Brother and give First Sharia Notice, specifying the Church meeting at which Sharia Court shall be held.
- (b) If the Accused Brother fails to appear at the First Sharia he shall be automatically suspended and given Second Sharia Notice, specifying that final Sharia Court shall be held at the next Church meeting, and the charges shall be heard by a Jury in his absence if he does not attend.
- (c) If the Accused Brother does not attend Second Sharia the SAA shall draw the names of the Jurors and proceed to present the case.

Section 4: Jury and Verdict

- (a) The Jury shall consist of an odd number of randomly selected Brothers (but at least 5). The name of each Brother present at the Church meeting shall be placed into a hat from which the Member subject to the Sharia Court shall randomly draw the names of the Jurors.
- (b) All witnesses shall swear before their Brothers to tell the truth.
- (c) The Jury shall hear all of the evidence, deliberate and determine its verdict by majority vote. The Jury shall, by majority vote, recommend discipline, punishment or remedy to the Three Chapter Officers who may accept the recommendation by majority vote or reduce the penalty.
- (d) The determination shall be presented to the Church meeting for final approval by majority vote of the Brothers present.

-End of By Laws-