The Blaze Membership Policy, Revision 2

BECOMING A MEMBER OF BLAZE INDICATES YOUR ACCEPTANCE OF THIS AGREEMENT DESCRIBED IN FURTHER DETAIL BELOW. IF YOU DO NOT ACCEPT THIS AGREEMENT, REQUEST A TERMINATION OF YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOW AND IT WILL BE REVOKED IMMEDIATELY. ANY CHANGES TO THIS AGREEMENT WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT LEAST 3 FULL DAYS IN ADVANCE.

1 . **General Requirements.** To become a member of Blaze you must meet the minimum requirements as follows. The minimum requirements require each individual to be a minimum of **14 years or older**, either male or female, and in a time zone of fewer than **8 hours** ahead of the United States and Canada Central Standard Time Zone (CST). A member of Blaze must also display a certain level of responsibility toward his or her actions (described in further detail in Section 3). **IF** this member is signing up as a developer wanting to contribute to Blaze's source code on GitHub, he or she MUST ALSO MEET THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED IN FURTHER DETAIL IN SECTION 4 AND ALSO:

- Fluency in either C#, C++, C (all is recommended)
- Fluency in web technologies such as HTML and CSS
- Strong self-esteem
- Having no criminal record prior to signing up
- Discord Account (optional)
- GitHub account (required)
- Basics of the Git content manager

2 . **Discord Policy.** The Discord Policy applies to ALL MEMBERS OF BLAZE.

Allowed and Disallowed Actions

- You may NOT promote a "Discord Server Member" without prior permission from one of the owners
- You MAY penalize anyone BELOW your rank as you see fit but NOT anyone ABOVE your rank.

Blaze requires a member to participate in A MINIMUM OF 70% of ALL EVENTS AND DISCORD SERVER ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS. If there ARE NOT ANY EVENTS within **72 hours**, members are advised to create one. Starting a chat with a "Discord Server Member" or a Blaze Member for a minimum of 10 seconds or creating a competition between "Discord Server Members" are examples of an event.

ANY PARTICIPATION BELOW 60% WILL BE SUBJECT TO TERMINATION.

Behavioural Policy

Blaze requires a member to exhibit a certain type of behaviour when interacting with colleagues, "Discord Server Members", and when posting content on ANY BLAZE OWNED PLATFORM. This agreement is further explained in Section 3 and will be subject to Section 5 upon breach.

3 . **Behavioral Policy.** You acknowledge and agree, that YOU WILL ABIDE by the following rules listed, described and provided down below. ANY MISCONDUCT WILL BE CONSIDERED AS A VIOLATION OF THESE RULES AND WILL BE SUBJECT TO TERMINATION (SECTION 5) OF YOUR BLAZE MEMBERSHIP.

When becoming a Blaze Member you WILL NOT:

1. Post ANY racist, offensive, vulgar, derogatory, disturbing, violent, illegal, adult/NSFW content on ANY PLATFORM OWNED BY BLAZE. This includes ALL CURRENT EXISTING AND FUTURE FORMS OF MEDIA.
2. You MAY NOT use ANY vulgar or inappropriate language, slang, or slurs in ANY BLAZE OWNED PLATFORM. This excludes abbreviations to a certain extent.
3. You agree and acknowledge to keep confidential AND NOT DISCLOSE ANY EVENTS, OCCURRENCES OR DISCUSSIONS WITHIN BLAZE OR ANY CONVERSATIONS WITH ANY BLAZE SOURCE CODE MAINTAINER ("Dev") TO ANY LIVING SOUL ON PLANET EARTH. You agree to DESTROY ANY COPIES OR BLAZE SOURCE CODE ONCE MEMBERSHIP HAS TERMINATED (UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED OR UPON SUCCESSFUL REQUEST). You also agree to NOT store ANY CONVERSATIONS OR DISCUSSIONS WITHIN BLAZE on any form of a retrieval system, on ANY FORM of a storage medium (current or future), including paper, tape, Hard Disk Drives (HDDs), Solid State Disks (SSDs), Compact Disks (CDs), Universal Serial Bus (USB) Drives, or in the cloud WITHOUT PRIOR PERMISSION FROM THE OWNERS OF BLAZE OR/AND DISTRIBUTE IT BY ANY MEANS. You MAY NOT RECORD ANY "Video Calls" WITHIN BLAZE AND MAY NOT STORE IT IN ANY FORM OR BY ANY MEANS OR/AND DISTRIBUTE IT WITHOUT PRIOR PERMISSION FROM THE OWNERS OF BLAZE.

YOU MAY NOT REVEAL OR DISTRIBUTE ANY PACKAGES that have not been published OR are in the to-be-published list as yet without prior permission from either the owners or "Head of Development"

4 . **Code Policy.** This may only apply to you if you are signing up as a Blaze Source Code maintainer. IF you are NOT signing up as a developer, you may skip this section.

Open Source Requirement.

1. All Blaze source code is open-source software and it is **expected** of all devs to comply with this by making ALL **OFFICIAL** SOURCE CODE PERTAINING TO BLAZE AVAILABLE to the public by publishing it on the Blaze GitHub page unless a valid reason is stated or unless the dev is part of a division. IF PERMITTED, the dev may be excused from publishing his or her code BUT STILL MUST MAKE ALL CODE AVAILABLE to the owners of the Blaze Codebin to freely access as a minimum requirement (unless otherwise stated). FAILURE TO ABIDE BY THESE RULES WILL CONSTITUTE AS A VIOLATION AND WILL BE SUBJECT TO TERMINATION (SECTION 5).
2. Contrary to the first statement given, if the member of Blaze is of rank "**Developer**", he or she has the additional freedom to release code as either proprietary or open-source given that he or she either is releasing it under a division that he or she owns or has permission from the division owner.
3. ***Name Calling and Defamation of Colleagues.*** Please refrain from casting hate and defamatory names upon your colleagues. Defaming a developer of Blaze WILL BE CONSIDERED A VIOLATION AND BREACH TO THIS ENTIRE AGREEMENT AND WILL BE SUBJECT TO TERMINATION (SECTION 5).

The Blaze Codebin.

Each piece of code created within Blaze is a part of the Blaze Codebin. The Blaze Codebin is a way of representing all code created within Blaze. Whether the code is created within a division or not the code created is still part of this codebin.

Blaze Divisions.

- If a member of Blaze decides to contribute to Blaze by creating something new but is unsure about creating it as an official product, he or she has the authority to go about doing this by starting a "Division" given that the member of Blaze is of rank "**Developer**" and has made a "**Provision Request**" to the owner of the Blaze Codebin.
- Blaze Divisions are a part of the Blaze Codebin. So it is expected that all code created within the Blaze Divisions be uploaded to a **separate GitHub organization**. This organization **DOES NOT HAVE TO BE THE BLAZE ORGANIZATION**.

Provisioning a Division.

1. The first step in the process of creating a Blaze Division is creating a provision request by following [this link](#) or directly contacting the Blaze Codebin owner.
2. The format of this request **MUST** be as follows in order successfully receive a provision request:

 - Name of Division

 - Purpose of Division (1 - 2 paragraphs briefly explaining why this division should deserve and be allowed to exist)

1. After a successful response from the codebin owner, a GitHub organization must then be created. An invite to this organization must **also** be sent to the codebin owner immediately after creation. It is a requirement of the codebin owner must have **read-only access** to **ALL** repositories.
2. If any group chats are created, the codebin owner must also be able to see these messages.

*Failure to follow these instructions *WILL NOT* result in Termination but rather, a disowning of your division by Blaze.*

Minimum requirements.

To create a Blaze Division you must meet the minimum requirements as follows.

- Be a member of rank **Developer (Dev)** or higher
- Have a group of 3 people or more willing to join
- Code is released regularly
- The owner of the Blaze Codebin is given a link to join the GitHub Organization and group chatl (if any)
- The Blaze Codebin owner is given read-only access to all code

Who May Join a Division?

Anyone may join a Blaze Division. The people willing to join may be from any rank and do not have to be only people from within Blaze as long as they are willing to join. Of course, this is also up to the owner of the Blaze Division, as he or she is permitted to create and uphold as many rules and requirements to join as he or she wants.

5 . **Termination.** This entire agreement will be considered effective upon you successfully becoming a member of Blaze and shall continue to be effective upon termination by either party. You may terminate this agreement at any time by contacting an owner and requesting the termination of your Blaze Membership. Blaze reserves THE RIGHT (OR ALL RIGHTS) to terminate or suspend your membership at any time and for any reason; even if it is not stated in this agreement; or upon breach of any term hereof. Upon termination by Blaze, you agree to hand over ownership of all software and repositories and destroy all copies of ANY Blaze Source Code

that you previously owned and produced (this includes computer programs such as bots, hacks and desktop or mobile applications). You may have the choice to not destroy the code if it has already been published and made available to the public.

Policy Violations are a breach of this entire agreement and may be subject to termination upon command. Blaze uses a strike system as a goodwill measure to give flexibility to members. This strike system resets every **4 months** upon signup. The strike system is currently set to **4 strikes** till termination. Once exhausted, you will be subject to termination of your entire Blaze Membership.

Optionally, an owner may choose which action to perform (within reasonable limits) upon a Blaze Member who is awarded a strike for each Policy Violation. This may include awarding the unruly member with punishment or duty to perform, demotion or suspension. In some cases, termination may be acceptable.

6 . **Thank you!** Thank you for reading the Blaze Membership Policy! We hope you enjoyed reading it (if at all), and hope you will continue to enjoy all the benefits of being a member upon successful registration.