
Proton Blockchain Block Producer Code of Conduct & One Time Grant

Introduction:

This Code of Conduct establishes a set of guidelines and principles for Block Producers (BPs) on the Proton Blockchain. The purpose of this document is to promote ethical behavior, professionalism, and transparency within the Proton Blockchain community. By adhering to this code, BPs contribute to the stability, security, and growth of the network, fostering a healthy ecosystem for all participants. Additionally, BPs may be eligible for a one-time grant of 2 million XPR to help with operational expenses if they have been adhering to the Code of Conduct for the past three months.

1 Compliance with Legal and Regulatory Frameworks:

- 1.1. BPs shall comply with all applicable laws, regulations, and rules in their respective jurisdictions.
- 1.2. BPs shall not engage in any illegal or unethical activities, such as money laundering, tax evasion, or fraud.

2 Network Security and Performance:

- 2.1. BPs shall maintain adequate infrastructure and resources to support the Proton Blockchain network effectively.
- 2.2. BPs shall implement and maintain appropriate security measures to protect their nodes and private keys.
- 2.3. BPs shall regularly update their software to the latest stable version of Antelope (as agreed by the consortium or core developer) to ensure optimal performance and security.
- 2.4. BPs shall actively monitor and address potential threats to the network and promptly report any security vulnerabilities to the consortium via email



(consortium@proton.org) and the Proton Testnet Telegram Channel (<https://t.me/ProtonTestnet>)

2.5. BPs shall always maintain a Producer and basic API node.

2.6. BPs in the top 30 by rank shall maintain a testnet Producer/API node.

2.7. BPs may follow and implement any urgent and critical security measures recommended by the Proton Consortium.

3 Transparency and Accountability:

3.1. BPs shall provide accurate, up-to-date, and transparent information about their identity, location, and organizational structure.

3.2. BPs shall disclose any affiliations, partnerships, or conflicts of interest that may influence their decision-making as a block producer.

3.3. BPs shall maintain clear and accessible communication channels for stakeholders and other members of the Proton Blockchain community.

3.4 BPs shall notify the Proton Consortium if there is any security breach, suspected breach or potential breach that may significantly impact Proton blockchain community.

4 Participation and Governance:

4.0. Proton Consortium is the governance body of the Block Producers and Proposals on the Proton Blockchain.

4.1. BPs shall actively participate in the governance of the Proton Blockchain, including voting on proposals and contributing to discussions.

4.2. BPs shall consider the best interests of the entire Proton Blockchain ecosystem when making decisions or participating in governance activities.

4.3. BPs shall engage with the community in a respectful and constructive manner, fostering collaboration and inclusivity.



5 Fair Competition and Anti-Collusion:

- 5.1. BPs shall not engage in any form of collusion, price-fixing, or other anti-competitive practices.
- 5.2. BPs shall not manipulate or attempt to manipulate the BP voting process, including through the use of bribes, threats, or deceptive practices.
- 5.3. BPs shall not use their position or community to undermine other BPs or engage in malicious activities aimed at damaging the reputation of Proton Blockchain, the core developer Metallicus or other BPs.

6 Community Support and Education:

- 6.1. BPs shall actively contribute to the growth and development of the Proton Blockchain ecosystem by providing educational resources, technical support, and mentorship.
- 6.2. BPs shall support and promote community initiatives, projects, and events that align with the vision and goals of the Proton Blockchain.
- 6.3. BPs shall encourage diversity and inclusion within the Proton Blockchain community.
- 6.4. BPs shall not use their communities to foster negative attitudes and sentiment around Proton Blockchain or the core developer, Metallicus.

7 Enforcement and Reporting:

- 7.1. BPs shall be responsible for monitoring and ensuring their own compliance with this Code of Conduct.
- 7.2. BPs shall report any violations of this Code of Conduct to the appropriate governance body, either through public channels or confidentially, as appropriate.
- 7.3. Failure to adhere to this Code of Conduct may result in penalties or removal from the list of active BPs, as determined by the Proton Consortium.



By signing this Code of Conduct, you, as a Block Producer, attest that you have been adhering to these guidelines for the past three months and commit to upholding these principles moving forward. Your adherence to this Code of Conduct may qualify you for a One Time Grant of 2 million XPR, provided as an aid for operational expenses.

If you choose not to sign this Code of Conduct, it may be construed that you do not have the best interests of the Proton Blockchain in mind. This could potentially affect your standing within the community and may impact your role as a Block Producer.

Non-compliance with this Code of Conduct may subject you to review by the Proton Consortium. Repeated or severe violations could potentially lead to a vote among Consortium members about your removal from the Proton Blockchain network.

By adhering to this Code of Conduct, Block Producers on the Proton Blockchain commit to maintaining the highest standards of integrity, professionalism, and transparency, thereby fostering a healthy and thriving ecosystem for all stakeholders.

