

Björn Ætt CoC

Code of Conduct 2021

Björn Ætt Statement on inclusivity and stance on hatred, racism and internet violations of human rights

Björn Ætt is an all-inclusive organization focused on promoting religious, spiritual, and community aspects based on the influence of ancient Nordic, Icelandic, and Northern European culture. Björn Ætt does not reject other paths, nor do we require any members to follow any specific path. Björn Ætt recognizes the individualistic nature of all spiritual paths, thus embracing our diversity and welcoming the many different perspectives our members bring to the community.

Björn Ætt actively rejects all racist, bigoted, xenophobic or discriminatory actions, words (written and/or spoken), behaviors, and beliefs in any Björn Ætt function – both online and offline. Björn Ætt will not accept membership of/or ordain anyone who is currently associated with any organization or business that is known to be racist, white supremacist, or promotes hate. Anyone applying for a membership that are former members of these types of organizations or businesses will be subject to a higher amount of scrutiny to ensure their reformation via screening and interviews. Björn ætt will never partner with any kindreds, organizations, or businesses associated or aligned with racist, bigoted, xenophobic or discriminatory actions, behavior, or literature.

Members that misrepresent themselves about current or past affiliations with any organization or business that promotes, endorses, or engages in hate, racism, bigotry,

xenophobia, or discriminatory practices to gain membership or benefits of Björn Ætt will have their membership revoked. There will be zero tolerance of all hatred accepted by Björn Ætt in any function that we have control over online or in person.

Björn Ætt Code of Conduct

The Code of Conduct (CoC) is the rules by which all Björn Ætt activities will follow.

The following article is one body of rules divided by General Conduct and Social Media Conduct. The division does not separate the enforcement. If a rule within the General Conduct set applies to the Social Media Conduct set, it will be enforced as such and vice versa.

General CoC

1. Zero tolerance for racism, bigotry, xenophobia, or any other form of discrimination

including, but not limited to:

- a. Gender
- b. Gender identity
- c. Race
- d. Nationality
- e. Ethnicity
- f. Sex
- g. Sexual orientation
- h. Ability
- i. Age
- j. Faith

k. Creed

2. There will be zero tolerance for all forms of bullying.
3. Sexual harassment will not be tolerated by anyone at any time when Björn Ætt is involved.
4. We hold that all ideas that meet the criteria of the bylaws and Code of Conduct are valid and will be respected.
5. We do not have or know of a single “one right way” of being Heathen or the practice of any related religious/spiritual activities.
6. Personal conflicts that are not connected to Björn Ætt must remain outside of Björn Ætt. Personal conflicts that arise connected to any Björn Ætt event, and are not resolved quickly between the parties involved, will be addressed by Björn Ætt. If a solution cannot be found, possible consequences can include revocation of membership, suspension, or removal from the activity.
7. Profanity is not banned; however, we do ask that things stay as family-friendly as possible at the live events. Excessive profanity, lewdness, offensive, or rude behavior will not be tolerated.
8. No illegal activities will be tolerated at any Björn Ætt activities. Laws of the land take precedence during live events.

Social Media CoC

1. Zero tolerance for any posts, discussions, comments, memes, pictures, or any other form of a post that is racist, bigoted, discriminatory, xenophobia or disrespect towards other members the following categories (but not limited to):
 - a. Gender
 - b. Gender identity
 - c. Race
 - d. Nationality

e. Ethnicity

f. Sex

g. Sexual orientation

h. Ability

i. Age

j. Faith

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2. Björn Ætt has Zero Tolerance for cyberbullying, trolling, or cyberstalking.

3. Blocking admin/mods is a cause for being banned. If an admin or mod is creating a situation that makes you feel uncomfortable, please contact the High Drighton, or any member of the Council if the High Drighton is the person in question.

4. Björn Ætt, and it's Facebook group(s) are a community; therefore, topics do not have to remain Heathen/Asatru/Pagan relevant. All discussion topics are welcomed so long as the topic aligns with the bylaws and the Code of Conduct.

5. Please respect all members' privacy—no using personal pictures posted by other members without explicit member permission.

6. Advertising is not allowed except by the Chancellor of Affiliated Partners or with their permission.

7. No posting of pictures, memes, or any other images portraying illegal activity or drug use on Björn Ætt's social media platforms.

8. Björn Ætt has a zero-tolerance policy for any sexual harassment. Consequences will result in immediate removal from all Björn Ætt platforms and revocation of membership.

9. All ideas, UPG (unverified personal knowledge), or opinions on subjective matters will be treated as valid and with respect, so long as they meet the criteria of the bylaws and the CoC. Debates and discussion are encouraged but are to remain in frith and with respect.

10. We recognize that there is no single right way to be Heathen/Asatru/Pagan; all members

should respect one another at all times.

11. Personal conflicts that do not keep the frith will not be tolerated. You will be asked to take it to a private message board. If it continues, one or all parties will be muted.

12. Profanity is not banned, but it should not get excessive. Excessive profanity, lewdness, crude/rude behavior will not be tolerated.

13. All posts must be within the platform community standards.

14. Björn Ætt asks that the poster not delete any comments or posts if there is a violation until an admin has reviewed the post/comment in question. Only Admins and mods can turn off commenting features.

15. Banned topics

a. Political discussions that are not directly related to Heathenry/Asatru/Paganism

b. Racist remarks, debates, and conversations, symbols used by Nazi/Hate groups, any memes, pictures, comments that do not promote or support the idea that all humans are equal.

c. Any depiction of illegal activities (including drug use).

d. Björn Ætt reserves the right to add or remove items from this list at any time.