



Kleros Heated Juror Chit Chat

General rules

Conversations on social media platforms like Telegram or Discord are sometimes taken over by groups using toxic memes and negative language. Not only does this make many feel alienated from these spaces, but it is detrimental to the ability to have productive debates and collaborate as a community. The [juror chit chat](#) is a place where jurors can discuss and debate cases. Discussions can be heated but this doesn't mean people shouldn't be treated with respect.

These community rules serve one main purpose:

Committing to the principle of openness, and facilitating a free exchange of ideas in an environment of thoughtful discourse while understanding that discussions on controversial cases can be heated.

This community is committed to providing a friendly, safe and welcoming environment for all, regardless of gender, sexual orientation, disability, ethnicity, religion, or similar personal characteristic.

The following behaviors violate the code of conduct and will lead to progressive consequences (eg. escalating ban duration) from Kleros Moderated social media platforms:

- A. Threats of violence or violent language.
- B. Sexually explicit material or language.
- C. Discriminatory language.
- D. Scamming.
- E. Spamming.
- F. Impersonation.
- G. Invasion of privacy.
- H. Personal attacks.
- I. Harassment.
- J. FUD and other high negativity behaviors.
- K. Competition and sabotage.
- L. Off topic talks.



Detailed rules

Definitions

Language: For the purpose of those rules, any form of communication such as text messages, audio messages, videos, pictures and drawings. Handles, profile pictures and usernames are also considered as language.

Prohibited behaviors

The following sections list behaviors which are prohibited. Note that this channel is made to have more relaxed rules than other channels, so if some action falls “on the line” and there are reasonable reasons to ban and not to ban, jurors are invited not to ban.

Examples are given in italic.

A. Violence

Threat of violence and violent language creates a non inclusive environment likely to lead to a negative community experience and drive people away.

- Threats of violence, including against oneself or fictional characters.
Prohibited: “I’m gonna kill you.”, “If price doesn’t increase, I’m literally gonna commit suicide”, “I’m gonna fuck up Suzie so bad”.
- Violent language.
Prohibited: “Fuck you”. A drawing of someone committing suicide.
Accepted: “I’ll bite the bullet.” “Two birds, one stone.”

B. Sexually explicit

Sexually explicit material and language can be perceived very differently depending on people's culture and views on sexuality, ranging from enjoyment to a feeling of sexual harassment. Even people enjoying sexually explicit content may not enjoy it in all places such as a work setting or when browsing channels with others. In order to be the most inclusive, sexually explicit language and content is not allowed on this channel. People wishing to share Kleros related sexual content can do so in the [#nsfw-memes](#) channel of The Temple Of Kleros discord.

- Sexually explicit material.
Prohibited: A sex tape. An AI generated pornographic image.
- Sexually explicit language. For this the sex acts need to be explicit, simple mentions of sex are acceptable. Speaking about sex in a serious tone, such as discussing potential integration of sex-focused projects is also acceptable.
Prohibited: “Guys! Tonight my girl is gonna welcome me on her knees and give me a good blowjob”.



Accepted: "I'm an old guy, I didn't have sex for years".

Accepted: Discussing potential integrations with Spankchain.

- Content about bodily fluids is treated similarly as sexual content.

Prohibited: "I'd really like for Alice to pee on me".

Accepted: "I'm back, I had to use the restroom".

C. Discrimination

Users should not be discriminated against based on some irrelevant characteristics. Recently some groups have tried to redefine "discriminations" such that it only applies to specific groups that they've selected. In those channels, all types of discrimination are prohibited and discrimination is to be understood in the wide sense of the term.

- Discriminatory language (such as but non exclusively: sexist, racist, homophobic, transphobic, ableist language).

Prohibited: "You fags know nothing." The 'Kill the Boers' song. "Black people are stupid".

A meme depicting a generic transexual person in a highly negative way.

D. Scamming

As there is a significant amount of wealth in crypto, crypto communities tend to attract people trying to take advantage of those. Techniques can range from trivial "send some money there and you will be sent more" to complex scamming schemes posing as legitimate projects.

- Attempting to illegitimately gain the assets of other users or promoting such schemes.
- Promoting scam projects such as but non exclusively: Get rich quick schemes, promises of returns without disclosed risk, pyramid schemes, ponzi schemes, rugpulls, projects where funds were misappropriated by the team.

Lawsuits can be an indicator of a scam but only if users/buyers (not a state or competitor) are the victims.

Good faith attempts to discuss potential integrations are not to be penalized even if the project is revealed to be a scam.

Prohibited: Alice promotes OneCoin as a way to get rich quickly.

Accepted: Alice proposes to make a Kleros bridge on Pulsechain and Tron.

Accepted: Alice talks about using tornado.cash.

E. Spamming

This channel is seen by a significant amount of people so it's important to make sure that people don't abuse the exposure which is provided.



- Posting a high number of messages within a short amount of time in a way which doesn't benefit the discussion.
Prohibited: Send 100 messages within an hour without a legitimate reason to do so.
- Posting the same message in a high number of telegram accounts.
Prohibited: Alice sends the same message to all crypto telegram accounts he is into.
- Posting a message only relevant for an extremely small set of users.
Prohibited: Alice sends a private message to Bob. As Bob doesn't respond immediately, she writes in the channel "Please Bob, check pm".

F. Personal attacks

This channel should be a welcoming environment where thoughtful discourse is encouraged. Personal attacks go against that. They create an unwelcoming environment for users.

- Insulting other users.
Prohibited: "You are so stupid".
- Calling users in ways they specifically rejected.
Prohibited: Alice calls Bob "Bro", on which Bob responds "I'm not your bro, please just call me Bob". Alice continues to call Bob "Bro".
- Wishing bad things to other people. Public figures who engaged in significant acts of violence leading to death, torture or rape are excluded from the application of this rule.
Prohibited: Alice wishes for Bob to get cancer.
Accepted: Alice wishes for Abu Hafs al-Hashimi al-Qurashi (ISIS leader) to die.
- Derogatory comments. Unless those are done in "self-defense". For self-defense to apply, the comments need to have been made immediately in response to a user violation, be proportionate and not violate any other rule.
Prohibited: "If ignorance is bliss, you must be the happiest person on the planet." "I haven't spoken to you. If I wanted to hear your opinion I would have called you."
Prohibited: Alice insults another user. A day after the fact, Bob discusses her behavior and indicates that "it's a typical behavior of low IQ people like Alice".
Prohibited: Alice insults another user. Bob insults her back.
Accepted: After Alice insulted another user, Bob asks her to "touch grass".

G. Impersonation

Impersonating people causes confusion and can be used to take advantage of someone's status to paint events in a false light or take advantage of people believing they are interacting with the legitimate person.

- Impersonating another person by copying their avatar, posting content under their email address, intentionally using a deceptively similar username or otherwise posing as someone else.
Prohibited: Alice joins with the @Federic0Ast1 handle.



H. Invasion of privacy

People should have a right of privacy, they should be allowed to decide what they want to reveal and what they don't want to reveal.

- Doxing and invasion of privacy: posting other people's personal information, such as phone numbers, private email addresses, wallet addresses, physical addresses, credit card numbers, Social Security/National Identity numbers, or passwords. Information which has been made public by the victim is allowed unless the victim has specifically taken some steps to remove this information or indicate his/her wishes for it not to be divulged anymore.

Prohibited: Alice posts the address of a team member without legitimate reason.

Accepted: Alice posts a picture of the Kleros team visiting a museum, while the team is still there.

- Depending on the context, such as in the case of intimidation or harassment, other information, such as photos or videos that were taken or distributed without the subject's consent, may be considered to be an invasion of privacy, especially when such material presents a safety risk to the subject.

Prohibited: Alice posts a set of pictures of a team member taken without his consent nor knowledge.

I. Harassment

This chat should be a welcoming environment for everyone. People shouldn't fear talking to the group. Small disagreement, petty slights and one-time incidents do not constitute harassment. But conducts creating a hostile, intimidating or offensive environment for the victim are not allowed.

- Repeatedly targeting an individual with the intention to annoy, threaten, or demean the victim. For cases of harassment, individual messages may not need to have broken a rule but taken together should show a pattern constituting harassment. If a related ban has already been issued, a single message may be sufficient for another harassment violation.

Prohibited: After Bob disagreed with Alice. Alice starts to attack all Bob's actions and messages. She writes a significant number of negative messages about Bob over the course of multiple days.

Accepted: Alice disagrees with an action taken by Bob and debates why for a few hours.

- Creating obviously wrong reports for the purpose of annoying the individual or silencing him during the optimistic ban period. For this penalty to apply the report must be obviously wrong (if there are some arguments, even if those are far fetched, this wouldn't constitute prohibited behavior). Good faith reports done when the reporter is mistaken about a meaning of some language, the terms of the policy or the application of the policy do not constitute prohibited behavior.

Prohibited: Alice reports the message "A lot more people are staking those days".

Accepted: Alice reports an image that she believes to constitute violence even if there



was already a case where such image was reported and the report was rejected.
Accepted: Alice reports a message containing the word “Niger” (a country) that she mistook for a racial slur.

J. FUD

Fear Uncertainty and Doubt. FUD is a manipulative propaganda tactic often used against crypto projects and participants. Here a balance should be reached between freedom of speech and resisting attacks by malicious actors. A small amount of negativity, frustration or disappointment is acceptable. But repeated and sustained attacks can create an unwelcoming environment and break communities.

- Trying to influence public perception by disseminating negative, dubious or false information. For this behavior to be sanctioned it needs to be done either: repeatedly, in a sophisticated manner or with objectively provably wrong information.
Prohibited: Alice brings a complaint, after his complaint is answered, she brings another one, and so on.
Prohibited: Alice drafts a 3 page document whose main purpose is to paint Kleros in negatively light and strike fear.
Prohibited: Alice claims that Bob is currently being sued for fraud. Bob provides the court decision showing the lawsuit is over and he won.
Accepted: Alice comments that Kleros is likely to fail.

K. Competition and sabotage

Kleros communities are open and this also means that people who do not wish the best for the project may try to use its channels in a way to harm it. This channel definitely has a “pro-Kleros” editorial policy.

This shouldn't prevent respectfully engaging with competition, criticism and alternatives. But people whose primary goal is to hurt Kleros or favor a competing product are not welcomed in the group.

- Coordinated attempts to hurt the Kleros project, team or community.
Prohibited: Alice, Bob and Carl organize themselves in order to post negative content in response to most posts in the group.
- Sustained attacks against the project, team or community.
Prohibited: After disagreeing with a Kleros decision, Alice starts spending her time responding negatively to everything which happens in the chat.
Accepted: After disagreeing with a Kleros decision, Alice explains why she thinks it was wrong and how Kleros policies should be changed to make next decisions more fair.
- Bringing a large number of people to the telegram with malicious intent.
Prohibited: A youtuber makes a video “Why Kleros is bad” and in the comments post a link to the telegram group inviting followers to “tell it loud there”. A large number of people join the telegram to make negative posts (in this case both the youtuber, if he is in the channel, and the followers posting negative posts broke the rules).



- Promoting competitor projects. Note that good faith discussion on pros and cons of projects is acceptable. Promotion of forks of Kleros done through the forking mechanism is acceptable.

Prohibited: Alice wants to create a Kleros competitor. She shares the project in the group inviting people to use it instead of Kleros.

Accepted: Alice discusses the pros and cons of Kleros VS Augur.

Accepted: After a contested US election, Kleros ruled that Biden had won the election. A group of Trump supporters decide to fork Kleros removing the stakes of people who voted that Biden won the election and advertise it in the channel.

L. Off topic

This is a channel to discuss Kleros cases, for other topics users are invited to use the appropriate channels such as the [trading group](#), the [complaint channel](#) and the [main channel](#).

- Continuing to talk about the price of PNK after being asked to stay on topic. Talking about potential price impact of Kleros rulings is fine but speculation and “Bull/Bear” talks are not.

Prohibited: Alice says “It’s gonna moon soon!”, Bob invites her to talk about price on the trading channel, she continues “But I’m telling you it’s gonna moon, that’s more important for your holdings than this case!”

Accepted: “This is an important case for Kleros and if it isn’t ruled properly, it may affect PNK price”.

- Continuing to make complaints, not linked to a specific case, after being told to continue on the complaint channel.

Prohibited: Alice voices some complaints about the speed of development of a project integrating Kleros. She continues after being asked to go to the complaint channel.

Accepted: Alice complains that jurors are voting incorrectly on a case.

- Continuing to talk on a topic which is not linked to a particular case after being informed that this discussion is off-topic. Discussing specific Kleros topics in the light of a particular case is allowed. General information for the jurors posted by Kleros team members is acceptable.

Prohibited: Alice talks about a PNK airdrop. Bob informs her it’s off topic. She continues to talk about the airdrop.

Admin actions

Channel administrators shouldn’t ban people for behaviors which are not “obvious violations” but use Suzie like everyone else. However they are still able to directly perma-ban without Suzie for the following behaviors:

- Vandalism: Messing up switch stuck messages, messing up with Suzie.
- Obvious spam.
- Posting of child sexual exploitation content.



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- Evading bans by using another account (in case the person being banned claims not to be an alt account, they can have a short video call with an administrator to be reinstated).