

Constitution

National Society of Blackjacks



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**NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
NATIONAL SOCIETY OF Blackjacks**

CONSTITUTION OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF BLACKJACKS

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Preamble

We, the members of the National Society of BlackJacks, in order to encourage, preserve and develop the highest ideals of the military profession as exemplified by the life of the General of the Armies, John Joseph Pershing, patron of this organization, in order to provide appropriate recognition of high degrees of military ability coupled with responsible citizenship of the United States among students receiving academic instruction on a high school level within our organization, and in order to fulfill the need of uniting the students through common bonds of activity, respect and brotherhood, do hereby establish this Constitution.

Article I

Section 1 – Name

This organization shall be known as the National Society of BlackJacks.

Section 2 – Symbols

The colors of this organization shall be black and gold. The symbol of the NSBJ can be found on the cover of this constitution.

Article II – Organization

Section 1 – General

This organization shall consist of the National Headquarters, its several Regiments, and of such high school-level units within each Regiment that possess a BlackJacks Charter issued by the National Headquarters.

Section 2 – National Headquarters

The National Headquarters is virtually staffed and will be charged with the responsibility of providing command, administrative, operational, and logistical support to the several Regimental Headquarters and Chartered Units of the National Society of BlackJacks, and to conduct the day-to-day business of the Society on a national platform.

Section 3 – Regimental Headquarters

Regimental Headquarters shall be established at such a time as practical and will be virtually staffed. All Regimental Headquarters are subordinate to National Headquarters, and this Constitution, the standard operating procedures of this organization, and all directives issued by the President. Regimental Headquarters shall not issue any directives, orders, by-laws or such documents that conflict with this Constitution or the standard operating procedures of this organization.

Section 4 – Charter Units

The location of the various Chartered Units shall be determined by the location of the unit's host institution. A BlackJacks Charter shall obligate a unit to abide by and enforce this Constitution, the standard operating procedures of this organization, and all laws and directives issued by the National Headquarters and President. Chartered Units shall not issue any directives, orders, laws, by-laws or such documents that conflict with this Constitution or the standard operating procedures of this organization.

Chartered units shall be entitled to initiate new members into the National Society of BlackJacks.

Units in Good Standing have paid their dues and are in compliance with Constitutional regulations, and Standard Operating Procedures and directives.

Units may be placed on probation if they are not compliant with regimental, national, or host institution regulations.

Units may be placed on suspension if suspended by the host institution, are on probation for one month, or are found guilty of violations of this Constitution.

Charter Revocation may occur for serious infractions, after a determination of the National Headquarters.

Section 5 – New Units

Any organization which is in accordance with this Constitution, the statutes of the National Headquarters, and which has complied with all requirements deemed necessary by the National Headquarters may, upon approval of the National President, be installed as a Chartered Unit of the National Society of BlackJacks.

Article III - Membership

Section 1 - Classes

There shall be three classes of membership within the National Society of Pershing Rifles:

1. Active membership shall be open to any individual enrolled in any high school-level institution, who is a JROTC cadet or Junior-High school student/ group member from a unit with a BLACKJACKS drill team, or Military Academy cadet, Members at educational institutions that do not have a BlackJacks Unit will report to the National President. All candidates should possess outstanding leadership characteristics and conform to the highest ideals of the National Society of BlackJacks and must complete an induction program controlled by a Chartered Unit of the Society, Any individual who has successfully met the criteria of his advisor or military instructor, the Chartered unit, and has not been terminated from the program will obtains active status in both the Chartered Unit and the National Society of Blackjacks. Upon being duly initiated in a formal ceremony prescribed by the National Headquarters, an active member in good standing shall be eligible to introduce motions from the floor, to speak in regard to any question, to make nominations for office, and to vote on any matter within the rank of their respective Chartered Unit. The same will be true for each active member with exceptions of nominations for office and voting, at all national conventions and assemblies.
2. Alumni: Anyone who has successfully completed a new member induction process, and has successfully graduated from the host institution, or has left for other than disciplinary reasons, shall be granted alumni status. Once granted alumni status and accepted from the individual in question, the member may no longer be granted active status within the National Society of BlackJacks.

3. Honorary: Honorary members may be initiated into the National Society of BlackJacks by a Chartered Unit upon approval of the National President, or his designee. Honorary members may not hold office or vote.

Section 2 – Standing.

Academic Requirement: To be inducted into BlackJacks, the inductee must meet the academic requirements of their Host Institution.

Good Standing: A member in good standing has met academic requirements and paid their dues.

Member Revocation: The membership of any active member may be rescinded by the Chartered Unit as an ultimate disciplinary action, upon approval of the National Commander. Further, an active member may be placed on probation, or suspension by their Chartered Unit according to their unit's established by-laws and/or standard operating.

Section 3 – Statement Against Discrimination

The National Society of BlackJacks does not discriminate in the selection of members or appointments. Discrimination is defined as denying individuals membership or appointment on the basis of a person's age, race, national origin, color, gender, sexual orientation, creed, handicap, or place of residence.

Article IV – The National President

Section 1 – Authority

The National Society of BlackJacks shall be under the authority of the National President, who shall be the custodian of the official seal, who shall choose and maintain a National Headquarters Staff capable of carrying out the business of the organization, and who shall possess such other authority as specified in the Standard Operating Procedures of the National Society of BlackJacks. The National President shall have the authority and express duty to carry out all policies deemed advisable by this Constitution and the PRG.

Section 2 – Election and Term

The President of the leadership Team shall be elected for a period of three (3) years by a majority vote, from the existing team leadership.

Section 3 – Removal

The National President can only be dismissed if they voluntarily resign or receive punishment relieving them of their Leadership position by the PRG.

Section 4 – Succession

There will be no limits as to the number of terms a P/R member on the leadership team can be elected as the President.

Article V – Finances

Section 1 – Dues

The National Headquarters shall have the sole authority to assess the Chartered Units of the National Society of BlackJacks for the purpose of providing an operating budget for the organization and its National Headquarters. Assessment shall be proportional to the number of active members in the Chartered Units at the time of assessment. Any changes in the amount/manner of dues must be approved by the National Legislative Body.

Section 2 – Reporting

The National Headquarters shall compile a detailed financial report each year, at the end of the fiscal year. This report shall be published by the National Headquarters and disseminated to the Chartered Units of the National Society of BlackJacks.

Section 3 – Fiscal Year

The fiscal year shall begin on 01 May and shall conclude on 30 April of each year.

Section 4 – Review

Portions or all of the National Headquarters' Financial Report may be discussed from the floor of any assembly for clarification by the National Headquarters Chief Finance Officer.

Article VI – Interpretation

Section 1 – Authority

The final interpretation of this Constitution shall be that of the National Headquarters.

When the National leadership team is not established, the President shall have the power to interpret these bylaws.

Documents subordinate to this Constitution shall be changed occasionally as required by the National Headquarters.

Section 2 – Amendments

Any chartered unit of the National Legislative Body may submit a proposed amendment to this Constitution. Any such amendments shall be submitted to National Headquarters. Two-thirds of quorum of the National legislative body will be required to approve a proposed amendment in order for it to modify or become a part of this Constitution.

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