RULES

The following rules are to ensure that the game is fair, so that each player has an equal shot of winning, and to keep the game free of influence from factors that are outside the game. Please read this document carefully, and contact the hosts if you have any questions, as we will not be explaining the rules again.

The activity rules are based on strikes: 3 strikes and you're out. However, in the event that you commit an egregious rule violation such as cheating, you will be immediately ejected from the game. There are no exceptions. **Do not cheat.** If you are ejected from the game in this manner, you will be forever banned from participating in an ORG hosted by any of the hosts.

Whenever someone receives a strike, it will be publicly revealed that that player has received a strike, but not the reason. If a nominated player or the HoH is ejected either for receiving three strikes or committing a severe rule violation, that week will be cancelled and the game will automatically skip to the next week. In the event that a player that is neither nominated nor HoH is removed from the game, the game will proceed as normal minus that player's participation.

RULE 1: COMMUNICATION -

Communicating with players that not in the game about the game is forbidden and will result in an automatic ejection from the game. If a player in the Viewing Lounge or Pre-Juror chat is found communicating with players inside the game about events within the game, they will be ejected from that chat and be banned from participating in future ORGs hosted by the hosts. If a juror is found communicating with players inside the game after they are voted out, they will be ejected from the jury and banned from future ORGs hosted by the hosts. To reiterate, **outside communication is never tolerated** and will not cause a player to receive a strike, instead resulting in automatic ejection and blacklisting. Please contact the hosts if you have any questions on what does and does not constitute outside communication.

RULE 2: CHEATING -

If it is brought to the host's attention that you are cheating / being suspected of cheating, we will investigate into the matter. Should you be found guilty of cheating, you will be automatically ejected from the game and permanently blacklisted. This includes getting help from a player not inside the game or submitting scores that you did not earn yourself / photoshopped. This also includes communicating with other players about challenges that you were supposed to complete individually.

RULE 3: SUBMISSIONS -

Once you submit, you cannot change your submission.

Submissions that require a screenshot must include your skype, the date, the time, the score you are submitting (so not your "high score", but the score you just received) - high scores will **NOT** be accepted if it is not the most recent score you have received.

If a player fails to submit in a competition, they will receive a strike. If they know they are unable to submit in time for a particular competition, they can let the hosts know. This will be known as **abstaining**. However, if they do this too often, they will receive warnings and possibly a strike.

Voting: You must vote if you are eligible.

Failure to vote before the deadline will result in a strike. You may change your vote as many times as you like as long as it is submitted before the deadline.

RULE 4: SCREENSHOTS/COPY PASTING -

Sending ANY screenshots and/or copy pasting logs from within your Diary Room is prohibited. Doing so will earn you an **immediate strike**. You are, however, allowed to **copy/paste or forge** Skype conversations with **other players**. Both copy pasted and forged skype logs must be in this format:

[9/1/17, 6:00:44 PM] Person A: Let's vote out Person C.

NOT this format:

On 9/1/17, at 6:00 PM, Person A wrote:

> Let's vote out person C.

The second, banned format can link to the account of the person who said it, making it possible to tell whether or not it is legitimate or forged. Copy pasting a log in this way will also result in an immediate strike. Screenshotting a conversation with another player in the game will also result in an immediate strike.

RULE 5: HATEFUL COMMENTS / HARASSMENT -

Big Brother is a tough game, both emotionally and mentally. Things get said and people get invested emotionally and sometimes, things are said with the intention to hurt. We, the hosts, understand that things get heated but if players begin to complain and hosts can outright see you being hateful towards other players, you will be given a **verbal warning** once. If you are reportedly still harassing users, you will then be given **one strike**. If we feel you have not learned from your prior warning and strike, we are allowed to eject you you from a game. Additionally, we will not tolerate any harassment or bullying based on gender identity, race, sexuality, ethnic origin, or other similar identities.

Overall, please be respectful of each other. Keep in mind that it is just a game. At the end of the day, the point of the game is to have fun, so try to make sure that your actions, both when you're winning and losing, are not ruining the fun for everyone else.

These are the current rules of the game. The hosts reserve the right to add or modify rules as the game progresses.