

Sortes Proposal Guideline

Official requirements for creating truthful and verifiable welfare proposals on Sortes

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Core principle

A Sortes proposal is a public commitment recorded on-chain and subject to community scrutiny. If your proposal cannot be verified in the real world, do not publish it.

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1. Purpose and Scope

This document defines the minimum information and evidence standards required when creating a Proposal on Sortes. Its purpose is to protect donors/players, proposal creators, and the broader community by ensuring proposals are truthful, specific, and verifiable.

Scope: This guideline applies to all proposals created through the Sortes proposal creation page (web and mobile).

Non-scope: This document does not provide legal, tax, or investment advice.

2. What makes a proposal 'verifiable' on Sortes

A proposal is considered verifiable when an independent third party can reasonably confirm: (a) who is responsible, (b) where and when the activity occurs, (c) how funds are used, and (d) whether the promised outputs were delivered.

A verifiable proposal includes all of the following:

- **Accountability:** a verified email and verified X account; optional KYC for higher trust.
- **Clear scope:** objective, quantified outputs, and timeline.
- **Transparent budget:** what you will spend funds on, with reasonable unit costs.
- **Proof plan:** what evidence will be published, where it will be published, and how often.
- **Privacy-safe details:** no unnecessary sensitive personal data.

If you cannot provide the above, keep the proposal as draft (Status = not visible) until you can.

3. Before you create a proposal (required verifications)

Proposal creators must complete the following before publishing:

- **Email verification** (required). Organizations should use an organization email domain.
- **X (Twitter) verification** (required). Your X account is the default public reporting channel.
- **KYC verification** (optional, recommended). KYC increases credibility, especially for larger targets or recurring proposals.

Do not publish proposals from anonymous accounts that cannot be contacted. If you are raising funds on behalf of a group, clearly state roles and decision rights.

4. Quick Start: Create and publish a proposal

The exact UI may vary by network or deployment. The steps below reflect the standard workflow.

- **Step 1** - Open Sortes and connect your wallet (example testnet entry: dev.sortes.fun/play).
- **Step 2** - Confirm your email and X account are verified.
- **Step 3** - Navigate to *Make Proposal* and complete all fields (see Section 5).
- **Step 4** - Keep Status as draft until your Description meets the template in Section 6.
- **Step 5** - Switch Status to **Visible** only when you are ready for public funding and scrutiny.

- **Step 6** - After publishing, post your proposal link on your verified X account and begin scheduled updates.

Figure 1. Proposal creation form (example)

Proposal Name

Save the forest

STATUS

Visible ☒

Receiver Address

0x10DCc6c027cFFCe945D5AF3255357fbf

Target Amount

1000

Liquidity Pool

wbnb × ↕


Prize Table

Super × ↕

Categories

General × Nature × ↕

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5. Field-by-field requirements

Every field contributes to auditability. Missing or vague information reduces trust and may lead to the proposal being flagged by the community.

| Field | What it means | Minimum requirement |
|------------------|--|---|
| Proposal Name | Public title of the proposal. | Specific, non-misleading, and scoped (action + target + optional location). |
| Status | Whether the proposal is public. | Publish only when Description is complete and verifiable. |
| Receiver Address | On-chain address that receives funds. | Must be controlled by the proposal owner (avoid exchange deposit addresses). |
| Target Amount | Total amount you intend to raise. | Must match budget breakdown and execution scope. |
| Liquidity Pool | Prize pool token used by the lottery mechanism. | Select a token with adequate liquidity for your target audience. |
| Prize Table | Prize structure / jackpot ratio settings. | Choose a setting aligned with your growth and engagement strategy. |
| Categories | Discovery and moderation label(s). | Select 1-3 relevant categories (avoid only "General" if possible). |
| Proposal Image | Cover image shown in discovery feeds. | Project-relevant image; no misleading logos; no private data. |
| Description | Your full commitment, plan, budget and proof method. | Mandatory: must include scope, timeline, budget, and proof plan (see Section 6). |

5.1 Proposal Name

Write a name that is immediately understandable to a stranger. Avoid vague titles and exaggerated claims.

- Recommended format: **Action + Target + Location/Scope** (e.g., "Plant 1,000 Trees - Community Reforestation").
- Avoid: "official", "guaranteed", "government-backed", or any implication of endorsement unless you can prove it.

5.2 Status

Status controls whether your proposal is publicly visible. Treat "Visible" as a commitment to public accountability.

- Keep proposals in draft until you can meet the Description Standard (Section 6).
- If you must pause or re-scope, update the Description and post an update on your verified X account.

5.3 Receiver Address

The receiver address is the on-chain destination for proposal funds. It must be auditable and attributable.

- Use a wallet address you control. Prefer a dedicated wallet for the proposal.
- Do not use an exchange deposit address (funds can be frozen or become non-auditable).
- If this is an organization proposal, prefer a multisig or treasury wallet; explain signers/controls in the Description.

5.4 Target Amount

Target Amount should be based on an explicit budget. If you cannot explain the budget, reduce the target or delay publication.

- Provide a simple budget breakdown (unit cost x quantity).
- If you will run in phases, describe phase targets and milestones.
- If the final amount raised differs from the target, explain how scope will adapt.

5.5 Liquidity Pool

Liquidity Pool defines the prize pool token used by the Sortes lottery mechanism. It can affect volatility, settlement, and user preference.

- Choose a pool that your target supporters are comfortable holding and spending.
- If your budget is denominated in USD, state how you will handle token price volatility (e.g., convert at receipt; convert at milestone dates).
- Avoid exotic tokens with low liquidity unless your proposal explicitly requires it.

5.6 Prize Table

Prize Table determines the prize distribution and the jackpot-to-pool ratio for the lottery mechanism (e.g., higher jackpot versus more frequent smaller prizes).

- Select a prize table aligned with your target audience and campaign style (community engagement vs. jackpot-focused).
- If unsure, use the default recommended by Sortes for your deployment/network.

5.7 Categories

Categories improve discovery and help the community understand your proposal at a glance.

- Select 1-3 categories that match the real-world activity (e.g., Nature, Education, Public Health).
- Do not use unrelated categories for visibility; it reduces trust and may trigger moderation.

5.8 Proposal Image

The proposal image is shown in feeds and social previews. Use it to communicate the mission, not to mislead.

- Use a project-relevant image. Avoid fake logos or claims of endorsements.
- Do not include private information (addresses, phone numbers, IDs) in the image.
- Use images you own or have rights to use. Images may be cropped to a square (512x512) and compressed.

6. Description Standard (mandatory)

Description is the most important field. It is the primary basis for community trust and verification.

A complete Description must cover the following sections. If any section is missing, your proposal is considered incomplete.

- **(A) Summary** - What you will do and why it matters (1-3 sentences).
- **(B) Outputs** - Quantified deliverables (e.g., 1,000 trees planted; 200 kits delivered).
- **(C) Location** - City/region + activity site description. Share GPS for public sites if safe; do not share home address.
- **(D) Timeline** - Start date, end date, and milestones.
- **(E) Budget** - Line-item budget with unit costs; include logistics and reporting costs if any.
- **(F) Execution plan** - Phases, partners/volunteers, dependencies, and risk factors.
- **(G) Proof plan** - Where and how you will publish proof (X threads, photos/videos, receipts, partner confirmations).
- **(H) Accountability** - Who is responsible, how to contact you (verified email/X), and how changes will be handled.

6.1 Copy/Paste Description Template

Copy and paste the following template into Description and fill in all brackets.

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(A) Summary
- Goal: [What will you do?]
- Why now: [Why is this needed?]

(B) Outputs (Quantified)
- Deliverable 1: [quantity + unit]
- Deliverable 2: [quantity + unit]

(C) Location
- City/Region: [ ]
- Activity site: [public site description / coordinates if appropriate]

(D) Timeline
- Start: [YYYY-MM-DD]
- End: [YYYY-MM-DD]
- Milestones: [M1, M2, M3]

(E) Budget (USD)
- Item A: [unit cost] x [qty] = [subtotal]
- Item B: [unit cost] x [qty] = [subtotal]
- Logistics: [subtotal]
- Reporting/Documentation: [subtotal]
- Contingency (optional): [subtotal]
Total: [Target Amount]

(F) Execution Plan
- Phase 1: [ ]
- Phase 2: [ ]
- Partners/Volunteers (if any): [ ]

(G) Verification / Proof Plan
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- Public updates: X @[handle] (frequency: [weekly/biweekly])
- Proof types: [photos/videos], [receipts with sensitive info blurred], [GPS/time stamps], [partner confirmations]
- Final report: [link or method]

(H) Accountability

- Receiver address ownership statement: []
- Contact: [verified email linked to this proposal] / [verified X DM]
- If fundraising is incomplete or plan changes: [how scope/budget will adjust; how you will notify]

6.2 Example: Improved Description (based on the 'Save the forest' mock)

Summary: Raise 1,000 USD to plant 1,000 native tree seedlings to restore a degraded public hillside area near my community.

Outputs: 1,000 seedlings planted and documented; 30-day survival check report published.

Location: Singapore (Orchard area). Exact planting site will be shared as a public GPS coordinate in updates (not a home address).

Timeline: Start 2026-03-01, complete by 2026-05-31. Milestones: seedlings purchase (M1), site prep (M2), planting days (M3), survival check (M4).

Budget: Seedlings $0.60 \times 1,000 = 600$; tools & soil supplies = 200; transport & logistics = 150; documentation/reporting = 50. Total = 1,000 USD.

Proof plan: Weekly updates on X @treeplanting with photos/videos, timestamps, GPS location, and receipts (sensitive info blurred). Final report includes before/after photos and expense breakdown.

Accountability: Receiver address is a dedicated wallet for this project. Contact via the verified email linked to this proposal or via my verified X account. If fundraising is incomplete, scope will be reduced proportionally and updated before spending.

6.3 Privacy note: do not publish home addresses

Avoid doxxing yourself or others. You may describe a general area and provide GPS coordinates for public sites when appropriate. Do not publish private home addresses, ID numbers, or other sensitive personal data in Description or in proof materials.

Figure 2. Example of overly sensitive location disclosure (avoid)

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You can also reach out to me at my email linked with this proposal for my information.

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7. Evidence and Reporting Standards

Publishing proof is not optional. Proof is how the community confirms outcomes and deters misuse of funds.

7.1 Minimum reporting cadence

- **Pre-spend update:** before using funds, publish your finalized plan and budget.
- **Mid-project update:** at least one update during execution (weekly is recommended for short projects).
- **Final report:** publish outcomes, photos/videos, and expense breakdown within 14 days of completion.

7.2 Accepted proof types

- Photos/videos with timestamps and clear context (before/after when possible).
- Receipts/invoices (redact personal data; keep merchant, date, amount, and item list visible when possible).
- Public GPS coordinates for activity sites (only if safe).
- Third-party confirmations (partners, NGOs, venue owners).
- On-chain transaction links (from receiver address to vendors or operational wallets).

If your proposal involves vulnerable populations (e.g., minors, medical situations), do not publish identifiable personal information. Use aggregated metrics and consent-based documentation.

8. Prohibited and High-Risk Proposals

To protect users and the protocol, the following proposal types are not allowed or will be treated as high risk:

- Illegal activities, regulated goods, or instructions to break laws.
- Misrepresentation or impersonation of organizations, governments, or public figures.
- Promises of guaranteed investment returns or profit-sharing from donations.
- Fundraising for hate, harassment, or violence.
- Any request that cannot be independently verified with reasonable effort.

9. Community review and enforcement

Sortes is built for transparency. The community may challenge claims or request additional proof. Proposals that are materially misleading, unverifiable, or suspicious may be flagged or hidden from discovery until corrected.

Best practice: treat every proposal as if it will be audited by a neutral third party.

Appendix A: Publish-readiness checklist

[] My email is verified and I can be contacted through it.

- ☐ My X account is verified and I will post regular updates there.
- ☐ Receiver address is controlled by me/my organization (not an exchange deposit).
- ☐ Target amount matches a line-item budget with reasonable unit costs.
- ☐ I provided a clear location (no home address) and a realistic timeline.
- ☐ I described execution steps, milestones, and key risks.
- ☐ I described exactly what proof I will publish and how often.
- ☐ I explained what will happen if the plan changes or fundraising is incomplete.

Appendix B: Glossary (short)

- **Proposal:** A public commitment on Sortes describing a welfare initiative to be funded and verified.
- **Receiver Address:** The on-chain wallet address that receives funds for the proposal.
- **Liquidity Pool:** The token pool used for lottery settlement and prize liquidity.
- **Prize Table:** A predefined prize distribution and jackpot ratio configuration.
- **KYC:** Know Your Customer identity verification to increase credibility.

References

Sortes documentation and public materials (for additional context): Sortes Whitepaper v0.8; Sortes One-Pager; Sortes Tokenomics Model (2025).