

**Society for the Preservation and Propagation of  
Barbershop Quartet Singing in the United States**

**CODE OF ETHICS**

The Society for the Preservation and Propagation of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in the United States (SPPBSQSUS) exists to gather men of good will and good character for the enjoyment of singing in informal settings everywhere. To that end we herewith set forth this Code of Ethics, with the goal of ensuring that the purpose of SPPBSQSUS is carried out in a manner consistent with that vision of fellowship, and that all men may band together as often as they wish, wherever they wish, to sing four parts in the style commonly known as Barbershop Harmony.

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Each member of SPPBSQSUS shall:

1. Treat all others with respect and courtesy while engaged in any activity as a member of SPPBSQSUS.
2. Conduct himself, musically and personally, at all times so as to reflect positively on him, SPPBSQSUS and Barbershop Harmony in general.
3. Respectfully acknowledge and support all other musical organizations.
4. Refrain from using his membership in SPPBSQSUS to his financial gain.
5. Be sensitive to the effects that his rendering of harmony may have on nonmembers.
6. Avoid the introduction of political, religious, or other controversial issues into the affairs of SPPBSQSUS.
7. Honor the songs, harmonies, and fun that brought our barbershop ancestors together.