

AMTGARD

SUPPLEMENT #16: CORPORA
VARIATIONS

Includes:

*Board of Directors Bylaws- (by Aramithris, Ariona, Gilos, Gwynne, and Tawnee): suggested corporate bylaws for the expanded Amtgard corporation as set down by the B.O.D. current through 9/89.

*Crown Qualifications- (by Nashomi, Aramithris, Tawnee, and Gwynne): format and procedures for Crown qualifications as they have been evolved for the first 7 years in the original Amtgard chapter.

*A modest proposal- (by Lynne Fletcher): one example of how intergroup rules changes could be integrated into the corpora.

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Editor's note- The reader may ask, why a supplement on suggestions for the corpora? Fact is that all 20 supplements will have to be replaced or revised with time. The point of producing these is to provide concentrated selections of whatever specific subject matter an Amtgarder or other interested reader may seek. The supplements are a service, and in general are intended to be educational in nature. With Amtgard rapidly expanding, and several individuals ignoring either previous oral agreements ("We're not changing the rulebook, we're just interpreting it-- the garb for a wizard is purple; the rulebook was confusing"), or worse, taking advantage of the loopholes in the old corpora, the need lay down the law on "stone tablets" has

become paramount. Many people know of my particular dislike for absolute rules, but then again, the laws of men were not made for, but to protect the responsible from the irresponsible. Sad that it is for these rules to become the battleground for selfish motivations, it is even sadder that a handshake and a spirit of comraderie will not suffice for Amtgard. Too many seem too willing to bring their "real world" into the club. So be it, we will have rules, the twisted alleys via which the wicked work for demise. If Amtgard is to prosper, we need to develop and encourage the best in people. That which we would make begins in us.

--Aramithris
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS - SELECTION AND TERMS

- I. The Board of Directors will have a total membership of seven (7). In order to be eligible for election onto the B.O.D. a club member must meet the following criteria:
 - A. One full year of club membership with at least thirty (30) weeks of attendance during that year.
 - B. The applicant must have been current in their dues for the above one year period.
 - C. The applicant must exhibit the capacity and willingness to travel to (B.O.D.) meetings.
 - D. The applicants may not, during the term of office, hold the position of ruler (Monarch, ruling Duke, ruling Baron, etc.) during their term on the B.O.D.
- II. Once a candidate has met the above criteria, the candidate develops and submits a resume, maximum of three pages, outlining their qualification for the position, both mundanely and within the club. These resumes would be printed, in the format in which they were submitted, in an "election catalogue". From these candidates a B.O.D. would be elected.
- III. Electors consist of all current or past franchised group rulers, consorts, and administrative heads (Prime Minister (or equivalent position)). Resumes must be submitted to the Coordination Officer no later than October 1. By October 15 all resumes must be stapled into the Election Catalogue and copies sent to all eligible voters. By November 15 all votes must be received. Votes must be clearly written designating the selection(s), the date on which the vote was made, signed, and notarized. The Coordination Officer must have the election results prepared for the late November B.O.D. meeting. New terms will commence on January 1 of the following year and the election of the (Board's) officers would take place at the first scheduled meeting of that year. In the event that there is a dispute over the eligibility of a candidate, the final decision of candidacy will rest with the B.O.D.
- IV. Terms are two years in length, with no more than two consecutive terms permitted. The terms are staggered, electing three, then four (members) on alternating years. At the end of each election the B.O.D. elects its own officers; all positions on the B.O.D. are for one year each, not to exceed four consecutive terms.
- V. B.O.D. officers may be removed with a unanimous vote of a quorum of Board members present at a regularly scheduled meeting. Members may miss no more than three (3) meetings and/or reports. Any member failing to meet these criteria will be dismissed by the B.O.D. President without a vote.
- VI. Election of the officers of the B.O.D. to be handled by the Coordination Officer unless that officer is seeking re-election in which case the President would handle the election. If both the Coordination Officer and the President were seeking re-election the President must appoint another officer who is not seeking re-election to run the election of B.O.D. officers.
- VII. Votes on agenda items will be accepted only from actual attendees. Members who cannot be present at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board may submit arguments to be read aloud to the meeting.

VIII.A quorum consists of a minimum of 3/4 of the total B.O.D. members. A quorum must be present at any meeting in order for items to be addressed.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS - RESPONSIBILITIES

I. Receive and monitor all of the kingdoms financial reports on a quarterly basis. Maintain a B.O.D. "operating funds" checking account not to exceed \$1,000.

A. B.O.D. Treasurer to receive and deposit all franchise fees received in a checking account. President of the Board to receive a quarterly report from the treasurer on the status of Board funds (to include income and expenses) such report to be included in the quarterly report to the rest of the Board members in the same quarterly basis and to the franchised kingdoms on a yearly basis.

Those empowered to sign checks for expenditures of B.O.D. monies should be:

1. Funds less than \$25.00 - President or Treasurer.
2. Funds less than \$75.00 - President and Treasurer.
3. Any funds more than \$75.00 - President, Treasurer and Secretary.

B. The Board shall retain the services of an accountant who will audit the B.O.D. financial records on a bi-yearly basis. Such reports will be furnished to all B.O.D. members twice yearly and to franchised kingdoms on a yearly basis.

C. Board funds may be utilized for:

1. Printing and mailing expenses.
2. Payment for accountant's fees.
3. Payment for attorney's fees.
4. Research fees.
5. Subscription fees to appropriate publications which would serve the interests of the club by being available in a central library. A list of the contents of said library to be published in the B.O.D. newsletter and to be available on request to franchised kingdoms and their dependent groups.
6. Advertising costs.

The B.O.D. checking account funds shall not be allowed to exceed \$1,000. When the \$1,000 limit is reached all franchise fees pending shall be deferred until such time as the checking account balance falls below the \$1,000 limit. At this point the pending franchise fees shall become due and payable by the groups who's franchise fees were deferred.

II. It should be the B.O.D.'s responsibility to treat with mundane governmental agencies both state and national; to determine what steps are necessary and to take such steps which are necessary to preserve Amtgard's non-profit status, corporate integrity and in general to safeguard the organization's safety and efficient performance. The President of the B.O.D. should have signatory powers for agreements, contracts and governmental reports after such documents have been ratified and approved by vote of the B.O.D. Funds necessary for such to be drawn from the B.O.D. operating funds.

A. All such activities to be reported on an annual basis to franchised kingdoms.

- III. The B.O.D. shall elect a president from among their members and should he/she retire or be removed from office by majority vote of the remaining 6 B.O.D. members the office should be declared vacant by special issue of the B.O.D. newsletter to the franchised kingdoms and another president elected by the Board.
 - A. The President shall have no vote save for breaking tie votes.
 - B. The President is responsible for chairing all Board meetings.
 - C. The President shall assign all Board officer responsibilities except that of Treasurer who shall be elected by majority vote of the Board.
- IV. One B.O.D. member will be assigned for the length of his/her term to monitor and confirm the educational status and endeavors of the franchised kingdoms. This information will be reported in writing to all B.O.D. members on a quarterly basis.
- V. One B.O.D. member will be responsible for contacting new groups and to furnish such groups with informational packets and maintaining an accurate mailing list of all groups such information to be furnished to all Board members on a quarterly basis.
- VI. The appointed Board Secretary is responsible for maintaining minutes of all Board meetings, acting as signatory on checks for Board expenses for amounts over \$75.00 and for generating and mailing the B.O.D. newsletter to all franchised kingdoms and to all B.O.D. members. The Secretary also responsible for providing minutes of last Board meeting and soliciting and providing the agenda of next meeting to Board members.
- VII. An appointed B.O.D. member shall be responsible for intergroup coordination and liason and for maintaining a "National Amtgard Calendar of Events" and furnishing such information to the Secretary who shall include it in the B.O.D. newsletter.
- VIII. One appointed B.O.D. member shall be responsible for obtaining, recording and maintaining a Amtgard heraldry library such information to be available to all franchised kingdoms upon request. This person shall also maintain a file library of all other B.O.D. publications and Amtgard waivers.
- IX. The Treasurer shall be the only elected B.O.D. function save that of President. The treasurer shall maintain complete records of all B.O.D. financial transactions, shall furnish the Board with a financial report on a quarterly basis and furnish all franchised kingdoms with a financial report on a yearly basis. The Treasurer may act as a single signatory on Board account checks under \$25.00, as second signatory (along with the President) for expenditures up to \$75.00 and as third signatory for checks over \$75.00.
- X. Suspension or revocation of a kingdom franchise must be ratified by a majority vote of the B.O.D. The kingdom so effected has the right of appeal to the B.O.D. who must hear the appeal.
- XI. All B.O.D. members must provide, at the regularly scheduled Board meetings, written reports on their area of responsibility on a quarterly basis and must attend B.O.D. quarterly meetings. A member need not be present to present their report on their area of responsibility however any combination of three (3) missed meetings or missed reports is grounds for removal by majority vote of the rest of the B.O.D.
- XII. Elective terms for the B.O.D. shall be 2 years with the first B.O.D. having a staggered 1yr/2yr terms split 3 and 4 (3 members elected for 1 year and 4 members elected

for 2 years).

BOARD OF DIRECTORS - MEETINGS

I. Quarterly meetings:

A. Mid-January

1. At a Midwinter feast
2. Rotated between all Kingdom sized groups
3. First meeting for newly elected B.O.D. members

B. Olympiad (March)

1. Rotated between all Kingdom sized groups

C. Gathering of the Clans (July)

1. Hosted by the Burning Lands

D. Crown Feast (October)

1. Rotated between Kingdom sized groups with Crown Feast in October.
2. Election for new B.O.D. members held at this meeting (or process begun?).

II. Meeting Specifics:

- A. Date of each meeting must be announced at previous meeting with location, date and time clearly stated in writing.
- B. Location and time of meeting must be posted in a public place at the event at which the meeting takes place.
- C. Must be open to the public but the B.O.D. is not required to hear anyone who is not a member of the B.O.D.
- D. Scheduled meetings must take place even if a quorum is not present. Said meetings need only be long enough for the Secretary to record the quorum was not present and the meeting canceled.
- E. Secretary is responsible for recording the minutes of each meeting said minutes to be published in the B.O.D. newsletter.

III. Agenda Items:

- A. Items are to be submitted (in writing) to the B.O.D. Secretary no later than five (5) weeks prior to each B.O.D. meeting. Said items may be suggested by any club member.
- B. All items must be placed on the agenda (subject to item A above) however the B.O.D. may table any item at their discretion.
- C. The agenda of the current meeting must be posted in a public place at the event (or location) at which the B.O.D. meeting is taking place.

IV. Sample Agenda:

- A. Approval of minutes from previous B.O.D. meeting.
 - B. Absences
 - C. Officer reports - a concise verbal report of the written report handed in at this time. Discussion thereof as required.
 - D. Other agenda items:
 - 1. Consideration of previously tabled agenda items.
 - 2. New agenda items
 - E. Agreement on time and location of next meeting.
 - F. Adjournment
- NOTE: All B.O.D. meetings run by Robert's Rules of Order

V. Emergency Meetings:

- A. May be called by a signed petition of a quorum of the B.O.D.
- B. Minimum of four (4) weeks notice given to all B.O.D. members.
- C. Minimum of two (2) weeks notice given to all franchised groups.
- D. Not considered an official B.O.D. meeting unless a quorum of B.O.D. members are physically present.
- E. Will not count toward absences required to remove a member from the Board.

VI. Voting on issues:

- A. Must attend to vote, no proxies allowed.
- B. May vote only on issues within (stated) B.O.D. powers.
- C. President does not vote except to break ties.

V. Attendance:

- A. Any combination of three (3) missed meeting and/or three (3) missed reports result in expulsion from the Board.
- B. B.O.D. member who has resigned or been expelled will be replaced by the candidate with the next highest number of votes (in the election in which the resigning or expelled member was elected) provided the number of votes for such replacement member equals at least half the votes tallied for whichever current Board member was elected with the lowest number of electing votes.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS - GROUP SIZES

Each group shall have a designation of small, medium or large.

- 1.1 The B.O.D. will have final authority in the determination of advancement and position.

1.11 The B.O.D. shall decide by vote on group size attainment.

2.0 The Small Group:

- 2.1 Membership minimum of five (5) active members.
 - 2.11 Tallied monthly
- 2.2 Tenure - There is no minimum time in existence for this size group.
- 2.3 Sponsor - This group must have a sponsor group to which it reports and from which it may receive awards.
- 2.4 Privileges - This group may appoint a ruling officer.
- 2.5 Nomenclature - Some usable choices include but are not limited to:
 - 2.51 - Barony - Baron/Baroness
 - 2.52 - Caliphate - Caliph
 - 2.53 - Shire - Lord/Lady
- 2.6 Regular meetings which could include fighter practices or arts events at least one (1) per month.

3.0 The Medium Group:

- 3.1 Membership a minimum of 50 members
 - 3.11 Tallied cumulatively monthly
 - 3.111 All members attending during tally period are included. Regardless of frequency (of attendance) they are only counted once.
- 3.2 Tenure - minimum time in existence is one (1) year.
- 3.3 This group must have a sponsor which it reports to and from which it may receive awards.
- 3.4 Privileges
 - 3.41 Appointing ruling officer
 - 3.42 Award any order (which the group is entitled to award) up to five (5) per individual.
 - 3.43 Award titles of Lord or below
- 3.5 Nomenclature - some usable choices include but are not limited to:
 - 3.51 County - Count/Countess
 - 3.52 Duchy - Duke/Duchess
 - 3.53 Prefecture - Prefect
 - 3.54 Satrapy - Satrap
- 3.6 Regular meetings at least twice per month

4.0 The Large Group

- 4.1 Membership minimum of 50 members
 - 4.11 Tallied cumulatively monthly
 - 4.111 All members attending during tally period are included. Regardless of frequency of attendance - they are only tallied once.
- 4.2 Tenure

- 4.21 Minimum in existence - 2 years
- 4.22 Minimum at medium level, 1 year
- 4.3 Privileges - At this level the basic Corpora and "Kingdom" responsibilities section.
- 4.4 Nomenclature, some usable choices include but are not limited to:
 - 4.41 Kingdom - King/Queen
 - 4.42 Grand Duchy - Grand Duke/Grand Duchess
 - 4.43 Principality- Prince/Princess
 - 4.44 Republic
- 4.5 Regular meetings at least twice monthly
- 4.6 A franchise contract
 - 4.61 This contract will be held in perpetuity
 - 4.62 Granted only after a thorough investigation (by the B.O.D.) including:
 - 4.621 Finances
 - 4.622 Leadership
 - 4.623 Population base and group proximity

BOARD OF DIRECTORS - KINGDOM RESPONSIBILITIES

- I. A General Council shall exist for rules clarification. This council is made up of all the Kingdom level groups. Rule and Corpora change are their responsibility. All changes will be by a majority vote.
 - A. Council shall consist of three highest (Kingdom) officers:
 - 1. Monarch
 - 2. Consort (or equivalent position)
 - 3. Prime Minister (or equivalent position)
 - B. Council will hear input from other club officers:
 - 1. Champion
 - 2. Guildmaster of Reeves
 - 3. Guildmaster of that guild whose guild the rule change will effect.
 - 4. Other club members who have suggestions
- II. Kingdom responsibilities to the Central B.O.D. (the B.O.D.)
 - A. Full report on financial records submitted by the Prime Minister
 - 1. List of contributing members
 - 2. Expenditures of funds for club business
 - 3. Amount held in the group's treasury
 - B. Attendance records
 - 1. List of all current attending members:

- a. Non-contributing
- b. Contributing
- c. Total membership (active and non-active) to date

C. Educational Status Report

1. What is being done to promote Amtgard
 - a. Community Service
 - b. Demonstrations
 - c. Educating the public
 - d. Anything else that is being done

III. Interkingdom Magazine (Talons of the Phoenix)

- A. Shall rotate between Kingdom size groups every six months - published bi-yearly
 1. Submissions shall be taken from all groups.
 2. Editing and publishing are the responsibility of the host group.
 - a. Host group has total control of what goes into the magazine.
 - b. They are not required to print all submissions.
 - c. Host group has six months to gather, edit, and publish the magazine.
 3. This shall be an arts and sciences publication.

IV. Council of Kings

- A. There shall be a council made up of all the ruling monarchs of Kingdom level groups.
- B. This council shall resolve intergroup disputes. They shall also solve other disputes not covered by the B.O.D.
- C. This council shall meet anytime the members see fit or a meeting is needed. Usually a council can be set up at an event where there are ruling monarchs if time can be set aside.

V. Amtgard Olympiad

- A. The Olympiad is a rotating event that allows all groups to gather for the purpose of competing in cultural and war events.
- B. This event must be hosted by one Amtgard group once a year in May.
- C. The rotation of the Olympiad will not be specifically restricted to Kingdom level groups but it is suggested that only Kingdom level groups host it due to logistics and experience involved.

VI. Franchising Costs

- A. Small fees will be charged to Kingdom level groups for the purpose of running the central B.O.D.

B. These fees will be used to pay for:

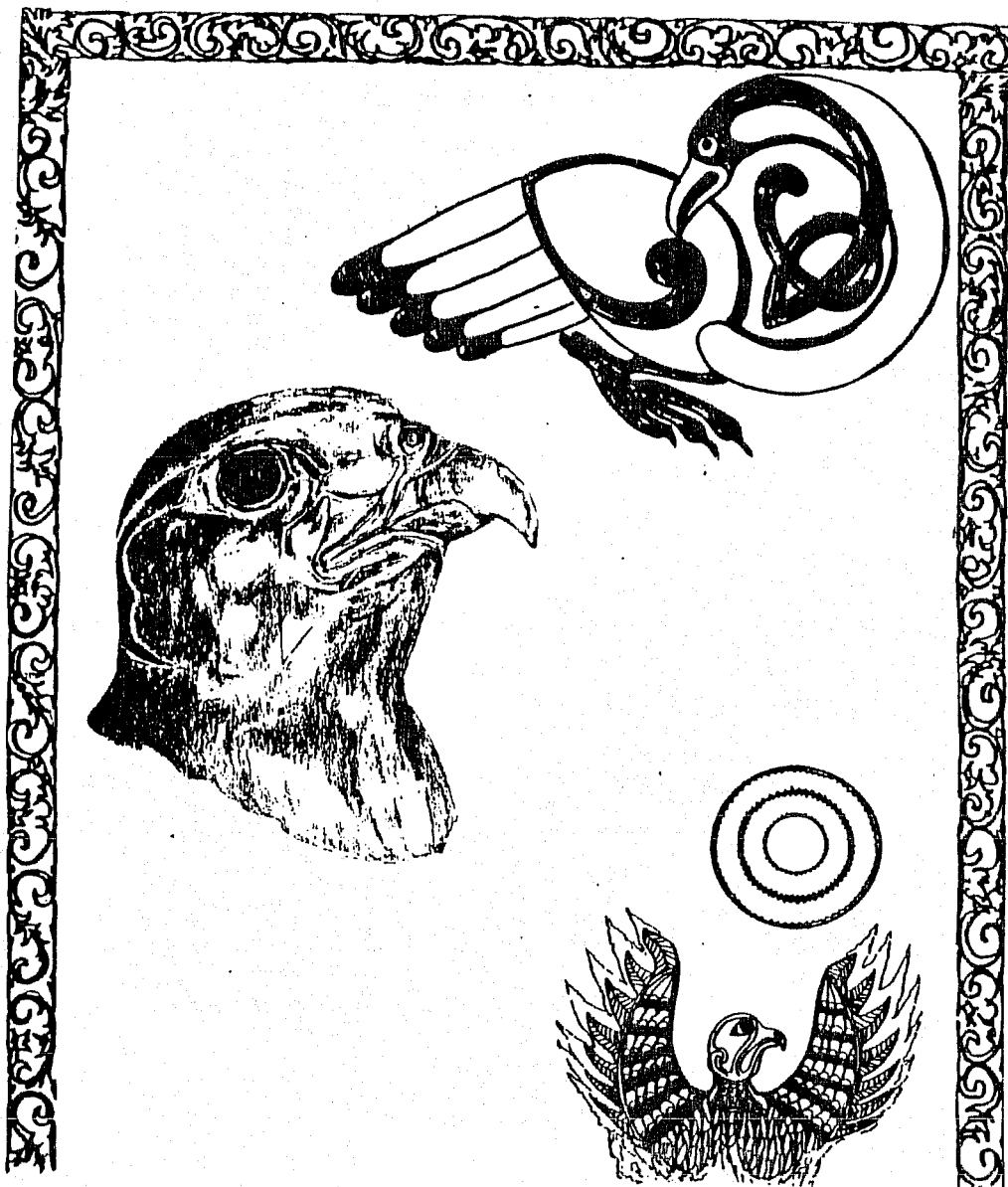
1. B.O.D. newsletter
 - a. Kingdom wide printing is the responsibility of the Kingdom.
2. Accountant
3. Office supplies

VII. Sub-groups (Non-kingdom level groups)

- A. Kingdom level groups are responsible for overseeing the financial, educational and attendance requirements for it's sponsored groups.
- B. Any sponsored group using Amtgard tax free number(s) must forward the money to its franchised sponsor group. The sponsor group will then make purchases for the sponsored group.

VIII. Franchised Kingdom benefits

- A. May award all high honors listed in the Amtgard Corpora
- B. Create and maintain dependent groups
- C. Have a seat on the Council of Kings
- D. Have three seats on the General Council



.. CROWN QUALIFICATIONS ..

**Amendments to Crown Qualifications:

1. Candidates for Monarch and for Consort must declare separately and then choose their "running mates" by the end of the day of Crown Qualifications.

2. Qualification requirements for Consort are now identical to those for Monarch.

3. To be eligible for Crown the contestant must be a contributing member for the 6 months prior to Crown Election /Tourney. Please note that contributions can not be paid retroactively.

4. The names of all club members who would be qualified to run for Monarch and/or Consort (should they so desire) will be published in the last newsletter immediately preceding the month of Crown Qualifications as will all club members entitled to vote in Crown election.

6. To be eligible to vote for Crown you must have been a contributing member of Amtgard, Kingdom of the Burning Lands for the six months prior to the month of Crown. Such contributions cannot be made retroactively.

7. In the following text the words "Crown Contestant" or "Contender" or "Candidate" refer to both those going for Monarch or for Consort.

"CROWN" CALENDAR

First Saturday of the month before Crown:

All contributing club members vote whether to select the Monarch by vote or by tourney. Vote to be taken and tallied by the Prime Minister.

Last Saturday of the month before Crown:

Crown gaming tourneys begin.

First Saturday of the month of Crown:

*Crown declarations due to the Prime Minister. Written entries for Crown due. Guildmaster elections held.

*Contestants for Monarch and for Consort must declare separately.

Second Saturday of the month of Crown:

Crown Qualifications (Begin 10:00 a.m.)

Third Saturday of the month of Crown:

Crown Elections &/or Tourney

Forth Saturday of the month of Crown:

Crown Feast.

CROWN SPONSORS

AUTOCRAT: _____

1. Poetry, Composition, Factual writing:

Sponsored By: _____

All written entries must be in the hands of the sponsor by the first Saturday of the month of Crown. NOTE: You must provide five (5) copies of each of your entries to the sponsor.

2. Strategic Gaming:

Sponsored By: _____

3. Crown Tests:

Administered By: _____

All Crown contestants and Consorts must take and pass the Reeve's Test.

4. Crown & Guildmaster Elections:

Run By: Prime Minister

5. Crown Feast:

Sponsored By: Out-going Consort

ENTRIES

1. Any club member may enter an event or contest. You do not have to be a Crown candidate to enter Crown Qualifications. There is no number of entry requirements for those not running for Monarch or Consort. Those running for Crown or for Consort must enter the required minimum number (7) of separate categories.

In the event any contestant for Crown strongly disagrees with his or her scores the Qualifications Autocrat may be approached and may or may not (at his discretion) choose to review the scoring. Guildmasters, Masters and the Prime Minister can be polled on the appropriateness of the scoring and a consensus of opinion can result in rescoring the entry(s) in question by said Guildmasters, Masters, Prime Minister and Autocrat.

Any prospective Crown and/or Consort candidate denied qualification by a negative review of the Arts and Science Guildmasters who are not running for Crown may appeal to the club populace. In such a case the active contributing members (voting members) may vote on whether the contestant in question may or may not be allowed to run for Crown.

2. A person may have several entries in any one category however the same entry may not be entered in more than one contest.

3. Entries must have been made solely by the person entering them (except for joint

entries) and must have been created since the last Crown Qualifications.

In case of doubt of the origins of an entry (who made it), the person with the entry will be asked to verify that he/she actually made it. The Monarch, Consort, and Prime Minister are the final judge of authenticity (and legality) in this case. As in the case of moving entries to other categories. The Arts and Sciences Guildmasters will decide if the above listed officers have conflicting interests.

A joint entry will count as only 1/2 a category for purposes of qualifying for Crown.

4. A prospective candidate must average at least 3.0 or greater on his/her 7 best categories (best score per category) in order to qualify for Crown.

CROWN CONTESTANTS

1. All Crown Contestants must take and pass the Reeve's test. Those failing to pass the Reeves Test can be allowed to take a second test. In no event may a Crown Contestant take any qualifying test more than twice in order to qualify for Crown.

2. All Contenders for Crown must contribute members for the six months prior to Crown Qualifications. Contributions cannot be retroactive. Contributing members who will be eligible to run for Crown should they so wish will be published in the last newsletter distributed immediately prior to the month of Crown.

NOTE: The same criteria applies to all who are eligible to vote in Crown and to those voting for the type of Crown selection process.

3. Contestants must have been in the club for the last 6 months dating back to the prior Crown Qualifications.

4. Contestants must have attended at least 12 events in the past 6 months prior to Crown.

5. Contestants for Monarch select their

Consort from among those who have qualified for Consort immediately following announcement of Crown Qualifications results (on the day of Qualifications). Contenders for Monarch need not announce their Consort prior to Qualifications but must do so on the day of Qualifications.

6. Contestants for Monarch and Consort must enter a minimum of 7 cultural events. The following do not count toward the minimum number of events:

Reeve's Test
Place Encampments

7. Crown Contestants must declare for Crown in writing to the Prime Minister on or before the first Saturday of the month of Crown.

CONSORTS

1. Consorts must qualify under the criteria listed above for Crown Contestants, Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6.

JUDGING

1. All events will be judged by a panel of no fewer than 5 nor more than 10 judges.

Scores will be added and averaged by the Autocrat or by a designated assistant.

2. All judges must be club members and may not judge a contest or event in which they have an entry.

3. In the event any judge, in the opinion of the Autocrat, is unreasonably biased, as evidenced by consistent wildly divergent scores when compared to the rest of those judging, then the Autocrat shall have the option of discarding that judge's scores for all entries in the category being judged and/or *calling for another person or persons to re-judge the category. *(This will be true only of those events which are judged by less than 10 persons.) If such bias is evidenced and there are 10 persons judging then the biased scores will be thrown out for all contestants down to a minimum of 5 judges if necessary.

JUDGES MUST, AS NEARLY AS POSSIBLE, BE IMPARTIAL IN THEIR SCORING.

SCORING AND QUALIFYING

1. Contests/events will be scored on a scale from 1 (low) to 5 (high) by the panel of judges.

2. Orders for entries will be awarded as per the Corpora of Kingdom laws.

3. Contestants passing the Reeve's test and entering the required minimum of 7 cultural contests, and achieving an average score of 3.0 or better (best scores in 7 separate categories) will qualify for Crown however see number 4 below.

4. Arts and Sciences Officers, Monarch, Consort (those not running for Crown), and Prime Minister may question the quality of a contestant's entries. By a majority vote of these Guildmasters and officers the contestant will not be allowed to run should their entries not meet minimum standards. A contestant so denied may appeal to the club populace. In such a case the voting club members may vote on whether the contestant in question did or did not qualify.

PLACING

1. For purposes of interest, overall standings will be computed by the traditional system of 3 points for a first place, 2 points for a second place, and 1 point for a third. Multiple ties for a place, with full point value, will be awarded. However, see number 2 below.

2. No more than 50% (rounding up) of the total entries of an event/contest may place except for entries in events scored on the 1 to 5 scale which may always place if their averaged score is 3.75 or higher. Also, test results that equal or exceed the percentage required to "pass" may also place.

SCORES NECESSARY TO PASS:

REEVE'S TEST 75 OR HIGHER
*CORPORA TEST 75 OR HIGHER
*HERALDRY TEST 50% OF TOTAL

*NOTE: One of these tests may be taken and passed by those running for Monarch or Consort and used as one of their 7 minimum entries.

3. Orders awarded for quality entries are based on the following criteria:

Events requiring intelligence and thought and service oriented - Order of the Rose;

Events utilizing artistic abilities - Order of the Dragon;

Categories/entries which are science oriented (not necessarily artistic although they could be artistic as a secondary consideration) - Order of the Owl;

Events requiring combat and fighting skills - Order of the Warrior.

All those qualifying for Crown receive the Order of the Hydra.

WAR EVENTS

1. These are official Crown Qualification events. Although not required Contestants are encouraged to enter one or more war events.

2. War events are an acknowledgment that Amtgard is a fighting society and are provided for the interest and enjoyment of the populace. Even though some may have no particular interest in the cultural event portion of Crown Qualifications they are encouraged to enter the war event portion.

3. Judges for all events are needed. Preferably judges for the war events should be members of the Reeve's Guild.

NOTE: All those interested in judging should contact the Autocrat prior to Crown Qualifications.

THE CHOOSING OF MONARCH

1. All contributing members may vote from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., the first Saturday of the month immediately preceding Crown to determine whether the next Monarch will be

chosen by ballot or by tourney.

2. If the vote is for the ballot method, then the Prime Minister will run an election on the third Saturday of the month of Crown before the Crown Tourney to determine who is Monarch. The voting hours will be from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at which time the polls will be closed. If anyone who is entitled to vote cannot be present to vote on the then he or she may get a signed and dated proxy (proxy must be specific not general) to the Prime Minister on or before the above mentioned date. NOTE: If the Monarch is selected by popular vote then the Consort is heir to the throne if for any reason the Monarch cannot complete his reign. The winner of Crown Tourney will be the Champion.

If the vote is for the tourney method of selection then the Crown Tourney will be held at 1:30 p.m. on the third Saturday of the month of Crown.

Format will be either round robin or double elimination. The winner of the tourney would be the new Monarch and the 2nd place finisher would be Champion. NOTE: If the Monarch is selected by tourney then the Champion is heir to the throne if for any reason the Monarch cannot complete his reign.

3. The Crown Tourney will be fought by the honor code of the Order of the Lion, Order of the Griffon. If, in the opinion of the majority of the Reeve's Guild who are present but not participants, any contestant consistently and deliberately violates the honor code during Crown Tourney they may eliminate the candidate from Crown Tourney.

4. The Prime Minister is responsible for taking and tallying votes and proxies.

CULTURAL EVENTS

NOTE: Although events may be added or deleted, Crown contestant requirements for entering a minimum of 7 events will be based solely on the list presented below. Also note that the Monarch, Consort, and Prime Minister are together the final judges as to which category a specific

entries is qualified for in case of disputes.

1. Art, Flat (2-D): Includes original sketches, drawings, paintings and any other art forms rendered on a flat medium.

2. Art - 3-D: Includes sculpture, jewelry, ceramics and other art forms done in three dimensions.

3. Composition: Five pages or less. Includes persona histories and short stories.

4. Factual/Informative Writing: Includes essays, how-to articles, historical research, etc. - 5 pages or less.

5. Poetry: Any poetry forms, free verse, song lyrics, etc.

PLEASE NOTE: All those entering categories 3, 4 or 5 must provide the sponsor with five copies of each of their entries.

6. Construction Armor: Legal Amtgard armor judged on basis of construction, effort, and appearance.

7. Construction, Weapon and Shield: Amtgard legal weapons and/or shields - judged on safety, quality of construction, originality and appearance.

8. Construction, passive: Includes items not otherwise listed such as helmets, metal weapons, furniture, chests, etc. Judged on quality of construction, appearance, originality.

9. Cooking, best tasting: Food or drink. Must be a dish that could have been made in a Medieval era society.

10. Garb, best fighting: Includes all garb made for use on the battlefield. Light armor may be worn but see separate armor construction category. Judged on quality of construction, originality and appearance.

11. Garb, best looking: Includes garb not for use on the battlefield, i.e., formal feast garb, etc. Judged on appearance, originality and quality of construction.

All garb entries may be worn by self or model.

12. Instrumental music - no vocal accompaniment.

13. Singing: With or without accompaniment. May be a rendition of a period piece or of an original composition written in a medieval style.

14. Recitation: Original or period poetry or stories.

There is a 5 minute time limit on instrumental music, singing and recitation.

15. Place encampments: Pavilions, camping areas, etc. In general, any area designed to add a Medieval ambiance to the gathering.

16. The Rose: Banners, personal favors, belt sashes, etc. Judged on appearance, construction and originality. Items should be intended to benefit Amtgard. The definition of The Rose should be kept in mind when judging, i.e., "for service to the club".

17. Strategic gaming: Includes chess and pente. Other games can be added if there is sufficient interest.

18. Test, Corpora: A 20 question test on the Amtgard Corpora of Laws. A score of 75% or higher is required to pass. This test (or the Heraldry test but not both) may be counted as one of the 7 required entries for Crown contestants.

19. Test, Heraldry: A test administered on the principles of basic Medieval heraldry. A score of 50% or more is required to pass this test. (This test or the Corpora test - but not both - can be used as one of the 7 required entries for Crown Contestants.)

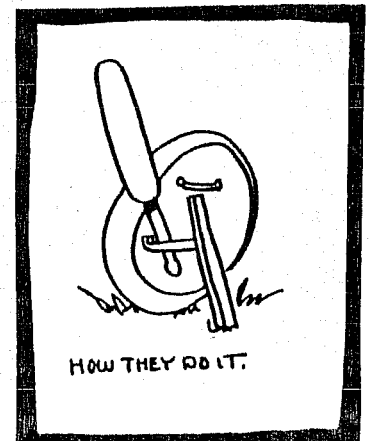
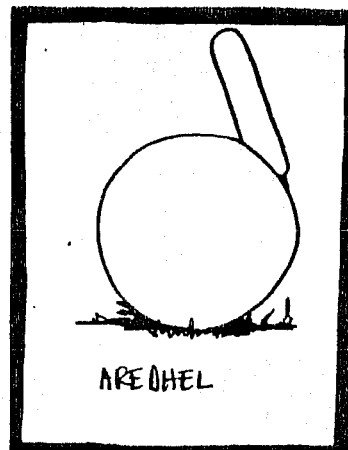
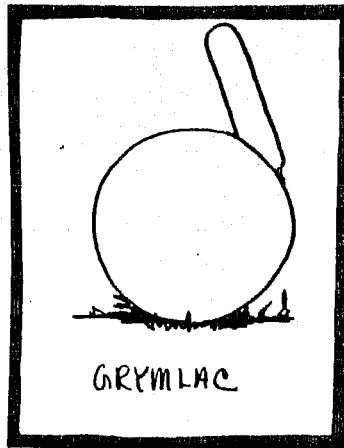
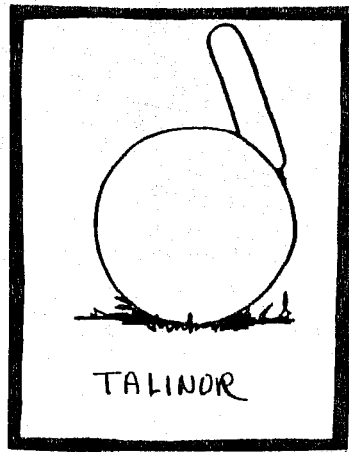
20. Test, Reeve's: A general test over the rules, both theory and application. Passing score is 75% or more. Crown contestants must take and pass this test. Candidates failing the test will be given a second test should they wish.

21. Needlework: Category includes any fine hand work - crochet, knitting, embroidery, tatting, needlepoint, etc. Judged on quality of construction, artistic merit and originality.

NOTE: The Autocrat reserves the right to split categories should the number of entries require. An example would be as in the Weapon/Shield construction event; if the number of entries were exceptionally large the category could be split so that weapon entries and shield entries would be judged as two separate categories. Conversely, if there are too few entries to actually qualify as a contest the entries will be moved to another category if possible.

TYPICAL SCHEDULE OF CROWN EVENTS

- 10:00 a.m. Set up and sign in.
- 10:30 a.m. Begin Corpora, Heraldry & Reeve's tests.
- 11:00 a.m. Complete roster of judges for cultural events. Begin judging of place encampments.
- 11:30 a.m. Complete sign in for cultural vents.
- 12:00 noon Judge best looking garb
- 12:30 p.m. Judge best fighting garb
Javelin throw
- 1:00 p.m. Judge instrumental music, singing, recitation.
Archery contest
- 2:00 p.m. Judge remaining cultural events
- 3:00 p.m. Complete tests
- 3:30 p.m. Sword and Shield tourney
- 4:30 p.m. Two-Man team tourney
- 5:30 p.m. Scoring/averaging contest scores. Stage other war events as desired.
- 6:15 p.m. Guildmaster's approval of Crown Candidates if necessary
- 6:30 p.m. Announce contest results ...
- Announce Crown candidates
- 7:15 p.m. Closing Court and clean up



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A MODEST PROPOSAL

(Note: This proposed addition to the Corpora assumes that the chapters of Amtgard reach agreement on the definition of a "voting" chapter.)

Overview

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7.0 Rules changes

7.1 Requirements for proposed changes

Proposed rules changes should meet the following criteria:

7.11 Must constitute an improvement to the rules as they stand.

7.12 Must be workable, introducing no unnecessary complications to the rules.

7.13 Must not introduce an imbalance into the game.

7.2 Procedures for approving changes

7.21 Proposals shall be submitted in writing to the guildmaster of the class directly affected.

7.211 Proposals affecting general rules shall be submitted in writing directly to the Guildmaster of Reeves.

7.22 If the class guildmaster determines that the proposal meets the aforementioned requirements, that guildmaster shall forward the written proposal to the Guildmaster of Reeves.

7.23 If the Guildmaster of Reeves, using all good judgment, determines that the proposal meets the aforementioned requirements,

7.231 then the Guildmaster of Reeves shall rewrite the proposal in a format suitable for a new edition of the rulebook, and shall ensure that the wording is clear.

7.232 The Guildmaster of Reeves shall supply both the Monarch and Prime Minister with a copy of this reworded proposal.

7.24 The Monarch and Prime Minister shall review the proposal and, together with the Guildmaster of Reeves, shall produce a proposal to be voted on by an Allthing.

- 7.241 The Monarch and Prime Minister, by joint agreement, may reject a proposal if they determine that it does not meet the aforementioned requirements.
- 7.242 The Monarch and Prime Minister shall endeavor in good faith to bring the proposal before an Allthing within 90 days of the Monarch's receipt of the written proposal.
- 7.25 Approval by an Allthing will advance a proposal to the stage of "play testing".
- 7.26 "Play testing" shall consist of at least two separate scenarios during which the proposed changes are in effect. The scenarios must be held on two separate weeks and must not coincide with the date of a major Amtgard event sponsored by another chapter, e.g. Coronation, the Olympiad, etc.
- 7.27 After play testing, ratification by an Allthing is required before the proposal is submitted to the other chapters.
- 7.271 If a play test discovers problems with a proposal, the Guildmaster of Reeves may at that time revise the proposal and re-submit it to the Monarch and Prime Minister.
- 7.272 If a proposal is not ratified during the first Allthing after play testing and has not at that time been re-submitted by the Guildmaster of Reeves, the proposal shall be considered vetoed by the populace.
- 7.273 If the proposal is ratified by an Allthing, the Monarch of the chapter proposing the change shall submit a letter to each of the Monarchs of the other voting chapters. This letter shall include the proposal and shall vouch that the proposed change has been successfully play tested.
- 7.28 A monarch of a voting chapter of Amtgard, upon receiving such a letter, shall endeavor in good faith to submit the proposal to an Allthing within 90 days of the receipt of this notice.
- 7.281 The other chapters are encouraged to play test the proposal within the 90 day period.
- 7.29 Ratification through an Allthing by the majority of the voting chapters constitutes acceptance of a proposal for the next edition of Amtgard: The Rules Of Play.
- 7.291 The chapter proposing the change is considered to have already ratified the proposal.
- 7.292 In the event of a tie vote among the voting chapters, the vote of the Kingdom of the Burning Lands, as already cast, shall be the decisive vote.

7.3 New editions of the rulebook

7.31 Criteria for the production of a new rulebook

7.311 Production of a new rulebook requires the assent of the majority of the Monarchs of the voting chapters of Amtgard,

7.312 shall not be put forth more often than once every twelve months,

7.313 and shall not be put forth if there are fewer than three duly approved changes over the last edition of the rulebook.

7.32 Contents of the new rulebook

7.321 The cover or first page shall include the date on which the new rulebook goes into effect, as agreed upon by the majority of the Monarchs of the voting chapters.

7.322 Shall include all duly approved changes to the rules since the last edition of the rulebook.

7.323 Shall include no changes which have not been duly approved as described above.

7.324 Typographical errors shall constitute an interkingdom offense and shall be construed as just cause for war.

7.33 Production of the rulebook

7.331 Shall be rotated amongst the voting chapters.

7.332 The Monarch of the responsible chapter shall either solicit or appoint a volunteer to produce the new rulebook.

7.333 The Monarch shall ensure the quality of a printed copy of the rulebook prior to mass production and distribution.

7.34 Distribution

7.341 The Monarch and Prime Minister of the responsible chapter shall ensure that the Monarch or ruler of each chapter, regardless of size or voting status, receives a number of copies of the new edition at least equal to the number of members required for its status.

7.342 The responsible chapter shall be entitled to monetary compensation solely to cover production costs, and may withhold distribution until fair payment is received.

7.35 The chapter of Amtgard producing the most recent edition of the rulebook shall proudly bear the Honor of the Green Weenie until the next edition is produced.