

Corpora of the Kingdom of the Rising Winds

The Rising Winds is a nonprofit corporation in the State of Indiana with several sub-organizations located around the globe. The Rising Winds is the only official legal entity and all business dealings shall go through the Rising Winds and the Board of Directors.

The Rising Winds is a medieval recreation society that uses the rules set forth in the Amtgard rules of play. The most current official version of the rules shall be officially adopted by the organization.

The Rising Winds is a social organization set up to foster medieval recreation and sport in a safe environment. The safety of the membership is paramount.

The Rising Winds is a secular organization that will not discriminate based on race, religion or creed. All members of the organization are bound by this document, the Corpora, and the Bylaws document of the Rising Winds.

Introduction to Amtgard

Amtgard is a vehicle of recreation. This Corpora and the Rulebook of Play are guidelines to aid in the interaction of people who participate in this game.

Standard Disclaimers

- Amtgard officials (B.O.D. Members, Monarch, Prime Minister, Champion, Guildmaster of Reeves, etc.) are not responsible for any injuries sustained while playing Amtgard.
- Amtgard does not provide for religious affiliation. We are a non-sectarian organization.
- Amtgard does not condone any illegal activity or physical violence against another person.

Note on General References

- With the exception of section X (subgroups) all general references (officers, events, etc.) shall refer to Kingdom level equivalents.

I. Membership

- A. Membership is limited to persons who have signed a waiver, and attend official meetings and events in groups and locations officially recognized by the Board of Directors of the Rising Winds.
- B. Any member under the age of 18 may only join if their parent or legal guardian signs their waiver.
- C. No person under the age of 14 may be a member unless their parent or legal guardian is present at all functions the member takes part in and has the permission of the highest ranking official present.
 - 1. If the highest-ranking official present is not the monarch, the monarch may veto or approve this action upon his or her arrival.
- D. Membership is divided into two classes:
 - 1. General Populace
 - a) This group consists of all members who attend official meetings and events. Other than attendance and adherence to the rules, clarifications, and decisions of the governing body of the Rising Winds, there is no further requirement.
 - b) This is a non-voting membership. They may not vote in any officer election or Althing meeting.
 - 2. Members in Good Standing
 - a) This group consists of all members who occasionally participate in the functions of the Kingdom of the Rising Winds and who adhere to the rules, clarifications, and decisions of the governing body of the Rising Winds.
 - (1) 'Occasionally' is defined as at least 7 (Seven) times in the 6 (six) months immediately prior to the end of declarations for Crown, Prime Minister, or Guild elections.
 - (2) 'Participate' is defined as attend, sign-in, and interact in accordance to the nature of the function as determined by the PM or the PM's designated representative
 - b) The person must have been on the records as an attending member of the Rising Winds for six months.
 - c) The person must be dues paid during the current reign.
 - (1) Dues are \$6 for each six-month period
 - d) Must be at least 14 years of age
 - e) The person must identify the official park within the Rising Winds that they attend (A.K.A. Home Park). This should be the park they attend most, although in the case of a member who attends more than one park regularly, they may opt to select whichever park they choose.
 - f) This membership class grants the following benefits:
 - (1) May vote in elections and althings
 - (2) May run for any office of their park or any Kingdom office as long as they also meet the other requirements for the given position.
 - 3. Dues Paid for Life
 - a) Dues paid for life, non transferable, one time fee of \$100 dollars.
- E. Membership Requirements
 - 1. All members of the Rising Winds will obey federal law and the laws of the state in which they are in.
 - 2. All members of the Rising Winds are personally responsible for their own behavior. Any physical damage to non-Rising Winds property, public property, or any other unbecoming behavior demonstrated by an individual at a Rising Winds event is the responsibility of the individual alone. The Rising Winds will not be held financially or criminally responsible for such behavior.

II. Elected Officers

- A. The Rising Winds shall have the following officers and requirements.
- B. The following Kingdom Level offices may not hold any other in-game office: Monarch, Regent, Prime Minister, Champion, and Guildmaster of Reeves.
 - 1. Should an individual in one of these positions decide to run for another office, they shall step down from their position by the Qualifications Event prior to the election except in the event their position's term ends at the resolution of the election.
 - 2. A member may only declare for one of these offices at a time and may not run for any other office simultaneously.
- C. Monarch
 - 1. Office Responsibility
 - a) The Monarch is responsible for public relations and Amtgard's interaction with mundania at Kingdom and Inter-Kingdom events. This includes but is not necessarily limited to:
 - (1) Recruiting
 - (2) Speaking to interested passersby or delegating someone required to maintain a good image in the community.
 - (3) Dealing with Police, Rangers, and whatever other forms of mundane authority need to be addressed.
 - b) The Monarch shall preside over and conduct all ceremonies and functions.
 - c) The Monarch shall ensure the publication of a calendar of all Kingdom events within 30 days of his or her coronation.
 - d) At the start of his or her term, the Monarch shall sign a contract that states their fiduciary responsibility to the corporation. Each Monarch shall be held personally responsible for funds in their care and shall make amends should those funds turn up missing.
 - e) At the end of his or her term, the Monarch shall present a list of awards, titles, and honors given by him/her during his/her reign to the incoming Monarch or the Prime Minister.
 - f) Within one month of the beginning of his/her term he Monarch shall compile all lists of awards, titles, and honors given previously for his/her records. He/She shall then forward a complete copy of that list to all of his/her Monarchs if applicable.
 - 2. Office Requirements
 - a) To be eligible, the Monarch must:
 - (1) Be a member in good standing.
 - (2) Be at least 18 years old at the time of election.
 - (3) Submit ten entries in at least 7 categories in the cultural qualifications immediately prior to the election with an average score of 3.
 - (4) Enter all warskill events in the cultural qualifications.
 - (a) A personal champion may be requested as per section "IX.1" (Events section).
 - (5) Pass the Reeves test with a score of 70% or better.
 - (6) Have a phone and working phone number.
 - (7) Should none of the candidates for this office qualify in a specific office requirement, that requirement shall be waived for the candidates.
 - (8) Must pass a Corpora test with a score of 70% or better.
 - 3. Official Powers
 - a) The Monarch shall pick his or her official title for the reign.
 - b) The Monarch will have an automatic seat on the Board of Directors.

- c) The Monarch shall have the power to resolve any issues not covered by this document. The invocation of this power must be reported at the next scheduled Althing.
- d) The Monarch will have the power to break ties at Althings and non-monarch elections.
- e) The Monarch is not required to pay any fees or dues during his/her term.
- f) The Monarch may award any honor, title or award mentioned in section "VIII" (Awards section) of this document.
 - (1) Awards and honors may never be given to members of other kingdoms without the permission of the monarch of that kingdom.
- g) The Monarch may create new honors, awards, and titles. These new honors, awards, and titles may not be considered as suggested criteria for any of the four orders of knighthood.
- h) Monarch may remove (strip) a title of honor granted by the Rising Winds or one of its subgroups from a person for repeated proven violations of the corpora and/or rulebook under the following conditions:
 - (1) Agreement of 2/3 of the majority at an Althing,
 - (2) Agreement of the Prime Minister,
 - (3) Agreement of 4/7 of the B.O.D. if the person to be stripped no longer resides in the Rising Winds.
- i) The Monarch may spend up to 10% of the treasury every month in order to run the group without an Althing vote being held.
- j) The Monarch may receive the title of Duke/Duchess after his/her term is over (or Arch Duke/Duchess for serving two or more terms).

4. Limits of the Office

- a) Should the Monarch miss more than four weeks in a row or twelve weeks total during their reign, he/she shall descend from office.
 - (1) Exception: Special situations will be taken into consideration by an Althing vote
- b) The membership may by 2/3 Althing vote of participating members in good standing remove the Monarch from office
- c) No Monarch may have this position for more than two consecutive terms.

D. Regent

1. Office Responsibility

- a) Primarily responsible for fostering the Arts and Sciences in the Rising Winds.
- b) Assumes all duties, responsibilities, powers and limits of office of the Monarch in his/her absence.
- c) The Regent shall head and be responsible for the Colleges of Arts and Sciences.
- d) The Regent is responsible for organizing the Midreign feast and the Crown Coronation feast at the end of his/her term.
- e) Shall be responsible for running the Dragonmaster competition during his/her reign.
- f) Shall be responsible for running the cultural qualifications event at the end of his/her term.
 - (1) Should they be running for another term or position, the Prime Minister shall appoint member in good standing to run the cultural qualifications in their stead.
- g) At the end of his or her term, the Regent shall present a list of awards, titles, and honors given by him/her during his/her reign to the incoming Monarch or Prime Minister.

h) With in one month of the beginning of his/her term the Regent shall compile all lists of awards, titles, and honors given previously for his/her records. He/She shall then forward a complete copy of that list to all of his/her Regents if applicable.

2. Office Requirements

- a) To be eligible, the Regent must:
- (1) Be a member in good standing.
 - (2) Be at least 18 years old at the time of election.
 - (3) Submit ten entries in at least ten categories in the cultural qualifications immediately prior to the election with an average score of 3.
 - (4) Enter all warskill events in the cultural qualifications.
 - (a) A personal champion may be requested as per section "IX.2" (Events section).
 - (5) Pass the Reeves test with a score of 70% or better.
 - (6) Must pass a Corpora test with a score of 70% or better.
 - (7) Have a phone and working phone number.
 - (8) Should none of the candidates for this office qualify in a specific office requirement, that requirement shall be waived for the candidates.

3. Powers

- a) Should the Monarch be removed from office, either voluntarily or forcibly, the Regent shall take the position of monarch and appoint a member in good standing to hold the position of Regent.
- b) The Regent may bestow the following orders:
- (1) Dragon
 - (2) Lion
 - (3) Owl
 - (4) Rose
 - (5) Garber and Armorer credits
 - (6) Chamberlain (a.k.a. Smith Credit)
 - (7) Note: Awards and honors may never be given to members of other kingdoms without the permission of the monarch of that kingdom.
- c) The Regent is not required to pay any fees or dues during her/his term.
- d) The Regent may create new honors and awards in keeping with her/his duties. These new honors and awards may not be considered as suggested criteria for any of the four orders of knighthood.
- e) The Regent may receive the title of Count/Countess after her/his term is over.

4. Limits of the Office

- a) Should the Regent miss more than six weeks in a row or ten weeks total during their reign, he/she shall descend from office.
 - (1) Exception: Special situations will be taken into consideration by an Althing vote
- b) The membership may by 2/3 Althing vote of participating members in good standing remove the Regent from office.
- c) No Regent may have this position for more than two consecutive terms.

E. Prime Minister:

1. Office Responsibility

- a) The Prime Minister is responsible for the following aspects of the group funds:
- (1) Collection of all fees and dues
 - (2) Maintain and keep accurate records of the group treasury
 - (3) Keep accurate records on all group income and expenditures

- (4) Maintain accurate records on the dues paid status of all group members.
 - b) The Prime Minister is responsible for the upkeep of the group:
 - (1) Keep records of attendance and active members.
 - (2) Keep the Member Information files on all members up to date.
 - (3) Collection of Subgroups attendance records, dues, receipts for dues, and dues paid listings.
 - (4) The Online Record Keeper (O.R.K.) shall be used by the Rising Winds and its subgroups to keep attendance records, dues, awards levels and member information.
 - (5) The Prime Minister may keep no more than (100.00) one hundred dollars cash in the coffers at any time.
 - (a) Exceptions, events and any funds in transport to or from the bank.
 - (6) At the start of his or her term, the Prime Minister shall sign a contract that states their fiduciary responsibility to the corporation. Each Prime Minister shall be held personally responsible for funds in their care and shall make amends should those funds turn up missing.
 - c) The unexplained loss of any major portion of dues in their care shall be cause for removal from office and disciplinary action.
 - 2. Office Requirements
 - a) To be eligible, the Prime Minister must:
 - (1) Be a member in good standing.
 - (2) Be at least 18 years old at the time of election.
 - (3) Have a phone and working phone number.
 - (4) Must pass a Corpora test with a score of 70% or better.
 - (5) Must have access to the Internet.
 - 3. Powers
 - a) Is not required to pay any dues or fees during his/her term.
 - b) May receive the title of Baron/Baroness after his/her term.
 - c) Will have an automatic seat on the Board of Directors.
 - d) Has the power to break ties in the monarch's election.
 - e) The Prime Minister may spend up to 10% of the treasury every month in order to run the group without an Althing vote being held.
 - 4. Limits of the Office
 - a) Should the Prime Minister miss more than six weeks in a row or ten weeks total during their reign, he/she shall descend from office.
 - (1) Exception: Special situations will be taken into consideration by an Althing vote.
 - b) The membership may by 2/3 Althing vote of participating members in good standing remove the Prime Minister from office.
 - c) No Prime Minister may have this position for more than two consecutive terms.
- F. Order of Succession
- 1. Should the Monarch leave office in midterm for any reason, the Regent shall be appointed as Monarch for the remainder of the term.
 - a) Should the current Regent have been appointed, then an Althing shall be held and all members in good standing shall elect a new monarch.
 - 2. Should the Regent leave office in midterm for any reason, the Monarch shall appoint a member in good standing to fill the role of Regent for the remainder of the term.

3. Should the Prime Minister leave office in midterm for any reason, the Monarch shall appoint a member in good standing to fill the role of Prime Minister for the remainder of the term. The Board must approve such appointment by majority vote. If no suitable candidate is found, the departing member may appoint a second for the same process.

III. Board of Directors (B.O.D.)

- A. Must be 18 years or older
- B. Must pass a Corpora test by the opening of elections in order to be placed on the ballot.
 - 1. Those taking the test must receive a score of 70% or better in order to pass.
 - 2. Current B.O.D. members will be responsible for administering the Corpora test.
- C. There are seven seats on the B.O.D.
 - 1. One seat is held by the sitting Monarch
 - 2. One seat is held by the sitting Prime Minister
 - 3. Five seats are filled via open ballot for one-year terms. The annual terms shall be staggered so that there are always at least two members that were active during the preceding six months.
- D. The B.O.D. will work with the Monarch and Prime Minister in areas where the club has dealings with various government agencies and their institutions and laws.
- E. The B.O.D. has no power to change, alter, or otherwise affect the Rulebook, Corpora, or Bylaws.
- F. The B.O.D. has no status in the order of precedence and no jurisdiction over internal club functions.
- G. Should the BOD member miss more than six weeks in a row or twenty weeks total during a one-year term, he/she shall descend from office.
 - 1. Exception: Special situations will be taken into consideration by an Althing vote
- H. The membership may by 2/3 Althing vote of participating members in good standing remove any BOD member from office.

IV. Other Offices

- A. Champion of the Realm:
 - 1. Office Responsibility
 - a) Shall maintain a lost and found for the organization.
 - b) Shall see that all weapons and armor have been checked for safety and legality.
 - c) Shall organize the battlegames on days when no predetermined scenarios are scheduled.
 - d) Shall determine the events that comprise all Warskill events held while in office.
 - e) The champion shall be responsible for keeping accurate record of tournament results for all participants in major kingdom level tournaments (weaponmaster and Crown Qualification tournaments) during his/her term. This includes individual winning streaks, overall tournament placement up to 6th place, and individual event placement up to 4th place.
 - f) The champion shall, within one month of leaving office, present the new champion with results of all major kingdom tournaments held under his reign.
 - g) The Champion shall use the results of previous major kingdom tournaments to Aide in properly seeding brackets in all major kingdom level tournaments. (See section IX.F)
 - 2. Office Requirements
 - a) Be a member in good standing.
 - b) Place first in the Champion's tournament at the Crown Coronation event.

- c) Submit five entries in the cultural qualifications immediately prior to the election with an average score of 3.
 - d) Enter all warskill events in the cultural qualifications.
 - e) Pass the Reeves test with a score of 70% or better.
 - f) Should none of the candidates for this office qualify in a specific office requirement, that requirement shall be waived for the candidates.
3. Powers
- a) The Champion may receive the tile of Defender after his/her term is over.
 - b) Is not required to pay any dues or fees during his/her term.
4. Limits of Office
- a) The Champion shall not miss more than four weeks in a row or twelve weeks total else the current Weaponmaster will step into the role until a new tournament may be held.
 - (1) Exception: Special situations will be taken into consideration by an Althing vote.
5. The membership may by 2/3 Althing vote of participating members in good standing remove the Champion from office.
- B. Weaponmaster
- 1. The Weaponmaster is the individual who placed first in the warskill events at the Dragonmaster/Weaponmaster event held prior to Midreign.
 - 2. The Weaponmaster shall assist the Champion in all duties.
 - 3. If the Champion is unable to attend, the Weaponmaster will assume full responsibility.
- C. Guildmasters
- 1. A guildmaster shall be elected from the membership of a guild during Guild Elections. A Guildmaster must be a member in good standing, pass the Reeves test, and be at least 2nd level.
 - a) Should no candidate qualify, all candidates of the guild may be on the ballot.
 - 2. The guildmaster is responsible for representing the class at any rule's clarification Althings.
 - 3. The guildmaster shall be able to bring rules questions before an Althing for official clarification.
 - 4. Each guildmaster shall be responsible for assisting new players in learning the rules of the class and the requirements for the class.
 - 5. Guildmasters may be removed by a 2/3 Althing vote of all guild participating members and approval of the Monarch and Prime Minister.
 - 6. The guildmaster of each standard class shall automatically hold a spot on the rules revision committee.
 - 7. Should a Guildmaster step down from his/her position during their term, he/she may appoint a replacement with the approval of the Monarch.
- D. Guildmasters of Reeves:
- 1. The Guildmaster shall be elected by the members of the Reeves guild during the Guild Elections.
 - 2. The Guildmaster of Reeves must be a member in good standing.
 - 3. Members of the Reeves Guild will consist of those who have taken the Reeves test within the past six months and passed at 70% or better.
 - 4. The Guildmaster of Reeves shall work with the Monarch, Prime Minister, and Champion to ensure that the rules are applied accurately, fairly, and honestly on the battlefield.
 - 5. The Guildmaster of Reeves shall work with the Champion in checking armor and weapons for safety and legality.

6. The Guildmaster of Reeves must make sure that there are an appropriate number of reeves at any Amtgard event, and ensure that the conduct of reeves is competent and fair.
7. The Guildmaster of Reeves will give the Reeve's test at Crown Qualifications, Weaponmaster/Dragonmaster, and may give the Reeve's test upon request.
8. The Guildmaster of Reeves will work with the Prime Minister and Monarch to rate armor.
9. If there is contention over a handbook rule, the GMR shall issue a temporary clarification that will be held as official until the next Althing. The Monarch has the power to overrule this temporary clarification.
10. The Guildmaster of reeves may be removed by a 2/3 vote of all guild members and approval of the Monarch and Prime Minister

E. Offices by Monarch's Appointment

1. The monarch shall have the ability to create and appoint any offices or ranks he desires. Ranks and offices outside those mentioned in this Corpora shall have no powers that override the Corpora.
2. The following offices are standard, but are not required to be filled. Each of these offices is held at the monarch's discretion. If never removed by the monarch, the office does terminate upon the Monarch's leaving office.
 - a) Captain of the Monarch's Guard:
 - (1) The Captain shall be in charge of security at all Amtgard events.
 - (2) The Captain shall ensure that the Monarch and Consort are properly escorted.
 - b) Court Bard:
 - (1) Responsible for organization and performance of the arts at official Amtgard functions.
 - c) Court Jester:
 - (1) Responsible for humor and levity at official Amtgard functions.
 - (2) May double as the herald for all announcements of the Crown.
 - d) Scribe
 - (1) Is responsible for publishing a bi-monthly club newsletter.
 - (2) Is responsible for keeping a list of awards, titles, and knighthoods issued by the Monarch during the reign.
 - (3) Print any fliers, letters or other news of the Crown and Prime Minister
 - (4) Work with the Monarch and Prime Minister to maintain a yearly calendar of events.
 - (5) Keep the minutes of all Amtgard meetings and Althings.
 - (6) Is responsible for forwarding all records to the Prime Minister.
 - (7) Should the office of Scribe not be filled, the duties of the Scribe shall fall to the Prime Minister.

F. Offices by Regent's Appointment

1. The regent shall have the ability to create and appoint any offices or ranks he desires within the Colleges of Arts and Sciences. Ranks and offices outside those mentioned in this Corpora shall have no powers that override the Corpora.
2. The following offices are standard, but are not required to be filled. Each of these offices is held at the regent's discretion. If never removed by the regent, the office does terminate upon the regent's leaving office.
 - a) All Arts and Sciences Guildmasters. See Section V.1 for full description of duties and responsibilities
 - b) Assistant Regent

(1) Is responsible for assisting the Regent in all duties, including, but not limited to: running the Qualifications Arts competition, helping with the preparation of feasts during the regent's reign, helping judge/administer the Dragonmaster competition, and helping with Arts and Sciences demos set forth by the regent.

G. Offices by Prime Minister's Appointment

1. The PM shall have the ability to create and appoint any offices or ranks he desires within the areas of administration. Ranks and offices outside those mentioned in this Corpora shall have no powers that override the Corpora.

2. The following offices are standard, but are not required to be filled. Each of these offices is held at the PM's discretion. If never removed by the PM, the office does terminate upon the PM's leaving office.

a) Assistant Prime Minister

(1) Is responsible for assisting the PM in all administrative duties.

b) PM's Scribe

(1) Should the position of the Monarch's scribe not be filled, or is insufficient to fully complete their duties, the Prime Minister may elect to appoint a scribe of their own for assisting in the administrative duties of the PM.

(2) Responsibilities are listed under III.E.2.d.

H. Guildmaster of Knights:

1. Selected by plurality vote of the Circle of Knights at the Midreign event.

2. Term of the Guild Master of Knights shall be 6-months.

3. Shall enforce the guidelines set forth in the Rising Winds Circle of Knights Bylaws and shall have interpretive rights over any gray area of said bylaws.

I. Rules revision Committee.

1. The rules Revision committee shall consist of kingdom level class guildmasters, Kingdom GMR, and kingdom monarch.

a) The monarch may appoint a rules representative in his place.

2. The committee shall collectively debate, discuss and scrutinize the rulebook in order to put forth official suggestions for consideration at the Circle of monarchs meeting at clan each year.

a) Ideas and discussion should take place on the RW Rules yahoo group board which is open to the public.

b) Any person may suggest or debate ideas, but only committee members receive an initial vote.

3. Prior to the scheduled kingdom allthing that precedes the deadline for rule revision submission, the committee shall vote on each proposed idea.

a) Each committee member shall receive one vote.

b) Each Idea that passes a simple majority vote will then be brought to kingdom level allthing.

4. Ideas proposed by the rules revision Committee shall be voted on at kingdom level allthing. those passing a majority vote at allthing shall be the official submissions of the kingdom to the Circle of Monarchs.

5. The monarch shall be responsible for submitting these decisions to the proper person(s) before the submission deadline.

V. Official Organizations

- A. Circle of Monarchs
 1. The Circle of Monarchs shall consist of all monarchs of the subgroups of the Rising Winds and the Monarch of the Kingdom.
 2. They shall hold a regularly scheduled meeting at every Coronation and Midreign.
 3. Should the need arise; the Monarch may call for a Circle of Monarchs meeting with a 30 day notice.
 4. Powers of the Circle of Monarchs
 - a) Acceptance of new subgroups
 - (1) Upon verification of completion of requirements by the B.O.D., the Circle of Monarchs may vote to accept a new subgroup into the Rising Winds
 - b) Elevation of Status
 - (1) Upon verification of elevation requirements (see section X) by the Prime Minister and the recommendation of the Monarch, The Circle of Monarchs may vote to promote a subgroup to the next elevation level (e.g. Barony or Duchy).
 - c) Demotion of Status
 - (1) Should a subgroup fail to maintain qualifying numbers for twelve consecutive months; at the recommendation of the Monarch and verification by the Prime Minister, the Circle of Monarchs may vote to demote a subgroup to the previous elevation level
 - d) Removal of subgroups
 - (1) Should a subgroup fail to maintain the requirements stated within this corpora and/or at the recommendation of the Monarch, the Circle of Monarchs may vote to remove a subgroup from the Rising Winds.
 5. Circle of Monarchs Voting
 - a) At a Circle of Monarchs meeting, every subgroup monarch present, either in person or by proxy, shall have one official vote on each issue.
 - (1) Exception: The Monarch of a Principality shall be the only official vote for the entirety of their Principality.
 - b) Circle of Monarchs decisions with regards to acceptance and elevation shall be decided by a simple majority vote. Decisions with regards to demotion and removal shall require a 2/3rds vote.
 - c) The Monarch will have the power to break ties in a Circle of Monarchs vote.
- B. Colleges of Arts and Sciences:
 1. In the interest of education and demonstration, guilds shall be established for those interests covering the sciences and arts of the medieval period.
 2. These guilds shall have a guildmaster chosen every six months at the Crown feast by the Regent.
 3. The actual guilds will be created or dissolved by order of the Regent.
 4. The following groups may be recognized as Art guilds, but are neither requirements nor limitations on the creation of guilds by the regent.
 - a) Garbers
 - b) Literature
 - c) Minstrels
 - d) Theatre
 - e) Drama
 5. The following groups may be recognized as Science guilds, but are neither requirements nor limitations on the creation of guilds by the regent.
 - a) Heraldry

- b) Sages
 - c) Engineers
 - d) Gladiators
 - e) Armorers
6. Guildmasters are responsible for encouraging the interest, growth, and application of their particular discipline in the group.
7. Certain Arts and Sciences guilds have additional duties. The Regent may create additional duties as appropriate.
- a) Garbers may inform the Regent when a garber credit should be awarded (note that garber credits may be awarded in addition to orders of the Dragon).
 - b) Heralds shall collect and maintain the personal symbols and persona histories of all group members.
 - c) Armorers may inform the Regent when an armorer credit should be awarded (note that armorer credits may be awarded in addition to orders of the Owl).
- C. Reeves Guild:
1. Membership consists of those who have passed the Reeves test within the last six months with a score of 75% or better.
 2. Though under the jurisdiction of the Monarch and the Guildmaster of Reeves, the Reeves have the following powers over the battlegames:
 - a) May add newcomers and adjust the teams to balance a game.
 - b) May call whether a hit on a person is valid or not.
 - c) May take unsafe people or equipment off the battlefield.
 - d) May take time off a person's death if he died especially well.
 - e) May declare a person dead if he persistently is causing problems.
 - f) May declare the end to a game if play is stagnating.
 - g) May appropriate additional reeves if they are needed.
 3. Reeves are responsible for the following:
 - a) Must ensure that the games are safe to participants and bystanders.
 - b) Shall retrieve expended and discarded equipment.
 - c) Shall help the participants in their understanding of the games.
 - d) Shall ensure that the quality of play is honest and in keeping with the spirit of the rules and corpora.
 4. All members are required to reeve at least one battle game a month.
- D. Class Guilds:
1. Guild is the collective name for the group of members having six or more credits in a class outlined in Amtgard's official rulebook.
 2. No test class or alternate class may have a guild.
 3. Each guildmaster shall be responsible for either giving a promotion test or assigning someone to give a promotion test to a qualified member of the guild.
 - a) Promotion tests are given to members of the guild who have gained enough credits, according to the official Amtgard rules, to play at the next level.
 - b) Those taking the test must receive a score of 70% or better in order to pass.
- E. Circle of Steel:
1. Shall be composed of the captains of all companies with three or more participating members.
 2. Shall organize and orchestrate company-related activities within the group.
- F. Circle of Knights:
1. Shall be composed of all knights whose ORK records are kept by a sub-group of the Kingdom.

2. Shall serve the kingdom and the Monarch as an advisory body regarding the eligibility of any given candidate for the honor of knighthood.

VI. Althings

- A. An Althing shall be scheduled once each month. Whether it is actually held is subject to group interest and involvement. (i.e. - if no one has business to bring before the group, then there will be no Althing for that month).
- B. Anyone may attend, however only a member in good standing may vote.
- C. The Monarch, Regent or Prime Minister shall act as chairperson for the meeting, in that order.
- D. Althing Activities
 1. Discuss and enact rule clarifications.
 - a) If there is contention over a handbook rule, the GMR shall issue a temporary clarification that will be held as official until the next Althing. The Monarch has the power to overrule this temporary clarification
 - b) Only a guildmaster of an official class or the Guildmaster of Reeves may bring up rules changes for a class. Any Guildmaster of an official class or the Guildmaster of Reeves may bring up a rules clarification concerning the general rules.
 - c) Once brought up, any attending member may speak briefly concerning the rule.
 - d) A rules clarification is adopted by majority vote.
 - e) Rules clarifications may not contradict explicit wording of the official rules.
 2. Revise and update the Corpora or Bylaws.
 - a) Any member may bring forth a motion to change the Corpora or the Bylaws.
 - b) A motion to change the Corpora or Bylaws may only be voted on at an Althing held at a Rising Winds Kingdom Midreign.
 - c) Any attending member may speak briefly on the requested change.
 - d) A Corpora or Bylaws update is adopted by a $\frac{3}{4}$ affirmative vote of participating Members in Good Standing (see section I.4.b.).
 - e) The Corpora takes precedence over any Althing decision.
 - f) Any change to the Corpora must be written in the proper form of the Corpora.
 3. Althing Decision
 - a) An Althing decision is a motion that passes a simple majority vote of participating members in good standing and is not a change to the Corpora or Bylaws.
 - b) An Althing decision may not change, hinder, or add to any part of the Corpora or Bylaws.
 - c) Examples of Althing decisions are:
 - (1) Discuss and vote on major expenditures (greater than 10%) of the group treasury. Such expenditures are approved by a majority vote of participating members in good standing.
 - (2) Discuss and vote on any issue. This vote may override any decision made by any officer as well as remove officers as outlined by their office.
 - d) Althing votes shall be either for or against, abstentions shall not be counted for the purposes of determining the outcome of voting.
 - e) Althing rules of order may be set down by the Crown. The Champion is responsible for enforcement.
- E. All Althing agenda items must be phrased such a way to render either a "for" or "against" vote.

VII. Elections

- A. Crown Elections
 - 1. The Prime Minister will submit to the RWBOD Chairman a list of all members in good standing by midnight the day of Crown Qualifications. This list will also be posted to the Rising Winds Yahoo Group.
 - 2. Only members in good standing included on the list submitted by the Prime Minister may participate in the Crown elections as candidates or voters. Candidates must fulfill all other requirements for office.
 - 3. The Prime Minister shall hold declarations for offices for two weeks prior to Crown Qualifications and shall close declarations at midnight on the day of Qualifications.
 - 4. The Prime Minister and the Guildmaster of Reeves shall hold Crown Elections for two weeks following Crown Qualifications and the determination of eligibility of the contestants.
- B. Prime Minister Election
 - 1. The Prime Minister will submit a list of all members in good standing to the RWBOD Chairman by midnight the Saturday two weeks prior to Midreign. This list will also be posted to the Rising Winds Yahoo Group.
 - 2. Only members in good standing included on the list submitted by the Prime Minister may participate in the Prime Minister election as candidates or voters. Candidates must fulfill all other requirements for office.
 - 3. The Monarch shall hold declarations for candidates for two weeks one month prior to Midreign and shall close declarations at midnight Saturday, two weeks before Midreign.
 - 4. The Monarch and the Guildmaster of Reeves shall hold Prime Minister Elections in conjunction with Guild Elections.
- C. Guild Elections
 - 1. Only members in good standing included on the list submitted by the Prime Minister as required above may participate in the Guild elections as a candidate or voter. Candidates must fulfill all other requirements for office. Voters must fulfill all other requirements to vote for a specific guild master position.
 - 2. The Prime Minister shall hold declarations for Class Guild Masters for two weeks one month prior to the June Midreign and shall close declarations at midnight on the Saturday two weeks prior to the June Midreign,
 - 3. The Prime Minister and the Monarch shall hold Guild Elections for two weeks prior to the June Mid-reign and the determination of eligibility of the contestants.
- D. B.O.D. Elections
 - 1. Only members in good standing included in the list submitted by the Prime Minister as required above may participate in B.O.D. elections as a candidate or voter. Candidates must fulfill all other requirements for office.
 - 2. B.O.D. elections shall be held twice per year. Three seats will be elected in conjunction with the June Prime Minister and Guild Elections and two seats will be elected in conjunction with the November Prime Minister and Guild elections.
- E. The winner of any election requires a simple plurality vote (more votes than the next highest vote-getter).
- F. The Monarch shall break any tie votes in an election except in the case of election of the Monarch. The Prime Minister shall cast the deciding vote in case of a tie in the race for Monarch.
- G. A member may only vote for officers in their subgroup and the officers of the Rising Winds.
 - 1. Exception: A subgroup that is a member of a principality may vote for officers in their subgroup, their principality, and the officers of the Rising Winds.

VIII. Awards and Honors

- A. Orders of all types, when awarded at higher levels, should be harder to attain.
- B. Knighthood
 - 1. Removed due to the Awards Standardization that passed at Clan 2007
- C. Titles of Nobility and Lesser Titles of Honor Listings are in the format: Title (Equivalents.)

- 1. Duke/Duchess (Doge, Dux, Herzog) *
 - a) Suggested criteria: serve the club six months as Monarch
- 2. Count/Countess (Earl, Comes, Comite Graf, Jarl) **
 - a) Suggested criteria: serve the club six months as Regent
- 3. Marquis/Marquise (Markgraf, Marchioness {feminine}, also roughly equivalent to Margrave, Mark) ***

Table 1 Notations for VIII Awards and Honors

| Honors (Shown in subgroup section X. but often missed) | |
|---|------------------------------|
| * | Kingdom Level Officer |
| ** | Principality Level or Higher |
| *** | Grand Duchy Level or Higher |
| **** | Duchy Level or Higher |
| ***** | Barony Level or Higher |
| ***** | Shire Level or Higher |

- a) Suggested Criteria: serve in each of the following: Monarch, Regent, Prime Minister
- 4. Viscount/Viscountess (Vocomte) ***
 - a) Suggested criteria: have held the following positions: Champion, Weaponmaster
- 5. Baron/Baroness (Thane, Daimyo) ****
 - a) Suggested criteria: serve the club six months as Prime Minister. Also awarded for six months service as Duke of a Duchy
- 6. Baronet (none) *****
 - a) Suggested criteria: serve in a pro-tem positions for any of the following positions: Monarch, Regent, Prime Minster, or Champion. Also awarded for six months service as Baron of a Barony or Regent of a Duchy
- 7. Lord/Lady (none) *****
 - a) Suggested criteria: discretion of the Monarch (service to the club). Also awarded for six months service as PM of a Duchy, Regent of a Barony, or Sheriff of a Shire.
- 8. Defender (none) *
 - a) Suggested criteria: serve the club six months as Champion
- 9. Master (none) *****
 - a) Suggested criteria: discretion of the Monarch (service to the club). Also awarded for six months service as Champion of a Duchy, PM of a Barony, or Regent of a Shire.
- 10. Esquire (none) *****
 - a) Suggest criteria: discretion of the Monarch (service to the club). Also awarded for six months service as Champion of a Barony or Shire, or as PM of a Shire.

- D. Masterhood in the Service Guilds and Orders
 - 1. Awarded by the Monarch* for achieving the criteria set forth
 - 2. Denotes excellence in contributions to the club in the area listed (see explanations of the orders themselves)
 - 3. Specific types of Masterhood:
 - a) Removed due to the Awards Standardization that passed at Clan 2007
- E. Masterhood in the Fighting Guilds
 - a) Awarded to the outstanding members of each guild.

b) Awarded by the Monarch* with the consent of the appropriate class Guildmaster*

and a verification of class levels by the Prime Minister*.

c) Does not grant any special play abilities beyond those normally available to a non-master.

d) Masters are entitled to wear on their garb a slash or stripe of that Guild's color as denoted in the accompanying table. If this stripe is inset on a belt or sash of the same color, then black or white borders may delineate it.

Table 2 Belt favor colors for the Fighting Classes:

| | Belt Favor Colors | Reason of Colors |
|--------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Anti-Paladin | Purple/Black | Royalty and Evil |
| Archer | White | Fletching of Arrows |
| Assassin | Black | Death |
| Barbarian | Orange | Color of burning ruins |
| Bard | Blue | Bardic Blue |
| Druid | Brown | Tree's and Earth |
| Healer | Red | The Blood they clean up |
| Monk | Gray | Humble Beginnings |
| Monster | | |
| Paladin | Purple/White | Royalty and Good |
| Scout | Green | Woodlands |
| Warrior | Silver | Steel and Armour |
| Wizard | Yellow | Enchantments and Spells |

F. Awards

1. Orders

a) **Order of the Dragon**

Awarded by: Monarch****, Consort/Regent****

Awarded for: Demonstrating ability in the arts of Amtgard (Per the current Award Standardization)

Limitations: None

b) **Order of the Garber**

Awarded by: Monarch****, Consort/Regent****

Awarded for: The creation of garb. (Per the current Award Standardization)

Limitations: None

c) **Order of the Flame**

Awarded by: Monarch**

Awarded for: Given to a group of people (company, household, etc.) for outstanding contributions to Amtgard

Limitations: Only one may be given in each Monarch's reign

d) **Order of the Griffon (Gryphon)**

Awarded by: Monarch****

Awarded for: Courage, chivalry, and honor on the battlefield

Limitations: None

e) **Order of the Hydra**

Awarded by: Monarch****

Awarded for: Entering enough Crown Qualifications events to qualify for the Crown tourney/election

Limitations: Each person may only receive on Hydra per Crown Qualifications

f) **Order of the Jovious**

Awarded by: Monarch**

Awarded for: Outstanding attitude

Limitations: Only one may be given in each Monarch's reign

- g) **Order of the Lion**
 Awarded by: Monarch****, Consort/Regent****
 Awarded for: Going above and beyond the call of duty in the execution of an office, or for leadership outside of office while performing a service to Amtgard.
 (Per the current Award Standardization)
 Limitations: None
- h) **Order of the Mask (Masque)**
 Awarded by: Monarch**
 Awarded for: Outstanding portrayal of persona
 Limitations: Only one may be given in each Monarch's reign
- i) **Order of the Owl**
 Awarded by: Monarch****, Consort/Regent****
 Awarded for: Demonstrating ability in the construction of sciences of Amtgard
 (Per the current Award Standardization)
 Limitations: None
- j) **Order of the Rose**
 Awarded by: Monarch****, Consort/Regent****
 Awarded for: Service to the club not necessarily related to an elected office.
 (Per the current Award Standardization)
 Limitations: None
- k) **Order of the Smith**
 Awarded by: Monarch****, Consort/Regent****
 Awarded for: Organizing and running battlegames, quest, workshops, and the like while nit in office, or for running such events above and beyond the requirements of one's office. (Per the current Award Standardization)
 Limitations: None
- l) **Order of the Walker of the Middle**
 Awarded by: Monarch**
 Awarded for: Exemplification of the ideals and conduct of reeves
 Limitations: A person may never receive more than one of these
- m) **Order of the Warrior**
 Awarded by: Monarch****
 Awarded for: Fighting prowess. (Per the current Award Standardization)
 Limitations: Orders of the Warrior follow a regimented patter for distribution detailed under the Awards Standardization section in the Rules of Play.

Belt Favor Animal

- 1st Green Snake
- 2nd Blue Boar
- 3rd Red Mongoose
- 4th Brown Bear
- 5th Rust Hawk
- 6th Gray Wolf
- 7th Orange Tiger

- 8th Black Panther
- 9th Purple Dragon
- 10th Yellow Phoenix with a red border

n) **Order of the Zodiac**

Awarded by: Monarch****

Awarded for: Outstanding contributions in any one month

Limitations: Only one may be given each month

o) **Note:** As with the order of the warrior, orders of all type, when awarded at higher levels, should be harder to earn (i.e. – a person's 7th Order of the Dragon should be harder to attain than his or her 2nd Order, etc.)

IX. Events

A. Crown Qualifications:

1. Qualifications will be held at least 3 weeks prior to the Crown Coronation.
2. Cultural Events shall be set forth by the current Regent.
3. Warskill Events shall be set forth by the current Champion. The Champion must create a minimum of 5 events.
4. Any member may enter Crown qualification events.
5. Members running for office in the upcoming Crown elections will be required to enter a minimum specified number of cultural events in this Crown Qualifications.
 - a) Should a candidate not be able to participate in the warskill events due to physical restrictions or a mundane matter that interferes with the candidate's ability to participate, they may request a personal champion to take their place.
6. Each candidate shall only be given three opportunities to pass a reeves test prior to the close of Crown Quals.
7. The following orders will be awarded for outstanding entries
 - a) Dragon
 - b) Hydra
 - c) Rose
 - d) Owl
 - e) Warrior
 - f) Armorer and Garber credits
8. Typical cultural skill contests include (but are not limited to): flat art, 3-D art, heraldry test, singing, instrumental music, cooking, factual writing, composition, weapon and shield construction, passive construction, active construction, garb, fighting garb, strategic gaming, poetry, etc.
9. All Crown Qualification cultural entries will be judged on a point scale of 1 (one) to 5 (five) with five being the highest possible score.
 - a) More specific rules for these qualifications, including the events to be held shall be put out by the sponsor at least two weeks prior to the date set for Crown Qualifications.

B. Coronation

1. The Event where the winners of the Crown Elections and the new Champion assume office.
2. The winner of the Champion's tournament at Coronation shall hold the title of Champion for six months.

- C. Coronation Feast
 - 1. The outgoing Regent holds the responsibility for planning the feast. This includes menu, recruiting members to assist and obtaining necessary equipment for the feast.
 - 2. Shall be held in conjunction with Coronation
- D. Dragonmaster and Weaponmaster Events
 - 1. These events may be held at the Monarch's Midreign event. If they are not, they must be held at least Three weeks before midreign.
 - 2. Cultural Events shall be set forth by the current Regent.
 - 3. Warskill Events shall be set forth by the current Champion.
 - 4. The following orders will be awarded for outstanding entries
 - a) Dragon
 - b) Rose
 - c) Owl
 - d) Warrior
 - e) Armorer and Garber credits
 - 5. Typical cultural skill contests include (but are not limited to): flat art, 3-D art, heraldry test, singing, instrumental music, cooking, factual writing, composition, weapon and shield construction, passive construction, active construction, garb, fighting garb, strategic gaming, poetry, etc.
 - 6. The sponsor shall put out more specific rules for the events to be held at least two weeks prior to the date set for the Dragonmaster and Weaponmaster event.
 - 7. The winner of the Warskill events at Dragonmaster and Weaponmaster event shall hold the title of Weaponmaster for six months.
- E. Midreign Feast
 - 1. The current Regent holds the responsibility for planning the feast. This includes menu, recruiting members to assist and obtaining necessary equipment for the feast.
 - 2. Shall be held in conjunction with Midreign.
- F. Midreign.
 - 1. The event where the winners of the Prime minister, Guild, and BOD elections assume office.
 - 2. The Weaponmaster and Dragonmaster events may be held at midreign by decision of the current monarch.
- G. Major Kingdom Tournaments
 - 1. Seeding
 - a) All Major kingdom level tournaments shall be seeded to ensure the fairest and most accurate results.
 - b) Players participating in Rising Winds Major kingdom level tournaments shall, upon placing high enough in the standings, be awarded seed points that will determine their seed placement in future tournament brackets.
 - c) Seed points shall be awarded to those placing in the top 6 standings overall in the tournament as follows: 1st place: 10 points; 2nd place: 8 points; 3rd place: 6 points; 4th place: 4 points; 5th place: 2 points; 6th place: 1 point
 - d) Of all participants signed up for a warskill event at a major kingdom level tourney, the four with the highest amount of seed points accrued in the previous 4 (four) tournaments shall be seeded into the brackets with the highest seed point total holder having the number one seed and so on. Ties in seed point totals will be decided first by highest order of the warrior, and failing that, the discretion of the champion.
 - 2. Brackets

- a) Brackets for Kingdom tournaments shall have a number of first round slots that is both equal to or greater than the number of players signed up and also a power of 2 (2, 4, 8, 16, 32....).
- b) Seeded players are placed into the brackets as following: The number one and number four seed are placed on opposite ends of one half of the bracket and the number two and three seeds are placed similarly in the other half of the bracket. this ensures the number one and 4 seed (as well as the 2 and 3) can not possibly fight until the quarterfinals as well as making sure that either the number one or four seed and the number two or three seed can not possibly fight until the finals.
- c) All other non-seeded players shall be placed evenly throughout the brackets randomly. Players who are not matched in a bracket with an opponent shall receive a bye for that round. Players receiving byes in the first round shall be decided randomly save that seeded players should not receive byes.

X. Subgroups

- 1. All subgroups have the same responsibilities, requirements, powers, and limits of office as their Kingdom-level equivalents except where specified below.
- 2. Membership:
 - a) The Rising Winds consists of subgroups spread across a wide geographical region. These subgroups are the Shires, Baronies, Duchies, Grand Duchies, and Principalities that make up the Kingdom.
 - b) All subgroups are bound by the current approved Amtgard rules (handbook), this Corpora, the Bylaws of the Rising Winds, and their contract. Note: Principalities operate under their own Corpora per Section X.g (Principality definition and guidelines).
 - c) No subgroup as a whole may be considered part of another Kingdom of Amtgard or part of another subgroup of the Rising Winds.
 - (1) Exception: Rising Winds-sponsored Principalities may have subgroups.
 - d) Subgroups are required to hold events on at least a bi-weekly basis. These events may be combative, competitive, or instructional, but must be related to Amtgard. These events must be at a public location and open for participation to the entire membership of the subgroup (excluding members undergoing disciplinary action imposed by the Monarch), members of other Amtgard groups, and non-members interested in joining.
 - e) New Subgroups:
 - (1) Subgroups may choose to form in other cities but may not call themselves the Rising Winds.
 - (2) New subgroups must petition the Rising Winds Board of Directors for sponsorship.
 - (a) Exception: Rising Winds-sponsored Principalities may accept new subgroups as Principality subgroups without the consent of the Rising Winds Board of Directors if the petitioning subgroup is within the Principality's agreed upon borders.
 - (b) It is recommended, but not required, that any Principality adopted subgroups fulfill all of the requirements as all the other subgroups of the Rising Winds.
 - (3) All new subgroups must sign the Amtgard, Inc. contract (Agreement) with the Central (Burning Lands) Board of Directors and provide a copy of that agreement to the Rising Winds Board of Directors.

- f) Grand Duchy definition and guidelines:
- (1) Definition – A Grand Duchy is a subgroup within the Rising Winds that works with and mentors two or more smaller subgroups within a 100 mile radius of itself.
 - (2) All such subgroups within the Grand Duchy must be subgroups of the Rising Winds.
 - (3) The Grand Duchy shall act as a logistics arm and mentor on behalf of the Kingdom.
 - (4) The Grand Duchy must be an existing Duchy-sized subgroup of the Rising Winds and must meet the elevation of status requirements as outlined in Section X.8 (Elevation of status requirements).
 - (5) Rights and privileges:
 - (a) The smaller subgroups (mentored) may petition the larger subgroup (mentor) for higher level awards up to a maximum level as specified in Section X.6 (Awards).
 - (b) The mentor may bestow titles of nobility upon members of the mentored subgroups up to a level equal to that the mentor can normally give.
 - (c) The mentor may entitle itself "Grand Duchy" to show that the larger subgroup is the mentor to two or more smaller subgroups.
 - (d) Note: Grand Duchies are not confederacies. All subgroups retain distinct functionality per their subgroup status within this Corpora.
 - (e) No other duties or privileges except those set forth explicitly in 1, 2, or 3, above may be wrought from becoming a Grand Duchy. The subgroups still retain all rights and privileges as a subgroup of their current level in the Rising Winds.
- g) Principality definition and guidelines:
- (1) Definition – A Principality is a subgroup of the Rising Winds at least 150 miles from the Rising Winds' Kingdom Seat. A Principality is created solely for the purpose of preparing a subgroup to petition the Interkingdom Circle of Monarchs for Kingdom status.
 - (2) A Principality must operate as a Rising Winds subgroup.
 - (3) The subgroup requesting elevation to Principality must meet the elevation of status requirements for Principality as outlined in Section X.7. (Elevation of status requirements) without the support of any other subgroup.
 - (a) The subgroup requesting elevation to Principality must have a Corpora that has been approved by the Rising Winds Circle of Monarchs.
 - (b) This Corpora cannot be changed or modified prior to attaining Kingdom status without the approval of the Rising Winds Board of Directors.
 - (c) The Principality must agree on it's borders with the Rising Winds Circle of Monarchs.
 - (d) Any additional agreements that are determined to be required for elevation to Principality that are not covered in this Corpora shall be clearly delineated in a contract signed between the Principality and the Rising Winds Board of Directors.

- (4) A Principality and its subgroups operate solely under their own Corpora with all the rights and privileges therein. Members of a Principality may not run for office at the Kingdom-level offices of the Rising Winds.
 - (a) The Monarch of the Principality has an automatic advisory, nonvoting seat on the Rising Winds Board of Directors.
- (5) A Principality will revert to its previous subgroup size (Duchy or Grand Duchy) if any of the following conditions occur:
 - (a) twenty-four (24) months pass without elevation to Kingdom status. Should this occur the Principality shall revert to its prior size as above at the end of the reign of the current Principality Monarch.
 - (i) If this period passes without the Interkingdom Circle of Monarchs voting on the elevation of the Principality to Kingdom status, the Principality can petition the Rising Winds Circle of Monarchs to extend their Principality status for an additional thirteen (13) months. This option may only be exercised once.
 - (b) If by majority vote the Rising Winds Board of Directors determines that the obligations of any additional agreements between the Principality and the Rising Winds Board of Directors have not been fulfilled, the Rising Winds Board of Directors can ask for a ruling on the status of the Principality at the next Rising Winds Circle of Monarchs meeting. NOTE: Upon the dissolution of a Principality any subgroups not previously sponsored by the Rising Winds will revert to freehold status.

3. Officers:

- a) Status-based Officers:
 - (1) Shire: Officers consist of the four main officers (Monarch, Regent, Chancellor, and Champion).
 - (2) Barony: Officers consist of the four main officers and a head Class Guildmaster.
 - (a) The head Class Guildmaster will assume the responsibilities of all class Guildmasters for that subgroup.
 - (3) Duchy/Grand Duchy: Officers comprise all officers listed in the Corpora except the Board of Directors.
 - (a) Exception: unless a Board of Directors is required by law.
 - (4) Principality: Officers comprise all officers listed in their Corpora.
 - (5) Each subgroup may decide to utilize additional officers other than those listed in the event their subgroup's population warrants it.
- b) The following offices may not hold any other in-game office: Monarch, Regent, Chancellor, Champion, and Guildmaster of Reeves.
 - (1) Should an individual in one of these positions decide to run for another office, they shall step down from their position by the Qualifications event prior to the election except in the event their position's term ends at the resolution of the election.
 - (2) A member may only declare for one of these offices at a time and may not run for any other office simultaneously.
 - (3) If the position of Regent, Chancellor, Champion, or Guildmaster of Reeves is vacant and not filled as described in this document the Monarch shall assume the responsibilities of that office.
- c) Monarch (Sheriff, Baron, Duke, Grand Duke, Prince):
 - (1) Office requirements :

- (a) Cultural Qualifications:
 - (i) Shire: 3 entries in 3 categories
 - (ii) Barony: 5 entries in 5 categories
 - (iii) Duchy: 7 entries in 7 categories
 - (iv) Grand Duchy: 8 entries in 7 categories
 - (v) Principality: 9 entries in 7 categories
- (2) Official Powers:
 - (a) The Monarch shall have the power to resolve any issues not covered by this document. The invocation of this power must be reported to the Kingdom Monarch and Kingdom Prime Minister.
 - (b) Awards – see X.6.
 - (c) The Monarch will have the power to break ties at their subgroup's Althings and non-Monarch elections.
 - (d) The Monarch is not required to pay any fees or dues during his term for his subgroup.
 - (e) The Monarch may receive the following title after his term is over:
 - (i) Shire: Lord
 - (ii) Barony: Baronet
 - (iii) Duchy: Baron
 - (iv) Grand Duchy: Marquis
 - (v) Principality: Count
- d) Regent:
 - (1) Office requirements :
 - (a) Cultural Qualifications:
 - (i) Shire: 3 entries in 3 categories
 - (ii) Barony: 5 entries in 5 categories
 - (iii) Duchy: 7 entries in 7 categories
 - (iv) Grand Duchy: 8 entries in 8 categories
 - (v) Principality: 9 entries in 9 categories
 - (2) Official Powers:
 - (a) Awards - see X.6.
 - (b) The Regent is not required to pay any fees or dues during his term for his subgroup.
 - (c) The Regent may receive the following title after his term is over:
 - (i) Shire: Master
 - (ii) Barony: Lord
 - (iii) Duchy: Baronet
 - (iv) Grand Duchy: Baron
 - (v) Principality: Marquis
- e) Chancellor:
 - (1) Office responsibilities:
 - (a) The Chancellor must keep records of attendance and of active members.
 - (b) The Chancellor must keep the member information files on all members up to date.
 - (c) The Chancellor is responsible for providing rulebooks and newsletters to the populace.

- (d) The Chancellor must keep the Attendance, Dues, and Awards information up to date on the ORK and "Grant Kingdom PM Account Write Access" to their chapter.
- (e) Must have access to the Internet.
- (2) Official powers:
 - (a) The Chancellor is not required to pay any fees or dues during his term for his subgroup.
 - (b) The Chancellor may receive the following title after his/her term is over:
 - (i) Shire: Esquire
 - (ii) Barony: Master
 - (iii) Duchy: Lord
 - (iv) Grand Duchy: Baronet
 - (v) Principality: Baronet
- f) Champion:
 - (1) Office requirements:
 - (a) Cultural Qualifications:
 - (i) Shire: 2 entries
 - (ii) Barony: 3 entries
 - (iii) Duchy: 4 entries
 - (iv) Grand Duchy: 5 entries
 - (v) Principality: 5 entries
 - (2) Official powers:
 - (a) The Champion may receive the following title after his term is over:
 - (i) Shire: Esquire
 - (ii) Barony: Esquire
 - (iii) Duchy: Master
 - (iv) Grand Duchy: Master
 - (v) Principality; Master
- g) All other applicable offices: as per Kingdom equivalent.
- 4. Althings:
 - a) A subgroup's Althings may not overrule any decision of the Kingdom Althing or the Kingdom Monarchy.
- 5. Elections:
 - a) In the event that a subgroup does not have a Guildmaster or Reeves an Althing may appoint a second member in good standing for the counting of votes.
- 6. Awards:
 - a) Subgroups may not award Knighthoods.
 - b) Subgroups may not award Defenders, Dreamkeepers, Hellriders, Masks, or Walkers of the Middle.
 - c) Subgroups may not award non-class Masterhoods (Master of the Rose, Lion, etc.).
 - d) Subgroups may award titles of nobility (Baron, Baronet, Lord/Ladyship, etc.) earned by superior service in a specific office listed in the Corpora. Note: Subgroups may not award titles greater than the subgroup's Monarch may receive upon stepping down.
 - e) Subgroups may not give a player any order or award higher than the following:
 - (1) Shire: 3
 - (2) Barony: 5

- (3) Duchy: 7
- (4) Grand Duchy: 8
- (5) Principality: 9

f) Only Baronies, Duchies, Grand Duchies, Principalities, and Kingdoms may award class Masterhoods (Master Warrior, Wizard, etc.) with the consent of the Kingdom Prime Minister and the Kingdom Guildmaster of the involved class, per the stipulations set down in Section VIII.5 (Masterhood in the Fighting Guilds).

7. Elevation of status requirements:

- a) Barony – age: 1 year; population: 20 for six months
- b) Duchy – age: 2 years; population: 40 for six months
- c) Grand Duchy – age: 3 years; population: 50 for one year
- d) Principality – age: 4 years; population: 60 for one year
- e) Note: Elevation to Kingdom requires a 75% approval vote of the Interkingdom Circle of Monarchs.