

# Draft Laws of the Principality of the North

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## ***Definitions***

Consort: The person who was fought for in the Coronet Lists and was invested as Prince or Princess.

Corpora: Document which defines the medieval structure of the Society.

Coronet: The Sovereign and Consort of a principality, acting together. They reign subject to the overall guidance of the Crown.

Coronet Events: The two Coronet Tournaments and two Coronet Investitures.

Coronet Lists: Properly constituted Lists to determine, by combat, the Heirs to the current Coronet.

Crown: The Sovereign and Consort of a kingdom, acting together. The Crown of the Kingdom of An Tir.

Curia: A council of officers and Principality advisors meeting to assist in administering the Principality.

Heirs: The victor in the Coronet Lists and the victor's prospective consort, for the period between the victory and the Investiture.

Investiture: The ceremony at which the Heirs are invested as the Coronet.

Kingdom Law: The Laws of the Kingdom of An Tir.

Noble Estate: (to be added from Kingdom Law)

Prince and Princess: Titles of the Sovereign and Consort of the Principality of the North.

Principality: A part of a kingdom which has the right to select a reigning Prince and Princess by combat.

Principality Law: The Laws of the Principality of the North.

Proclamation: A directive of the Coronet that shall have effect only during the reign of the Coronet making it.

Regent: The person who administers the affairs of the Principality if the Coronet is unable to reign.

Royalty: The King, Queen, Crown Prince and Princess, Principality Princes and Princesses, and all Principality Heirs.

Society: The Society for Creative Anachronism, Incorporated. (SCA)

Sovereign: The victor in the Coronet Lists of the North who has been invested with the title of Prince or Princess.

Subject: A person who resides within the Principality of the North and is considered to be a denizen of the North, excluding the Prince and the Princess. Exceptions to this definition are detailed in Corpora.

## **Article I - The Law**

1. Within the Principality of the North, the word of the Coronet is law subject to modern law of the relevant jurisdictions, the governing documents of the Society, Kingdom Law and the approval of the Crown.
2. Principality Law is subject to the same restrictions as the word of the Coronet.
3. The Laws of the North shall be published in their entirety once each year by May 1.
4. The Laws of the Principality may be amended by the Coronet. Amendments must be reviewed by the Principality Seneschal for compliance with the above restrictions. Any amendments to Principality Law must first be submitted to the Crown of An Tir in writing and receive the Crown's signatures before being proclaimed.
5. Amendments and proclamations must be published in the Principality newsletter, *The Northern Sentinel*, and the Kingdom newsletter, *The Crier*, before they are fully in effect. Amendments to Principality Law and proclamations should be announced at events within the Principality as soon as possible, but no subject of the Principality shall be held accountable until that proclamation or law is signed and published.

## **Article II - The Coronet**

1. Selection of the Coronet  
The selection of the Coronet is detailed in Corpora. What follows is particular to the North.
  - a. Coronet Lists Eligibility
    - i. Entrants to the Coronet Lists and their prospective consorts must have lived within the borders of the North for one year preceding the Coronet Tournament and expect to remain residents for the duration of their reign. The Coronet may grant exceptions.
    - ii. Should the results of a Coronet Tournament be declared invalid for any reason, a Coronet Tournament shall be called at the beginning of the Investiture Event. This tournament shall be limited to eligible entrants and their prospective consorts who competed in the invalidated Coronet Tournament. The victor of the tournament and their consort shall be invested immediately.
  - b. Combat Conventions  
The Sovereign shall determine Coronet List combat conventions.
2. Relations with the Crown are detailed in Kingdom Law.
3. Responsibilities  
The duties and responsibilities of the Coronet are detailed in Corpora and in Kingdom Law. What follows is particular to the North.
  - a. The Coronet and Heirs must attend all Principality Coronet Events.
  - b. The Coronet and Heirs are responsible for reasonable maintenance of the regalia for Their office and must pass the regalia on to Their successor(s).
4. Privileges  
The privileges of the Coronet are detailed in Corpora and in Kingdom Law. What follows is particular to the North.
  - a. Neither the Coronet nor the Heirs shall be charged event fees at Principality Coronet Events.
  - b. The Coronet and the Heirs shall be reimbursed for reasonable office, copying, postage and telephone expenses incurred in preparation for and in conjunction with Their reign upon submission of receipts to the Principality Exchequer.
5. Failure to Reign and Regent
  - a. Failure to reign includes:
    - i. Failure to attend Principality Coronet Events, unless such failure to attend is beyond the control of the Sovereign or Consort and no failure of intent to reign is demonstrated.
    - ii. Abdication. A letter from the Prince and/or Princess to the Crown, Heirs (if any), Kingdom Seneschal and Principality Seneschal, indicating intent to abdicate constitutes official abdication.
    - iii. Failure to perform the duties of the Coronet as judged by the Crown with the advice of the Principality Seneschal, the Principality Champions, and Principality Noble Estate.

- b. Should either the Sovereign or Consort be unable to complete the reign for whatever reason, the other shall assume the duties of both for the remainder of the reign.
- c. Should both the Sovereign and Consort be unable to complete the reign, the Heirs shall be invested as Prince and Princess as soon as possible. Until that time, the administrative duties of the Coronet shall fall on the Regent, and the Coronet shall revert to the Crown of An .
- d. The Heavy Champion of the North shall, with the approval of the Crown, serve as Regent. If the Heavy Champion cannot carry out the Regent duties, then the Crown, with advice from the Principality Seneschal and the Noble Estate, shall select the most suitable Royal Peer to serve as Regent. The Regent's primary responsibility is to host a Coronet List as soon as possible and to immediately invest the victor and consort as Prince and Princess. The Regent may not change law or give awards.

### ***Article III - Champions***

1. The Champions are: Heavy Champion, Rapier Champion, Archery Champion, Arts & Sciences Champion, and Bardic Champion.
2. The job descriptions, duties, responsibilities and privileges of the Champions are detailed in Kingdom Law. What follows is particular to the North.
3. Duties of All Champions
  - a. To swear an oath of fealty and service to the Coronet.
  - b. To defend the honor and prestige of the Coronet and the Principality of the North, whenever such is challenged.
  - c. To support the Coronet in war.
  - d. To attend all Coronet Events, unless that champion receives permission from the Coronet not to do so.
  - e. To maintain membership in the Society during the champion's term of service.
  - f. To speak or act in the Coronet's name when delegated to do so.
  - g. To further the interests of their area of endeavor.
4. Each Champion must organize the tournament to choose their successor at the appropriate Principality Coronet event. Champions may defend their title.
5. The Championship tournaments will take place as follows.  
Spring Coronet Tournament: Arts & Sciences  
Summer Investiture: Heavy  
Fall Coronet Tournament: Bardic and Archery  
Winter Investiture: Rapier
6. Rights and Privileges
  - a. To have a place at the high table for the champion and an escort.
  - b. To stand armed near the Coronet at all events.
  - c. To be at the side of the Coronet in war.
  - d. To bear and display the regalia of their position.
7. The Champions are responsible for reasonable maintenance of the regalia for their office and must pass the regalia on to their successor.

### ***Article IV - Principality Officers and Duties***

1. Offices of the Principality of the North are structured after the Greater and Lesser Offices of the Kingdom of An Tir. Their job descriptions and duties are detailed in Corpora and Kingdom Law.
2. Officers shall report to their Kingdom superiors and maintain communications with their branch subordinates.
3. Officers serve at the pleasure of the Coronet as long as their duties are carried out in a manner satisfactory to the Coronet and their Kingdom superior.

### ***Article V - Awards and Orders***

1. The Coronet shall determine and create Awards and Orders particular to the Principality of the North as They deem necessary, and will add them to Principality Law.

## **Article VI - Events**

Coronet events are detailed in Kingdom Law what follows is particular to the North.

1. **Conflicting Events:** Within the borders of the North, no event may conflict with a Coronet Event without the express permission of the Coronet.
2. **Schedule**  
The Coronet Events are:
  - Spring Coronet Tourney: Weekend of the last Saturday of April (unless this date falls on Easter weekend, then the previous weekend.)
  - Summer Investiture: Weekend of the second Saturday of June.
  - Fall Coronet Tourney: Weekend of the second Saturday after Labour Day (Labour Day is the first Monday of September).
  - Winter Investiture: The weekend before U.S. Thanksgiving (U.S. Thanksgiving falls on the fourth Thursday of November).
3. **Event Bids**
  - a. Coronet Events shall be open to bid by any branch within the North. Bids are due one year in advance. The Coronet and Principality Seneschal will select the winning bid. If there are no suitable bids the Coronet and Seneschal will work with the branches to ensure that the event is carried out as scheduled.
  - b. Twenty-five percent of any profit made on a Coronet Event may be kept by the host group provided all final reports, receipts and the remaining seventy-five percent have been sent to the Principality Exchequer within thirty days after the event. If the final report and all funds are returned after thirty days, then only ten percent of the profit may be retained by the hosting group, and the remaining ninety percent is to be sent to the Principality Exchequer. All final reports for Coronet Events must be sent to the Principality Exchequer within 60 days after the close of the event. If it is the wish of the host group, they may donate some portion of their share to the Principality.
  - c. Any Canadian branch hosting a Coronet event must prove that at least two million dollars' worth of liability insurance is in effect (whether obtained through the NSCA coverage or by individual branch policy).

These are the Draft Laws of the Principality of the North as submitted with the Principality Petition to the Crown of An Tir, the Seneschal of An Tir, and the Board of Directors of the Society for Creative Anachronism.

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