

APPENDIX A: CHANCERY REPORT, PART 2 (CHANCERY - ESTATES)

BYLAWS/WRITS CORRECTIONS COMBAT, MARSHALS MANUAL CORRECTIONS

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INTRODUCTION

This appendix details the corrections and amendments to the Bylaws and Writs proposed by the Chancery and changes to the Combat and Marshals’ Manuals recommended by the Ministry of Joust and War.

In some cases, it is a simple matter of cleaning up the language, clarifying the writ, and being sure to update all places where a change to the writ is affected. Pursuant to the recent (November 2004) Estates Writ, the Imperial Estates must review all such changes. These are housekeeping items and will not affect the bylaws or writs in any way. These changes are placed in their respective “Corrections” sections of this document:

- I. Bylaws and Writs Corrections
- III. Corrections to Combat Manual
- IV. Corrections to Marshal’s Manual

In other cases, an amendment to existing law is necessary to clarify the language, without changing its effect. Pursuant to the recent (November 2004) Estates Writ, the Imperial Estates must review all such changes. These changes are placed in the respective “Amendments” section of this document:

- II. Bylaws and Writs Amendments for Clarification

A. Bylaws and Writs Corrections

1. Throughout document, change spelling of “Renn” to “Ren”
2. Preface – Should year of bylaws be 2004 instead of 2002?
3. Preface – Condense range of years for “Bylaws of the Adrian Empire, Inc.”
4. Article III.A.2. – Change Note
5. Article III.A.4. a-f – Remove semi-colons throughout, “and,” (f. only)
6. Article III.B.4. – Remove hyphen from “Imperially-approved”
7. Article IV.B., C. – No reference of being repealed (November 2004 (?))
8. Article V.B. – Change “... membership which ...” to “... membership that ...”
9. Article V.C. – Insert “to” between “... conform the ...”; remove hyphen from “points-bearing”
10. Article V.F.1. – Remove extra “in”
11. Article V.F.3. – redundant “both”: “Both points and **both** wins...”
12. Article VI.C – incomplete sentence: “All changes or additions to existing law, and Crown or Estate writs should be published as soon as possible (preferably within thirty (30) days). And becomes enforceable thirty (30) after publication unless for cause and specifically stated in the addition, change, or writ.” (Should be “(... (30) days), and become ...”)
13. Article VI.D. – Missing reference of Imperial Estate
14. Article VI.D. – Add “Lord/Lady” to “Household”
15. Article VI.D. – Add note re: viceroy/vicerine
16. Article VI.D. – Change “... codicils which ...” to “... codicils, which ...”
17. Article VI.F.1.d.ii. – Correct spelling of “fleur-di-lis” (should be “fleur-de-lis”)
18. Article VI.F.2.a.ii – Remove “Estates Royal”
19. Article VI.F.3.a.4. – Remove extraneous “to”s
20. Article VII.B. – Change “... ministries which ...” to “... ministries, which ...”
21. Article VII.F. – Move entire section to IEW 20 (approved November 2002)
22. Article VIII.C. – Change “... Empire which ... lands which ...” to “... Empire, which ... lands that ...”
23. Article VIII.C. – Correct spelling of “choose”
24. Article VIII.D.1.a.iv. – Remove hyphen from “generally-defined”
25. Article VIII.D.1.b.ii., iii. – Redrafted to reflect current law (approved March 2004)
26. Article VIII.E. – Change “... subdivision which ...” to “... subdivision, which ...”
27. Article VIII.F.1. – Added note citing exception to law
28. Article IX.C. – Change “... organizations which ...” to “... organizations, which ...”
29. Article IX.C.2. – shouldn’t “master work” be “masterwork”?
30. Article IX.D.3.d. – Correct spelling of “fleur-di-lis” (should be “fleur-de-lis”)
31. Article IX.D.8. – Remove “a.” itself; b. in its entirety
32. Article IX.D.20. – Pluralize “Squire”
33. Article XI.B.2.b. – Change “... manner which ...” to “... manner that ...”
34. Article XI.B.4. – missing “the” before “same”
35. Article XI.B.6. – Remove “to him”
36. Article XI.B.9. – Singularize “punishments”
37. Article XIII.A. – Change “announce” to “announced”
38. Article XV.A.2. – Change “their” to “the”
39. Article XV.B.6.a. – extra “which”
40. Article XVIII.B. – Restore missing language
41. Imperial Estates Writ 20 – “appropriate” misspelled
42. Estates Resolution 2 – “Renaissance” misspelled

B. Bylaws and Writs Amendments for Clarification

1. Throughout document, Amend (Imp.) Estates to read (Imp.) Estates General

Requires 2/3rds to approve.

2. Amend Article III.B.2. Participating Family Membership for clarity

Requires 2/3rds to approve.

Current Law: “As Participating Single Member, includes all legal dependents of the participant's immediate mundane family...”

Amend to read: “Includes all legal dependents of the participant's immediate mundane family. The rights of participating membership extend to family members...”

3. Amend Article III.B.4. Associate Membership

Requires 2/3rds to approve.

Current Law: “... (Note: ...Other organizations may be considered by the Imperial Crown.)

Amend to read: “... (Note: ... The Imperial Crown may consider other organizations.)

4. Amend Article III.D. Membership Terms

Requires 2/3rds to approve.

Current Law: “... Proration shall be as per a schedule determined by the Imperial Steward.”

Amend to read: “... The Imperial Steward shall determine a schedule for prorating dues.”

5. Amend Article III.E. Membership Assignment to Chartered Subdivision

Requires 2/3rds to approve.

Current Law:

A member may declare their citizenship to a chartered subdivision annually when they pay their membership, members can only form estates, or be estates holders in the subdivision they choose to be a subject of, this may be changed when the member renews their membership on July 1st. Lifetime memberships could also be changed at the July 1st renewal date. If no choice is made, the member will be considered to be a subject of the chartered subdivision in which they reside (where a member physically lives). Subdivision re-assignment is also allowed for a change of physical residence. If the member does not physically live within 200 miles of the requested subdivision, they must apply for citizenship directly to that subdivision's Crown for approval. If the member's change of subdivision takes the subdivision they physically reside in below numbers the member must provide a written reason why they are requesting the change, and appeal directly to Imperial Crown for permission.

In the case where a member may have multiple residences or special circumstances, the Imperial Crown shall decide as to which chartered subdivision the participant is a member.

Amend by substitution:

Members may join or change their chartered subdivision when they pay or renew their membership. Renewals are effective on July 1st, and lifetime members can change their chartered subdivision on July 1st. Members can only form estates or be estate holders in the subdivision they have joined. If no choice is made, members will be subjects of the chartered subdivision in which they reside (where the members physically live). Subdivision re-assignment is also allowed

for a change of physical residence. If members do not physically live within 200 miles of the requested subdivision, they must apply directly to that subdivision's Crown for approval. If the members' change of subdivision takes their former subdivision below numbers, the members must provide a written reason why they are requesting the change, and appeal directly to Imperial Crown for permission.

In the case where members may have multiple residences or special circumstances, the Imperial Crown shall decide which chartered subdivision the members join.

6. Amend Article VI.F.1. Rights of the Imperial Estates General b.

Requires 2/3rds to approve.

Current Law:

- b. By a unanimous vote:
 - Approve banishment of a member.

Amend to read (to make consistent with Article XI.B.9.e.):

- b. By a unanimous vote:
 - **Extend** banishment of a member **beyond three (3) years** (See Article XI.B.9.e.).

7. Amend Article VIII.D. Chartered Subdivisions to list in descending order of size

Requires 2/3rds to approve.

8. Amend Article VIII.D.5. Charters

Requires 2/3rds to approve.

Current Law: "...Once an amended charter has been approved, a new version of that charter shall be issued by the Imperial government..."

Amend to read: "...Once an amended charter has been approved, **the Imperial government shall issue a new version of that charter...**"

9. Amend Article XI.B.2. Calling a Court of Justice c.

Requires 2/3rds to approve.

Current Law:

- c. A member accuses another member of violating their rights and the members themselves cannot resolve the matter.

Amend to Read:

- c. A member **is accused of violating another's rights**, and the members themselves cannot resolve the matter.

10. Amend IEW 8. Classes e.

Requires majority to approve.

Current Law: "The documentation syllabus must be approved by a Crown prior to the class."

Amend to read: "**A Crown must approve the documentation syllabus prior to the class.**"

C. Corrections to Combat Manual

1. Amend Article I.F.4. Grappling to change “half” to “haft”

Requires majority to approve.

Current Writ: Includes grabbing an opponents shield, arms, legs, torso, but not the helm. This is to avoid the possibility of having the helm accidentally removed or cause a neck injury. An opponent's weapon may be grasped by the hilt or half, but never the blade.

Amend to read: Includes grabbing an opponents shield, arms, legs, torso, but not the helm. This is to avoid the possibility of having the helm accidentally removed or cause a neck injury. An opponent's weapon may be grasped by the hilt or **haft**, but never the blade.

2. Amend Article I.H.1. Types of Scoring Blows to define “wrist”

Requires majority to approve.

Current Writ:

Scoring blows are considered to be of two types:

- **Lethal:** Head, neck, or torso from the point of the shoulder inward, above the hip and downward into the groin area.
- **Disabling:** Arms from the point of the shoulder to (but not including) the wrist, legs from the hips to (but not including) the knees. If struck on a hand or wrist that is not being used to hold a weapon or shield (or in the case of Renaissance schläger, a mailed glove), the whole arm if lost.

Amend to read:

Scoring blows are considered to be of two types:

- **Lethal:** Head, neck, or torso from the point of the shoulder inward, above the hip and downward into the groin area.
- **Disabling:** Arms from the point of the shoulder to (but not including) the wrist (**where the hand bends**), legs from the hips to (but not including) the knees. If struck on a hand or wrist that is not being used to hold a weapon or shield (or in the case of Renaissance schläger, a mailed glove), the whole arm **if is** lost.

3. Amend Article III.G.4. Dagger Blades to change “cutting” to “drawcuts, slashing”

Requires majority to approve.

Current Writ: Non-flexible blades must have a rounded tip and are to be used for cutting or parrying only.

Amend to read: Non-flexible blades must have a rounded tip and are to be used for **cutting drawcuts, slashing**, or parrying only.

D. Corrections to Marshal's Manual

1. Amend Article IV.A.1 Person in Charge to add visual form of identification

Requires majority to approve.

Current Writ:

A tournament should have one person that is in charge of the combat portion of the event.

Generally, it is the Minister of Joust and War, but could be any authorized marshal. The Marshal of the Field shall:

- Make sure the list field is set up properly
- Have the marshallate perform armor and weapons are inspections and man the list fields
- Ensure that the lists run smoothly for the day
- The Marshal of the Field has the final word concerning all combat related issues arising during the tournament. Appeals to the Marshal of the Fields decision must be made to the Crown.

Amend to read:

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Generally, it is the Minister of Joust and War, but could be any authorized marshal. The Marshal of the Field shall:

- Make sure the list field is set up properly
- Have the marshallate perform armor and weapons are inspections and man the list fields
- Ensure that the lists run smoothly for the day
- ~~The Marshal of the Field has~~ **Have** the final word concerning all combat related issues arising during the tournament. Appeals to the Marshal of the Field's decision must be made to the Crown.

2. Amend Article IV.B.2. Fencing to change "border" to "boundary"

Requires majority to approve.

Current Writ: The border of a list field shall be composed of at least one (1) strand of rope (minimum size 3/8"), strung at least thirty inches (30") high at the posts...

Amend to read: The ~~border~~ **boundary** of a list field shall be composed of at least one (1) strand of rope (minimum size 3/8"), strung at least thirty inches (30") high at the posts...

Note: The word "boundary" also appears in Question #15 of the Marshal's Test. If the amendment is accepted, no change to the question is necessary. If the amendment is not accepted, a change to the Question will be necessary for consistent language.

3. Change Order of Appearance of Marshal's Test and Missile Weapons Test

Requires majority to approve.

Commentary: Currently, the missile weapons test appears after the marshal's test. Since all marshals must be qualified in all forms of combat, this gives the appearance that the missile weapons test is not required in order to become a marshal. Changing the order that the tests are presented will eliminate this perception.

4. Amend Cut-and-Thrust Test Question #9 to include “typical”

Requires majority to approve.

Current question: Cut and Thrust blades have a width in the range of...

Amend to read: Cut and Thrust blades have a **typical** width in the range of....

5. Amend Marshal’s Test Question #1

Requires majority to approve.

Current question: Normally, a double-kills in a Tournament...

Amend to read: Normally, a double-kills in a Tournament...

6. Amend Marshal’s Test Question #2 to remove the extra space in answer d

Requires majority to approve.

Question: Which of the following is not true with regards to armor inspections:

Current answer: d. Combatants are inspected with their helms on

Amend to read: d. Combatants are inspected with their helms on

7. Amend Marshal’s Test Question #12 to add the word “minimum”

Requires majority to approve.

Current question: What level of combatant does a marshal need to be to qualify someone in Armored combat?

Amend to read: What **minimum** level of combatant does a marshal need to be to qualify someone in Armored combat?

8. Amend Marshal’s Test Question #13

Requires majority to approve.

Current question: A marshal is allowed to call a blow to a combatant in a Knights list tournament?

Amend to read: **Is a marshal ever allowed to call a blow in a Knight’s List tournament?**

9. Amend Marshal’s Test Question #19 to boldface “must”

Requires majority to approve.

Current question: A weapon must be allowed on the field if it meets the weapons standards set forth in the Adrian Combat Manual.

Commentary: *By boldfacing the word “must”, it will bring the reader’s attention to it, making it easier to acknowledge.*