



Announced Changes to the Lochac Laws -

Effective 14th October 2021

Crown Tourney Finalists

Reason

Provide clarity regarding the awarding of the Champion and Lord or Lady of Lochac if the finalists are consorted to each other.

Existing Law

III.3.vii Champion and Lord or Lady of Lochac

The fighter who is runner up in the Crown Tournament shall bear the title of Champion of Lochac and their consort shall be called Lord or Lady of Lochac, for the duration of the reign of the winner of this Tournament.

Proposed Law

III.3.vii Champion and Lord or Lady of Lochac

The highest-ranked fighter in the Crown Tournament who is not the Crown or Consort shall bear the title of Champion of Lochac and their consort shall be called Lord or Lady of Lochac, for the duration of the reign of the winner of this Tournament.

Gender identifier

Reason

Removal of gender identification from Awards Laws.

Existing Law

VI.9 Award of Arms

The Crown shall bestow an Award of Arms to those individuals who they deem deserving of recognition for their various achievements.

Gentles granted an Award of Arms are entitled to be addressed as "Lord" or "Lady".

They shall rank below the armigerous Orders of Achievement and above the non-armigerous Orders.

This award shall have the effect of converting devices, previously registered with the College of Heraldry, to Arms, and of directing those who have not yet registered armoury to design and register Arms.

Proposed Law

VI.9 Award of Arms

The Crown shall bestow an Award of Arms to those individuals who they deem deserving of recognition for their various achievements.

Gentles granted an Award of Arms are entitled to be addressed by any of the titles deemed appropriate for this rank by the College of Arms.

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Existing law

VI.6.i Overview

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2. All bearers of Grants of Arms are entitled to be addressed as “The Honourable Lord / Lady”

Proposed Law

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Existing law

VI.8 Orders of Achievement

VI.8.i Overview

1. Members in these Orders are entitled to be addressed as “Lord” or “Lady”.

Proposed Law

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Deputy/Lesser Officers

Existing Law:

IV.1.ii Lesser Officers

There shall be ten Lesser Officers in Lochac. They shall be the Keeper of the Lists, the Hospitaller, the Provost of the College of Scribes, the Archery Marshal, the Rapier Marshal, the Heavy Marshal, the Equestrian Marshal, the Keeper of Regalia, the Historian, and the Web Minister.

Proposed Law

IV.1.ii Lesser Officers

There shall be five Lesser Officers in Lochac. They shall be the Hospitaller, the Provost of the College of Scribes, the Keeper of Regalia, the Historian, and the Web Minister.

Addition of Deputy positions to the Earl Marshal

Reason

Reason

- There is conflicting reporting for the five lesser officers. they are considered deputy positions under the Earl Marshal, however they are also considered Lesser Officers. This change is to remove the conflict and ensure the Earl Marshal oversees all aspects of the martial roles.
- The outline for each role will be captured within the Earl Marshal's documentation and webpages
- Addition of Kingdom Seneschal to the consultation of deputies appointments.
- Removal of quarter court statement – this now resides in the Issue resolution section.
- Change of terminology – Rapier and Heavy to Fencing and Armoured Combat.

Existing law

IV.5.iii The Earl Marshal

The Earl Marshal is the principal martial officer of the Crown, and the Head of the Marshallate in Lochac, and shall be responsible for:

1. Development of the new combat standards of the Kingdom as required.
2. Encouraging the development of chivalry on the field.
3. Maintenance, publication and enforcement of the Kingdom standards for construction and use of weapons and armour.

The Earl Marshal, in consultation with the Crown, shall appoint deputies in the areas of Fencing, Archery, Equestrian and Armoured Combat to perform duties in respect of the Marshallate. Further deputies with specific duties may be appointed by the Earl Marshal, in consultation with the Crown. The Earl Marshal may subsume one or more of these roles into their own office should they so desire. The Earl Marshal shall be a warranted marshal in the Kingdom.

In regards to all matters martial, if a grievance procedure is conducted the Earl Marshal may suggest to the Crown that a Quarter Court be held.

Proposed Change

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3. Maintenance, publication and enforcement of the Kingdom standards for construction and use of weapons and armour.

The Earl Marshal, in consultation with the Crown and Kingdom Seneschal, shall appoint deputies in the areas of Keeper of the Lists, Fencing, Archery, Equestrian and Armoured to perform duties in respect of the Marshallate. Further deputies with specific duties may be appointed by the Earl Marshal, in consultation with the Crown. The Earl Marshal may subsume one or more of these roles into their own office should they so desire. The Earl Marshal shall be a rostered marshal in the Kingdom.

Remove the following Lesser Kingdom Officers from Kingdom Law

Reason

- There is conflicting reporting for the five lesser officers. they are considered deputy positions under the Earl Marshal, however they are also considered Lesser Officers. This change is to remove the conflict and ensure the Earl Marshal oversees all aspects of the martial roles.

IV.5.ix The Keeper of the Lists

The Keeper of the Lists shall serve under the Earl Marshal and shall be responsible for:

1. The organization and co-ordination of Tournaments as directed by the Crown and in cooperation with the College of Heraldry and the Marshallate.
2. Maintaining the records and results of combats in the whole of Lochac including target archery.
3. Maintaining the list and documentation pertaining to Lochac's authorised participants in armoured fighting, combat archery (and other projectile weapons), rapier combat and Equestrian activities.

IV.5.xii The Archery Marshal

The Archery Marshal shall serve under the Earl Marshal and be responsible for:

1. Encouraging the development of combat standards and chivalry on the field in all actions in Lochac involving archery and other projectile weapons, in co-operation with the Marshallate.
2. The maintenance and enforcement of the Kingdom Standards for construction and use of projectile weapons and armour for plumed combatants.

IV.5.xiii The Rapier Marshal

The Rapier Marshal shall serve under the Earl Marshal and be responsible for:

1. Encouraging the development of combat standards and chivalry on the field in all actions in Lochac involving rapier combat or its derivatives, in co-operation with the Marshallate the maintenance and enforcement of the Kingdom of Lochac's Standards for construction and use of rapier combat weapons and armour.

IV.5.xiv The Equestrian Marshal

The Equestrian Marshal shall serve under the Earl Marshal and be responsible for:

1. Encouraging the development of combat standards and chivalry on the field in all actions involving Equestrian martial arts or it's derivatives, in co-operation with the Marshallate.
2. The maintenance and enforcement of the Kingdom Standards for Construction and use of Equestrian Martial Equipment.

IV.5.xv The Heavy Combat Marshal

The Heavy Combat Marshal shall serve under the Earl Marshal and be responsible for:

1. Encouraging the development of combat standards and chivalry on the field in all actions in Lochac involving heavy combat or its derivatives, in co-operation with the Marshallate.
2. The maintenance and enforcement of the Kingdom standards for construction and use of heavy infantry weapons and heavy infantry armour.

Renumbering of Officers due to removals

IV.5.ix The Hospitaller

The Hospitaller shall serve under the Seneschal and shall be responsible for:

1. Welcoming newcomers at events and answering their questions.
2. Coordinating public and media relations and encouraging the growth and integration of the Kingdom.

IV.5.x The Provost of Scribes

The Provost of the College of Scribes shall co-ordinate the production of such scrolls as may be directed by the Crown, and as may pertain to the Lochac Kingdom awards; and shall provide such other documents as the Crown may require.

IV.5.xi The Keeper of Regalia

The Keeper of Regalia shall serve under the Kingdom Seneschal and shall be responsible for: liaising with the Crown through the Council for Regalia regarding the purchase, maintenance, storage and transport of the Kingdom Regalia as outlined in the Keeper of Regalia Handbook.

IV.5.xii The Historian

The Historian shall collect and compile materials relating to the history of Lochac and shall compose a chronicle of this history to be available to the people of Lochac.

IV.5.xiii The Web Minister

The Web Minister shall serve under the Seneschal and shall be responsible for the maintenance and updating of the Kingdom Website.

Chirurgion

Reason

- Review and update of duties.

Existing Law

IV.5.vii The Chirurgion

The Chirurgion is the chief first aid officer of the Kingdom, and shall be responsible for:

1. Advising the Earl Marshal on health related issues.
2. Supervising those Chirurgions-At-Large and water bearers who provide first aid at any event within Lochac, excepting mundane authorities.

Proposed Law

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Supervising those group chirurgion, Chirurgions-At-Large and water bearers who provide first aid at any event within Lochac, excepting mundane authorities.

Advising the Kingdom Seneschal on public health directives in line with mundane requirements.

Kingdom Officers holding other officers

Reason

- Addition of Reeve to this law.

Existing Law

IV.6 Requirements for Holding Office

IV.6.ii Kingdom Officers may not be Local Seneschals

No person may hold simultaneously a Kingdom Office and the office of Seneschal in a local branch of the Kingdom.

Proposed Law

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IV.6.ii Kingdom Officers may not hold Local Seneschals or Reeves

No person may hold simultaneously a Kingdom Office and the office of Seneschal or Reeve in a local branch of the Kingdom.

Crown Bids

Reason

- Inconsistency between approval of bids. Change to the Council of the Purse shall choose.
- Also needs a statement regarding extenuating circumstances for timeframes.

Existing law

VIII.1.iii Bids

Bids from groups wishing to host a Crown Event shall be collected by the Seneschal. The Crown shall choose between the bids at least nine months before the Crown Event, and earlier if They think advisable; but in no case shall the decision be made more than eighteen months before the proposed Event.

Proposed law

VIII.1.iii Bids

Bids from groups wishing to host a Crown Event shall be collected by the Seneschal. The Council of the Purse shall choose between the bids at least nine (9) months before the Kingdom Event, and earlier if they think advisable; but in no case shall the decision be made more than eighteen months before the proposed Event.

In extenuating circumstances, bids may be approved up to six (6) months before the Kingdom event.