
WHAT IS A SUBDIVISION?

There are two types of subdivisions. A geographic chartered subdivision is a shire, duchy, or kingdom. They have geographic boundaries, membership minimums and certain amounts of "freedom" to govern themselves. The key is the boundaries. Everyone who resides within those boundaries are a part of that shire/duchy/kingdom. The other type of subdivision is a free-association group, commonly called landed estates. Anyone who resides in a kingdom (for example) may belong to a free-association group within that kingdom. There are no geographic boundaries, other than that of the kingdom. These are the groups that have estates heads, sit on the estates, and have a say in how the region is run.

WHAT IS A HOUSEHOLD?

A household must have at least 5 members. They are headed by a house lord (or lady). They are considered an estate minor, and have a seat on the local estates.

WHAT IS A BARONY?

A barony must have at least 15 members. They are headed by a baron (or baroness). They are considered an estate minor, and have a seat on the local estates.

WHAT IS A COUNTY?

A county must have at least 35 members. They are headed by a count (or countess). They are considered an estate minor, and have a seat on the local estates.

WHAT IS A MARCH?

A march must have at least 50 members. They are headed by a marquis (or marchioness). They are considered an estate major, and have a seat on the Imperial Estates, as well as the local estates.

HOW DO YOU JOIN AN ESTATE?

You get into a shire/duchy/kingdom by living within its boundaries. You get into a house/barony/county/march by living in the region, and by joining the house/etc. (House/etc. may have their own rules about joining, and that's something you need to investigate, too.)

WHAT IF YOU HAVE MORE THAN THE MINIMUM MEMBERS?

There is no requirement that you must divide the house. You may have a house with 50 members, if that is what the household wants.

HOW DO YOU FORM AN ESTATE?

There is more information on forming an estate in FAQ32.

HOW DO YOU QUIT AN ESTATE?

If you are a member of an estate, and want to leave that estate, you may. Inform the house lord, chancellor, and Crown (some regions require written notice).

CAN YOU HAVE ESTATES WITHIN ESTATES?

Yes. Many of the larger estates are made up of smaller estates. For example, a barony must have 15 members. That can be one household of at least 15, or it can be 3 houses of 5 each (the minimum required of a household).

MY HOUSE IS A PART OF A BARONY THAT I DON'T WANT TO BE A PART OF.

The household chose to be part of the barony. It can also choose to not be a part of the barony. But it is the decision of the household, not of one person within that household. If you truly do not wish to be part of a barony that your household is part of, then you may have to leave your household. You cannot have "partial" affiliations.