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Lex Adria Imperium

- Updated headers, footers, dates, cover page, formatting throughout.
- Chancery revisions for clarity, with law updates as noted:
- Preface

Lex Adria Imperium, [2012] 2017 and the Bylaws of the Adrian Empire, Inc., [2012] 2017 shall supersede all previous versions of Imperial Law. The previous versions of Imperial Law are, but are not limited to, the following:

- 1. Bylaws and Governing Policy for the Kingdom of Adria in the 1350 to 1450 Period of Medieval History, 1987
- 2. Bylaws and Governing Policy for the Kingdom of Adria, 1988
- 3. Bylaws and Governing Policy for the Kingdom of Adria and Umbria, 1989
- 4. Bylaws and Governing Policy for the Kingdom of Navarre, 1990
- 5. Bylaws of the Adrian Empire, Inc., [1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014] all versions **1991 2016**
- 6. Lex Adria Imperium, [2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014] all versions 2008 2016
- 7. In any situation where Imperial Law is in direct conflict <u>with</u> or violation of mundane law, Imperial Law will be subservient to existing mundane Law.

 Mundane Law shall always [trump] supersede Imperial Law.
- Article I.
 - o A.
- The scope of our arts and sciences include arts, crafts, and sciences that had an identifiable presence and influence in Europe during this time.
- o C.
- 2. Fairness (to be impartial, honest, <u>and</u> free from self-interest, prejudice or favoritism)
- 3. Loyalty (to be unswerving in allegiance, to one's lawful Crown or government; to be faithful to a person to whom fidelity is due; or, to a cause, ideal, custom, or institution)
- Article V.
 - o E.
- The Imperial Crown is required to sponsor the Imperial Crown War, and may sponsor as many <u>additional</u> war events as they see fit.
- o F.
- **1**.
- A member may record no more than one <u>event participation</u> point and one win [,] <u>per month</u> for participation <u>or wins earned</u> in <u>[one]</u> official Non-Imperial events <u>[per month]</u>, in each area of advancement <u>[that] in which</u> the member participates, regardless of the number of events actually attended.
- **2**.

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- Therefore, if a member participates in and wins in combat at one event, arts at another, archery at another, and ministers at yet another, the member may [properly] receive the most advantageous credit in each area of advancement.
- **3**.
- In addition, a member may record a second participation point and a second win in each area of advancement for participation or wins earned in [one] official Imperial events in the same month that the member records points for participating [as above] in non-Imperial events. If the member participates in multiple official Imperial events in one month, the same limit and the same privilege of deciding which participation or win shall be recorded [applies] apply as above. This is not an exception to the law; it is [the] an opportunity to record an additional point.
- **4**.
- Both points and wins apply toward advancement; the number of months alone shall not limit advancement.
- Article VI.
 - o A.
- **1**.
- Rearranged a., b., and c., so they are in chronological order starting with November
- **2**.
- a.
- o At the pleasure of the Imperial Crown; or
- b.
- O By a petition of one-third of the membership of the body presented to the Chancellor.
- o iv.
- The Chancellor shall promptly validate the <u>counter</u>petition and announce the cancellation of the meeting.

- o C.
- **3**.
 - c.
- Posting on any Adrian Empire newsgroup of which the intended recipient(s) is known to be a member
- **4**.
- All Crowns and Ruling Nobles must have valid contact information on file with the Adrian Empire phone number, Email, physical mailing address [,] and must be a member of the Adria Crowns newsgroup.
- o D.
- Estates Royal (King/Queen, Prince/Princess, Archduke/Archduchess, Duke/Duchess, Viceroy/Vicereine*)

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- Estates Major (Lord/Lady Protector, Count/Countess Royal, Marquis/Marquise [Marquessa], Founder, and Third-Level Knight)
- Meetings of the Estates may be called at the pleasure of the Crown, but not less than twice per calendar year. If within six months of the last meeting there has not been a meeting of the Estates within six months of the last meeting, the Chancellor shall cause to be published the date, time, and place of a meeting that shall occur not later more than 30 days later at a place accessible to all members entitled to a seat.
- A meeting of the Estates may also be summoned by a petition of one-third of the membership of [that] the body, presented to the Chancellor.
- **4**.
- The Chancellor shall promptly validate the <u>counter-petition</u> and announce the cancellation of the meeting.
- Meetings of the Estates of a Chapter may enact local codicils, which shall have force of law only within their own borders, so long as they do not conflict with [the] Imperial [bylaws] Law.
- o E.
- 1.
- b.
- o If a quorum be established for a meeting for which proper notice had not previously been given <u>("emergency meeting")</u>, notice may be waived by 2/3 of those voting <u>[("emergency meeting")]</u>.
- c.
- At any meeting, notice may be waived as to any item of business ("emergency item") by 2/3 of those voting [("emergency item")].
- d.
- Any business conducted at a meeting and for which proper notice was not given (i.e., any items addressed at an emergency meeting or [as] emergency items addressed at a regular meeting) shall be subject to review and ratification at the next properly noticed meeting.
- **2**.
- The presiding member shall appoint a Sergeant-at-arms, who shall ensure that all members are disarmed. [Members shall remove their weapons, and may return to the meeting when they are unarmed, or they may leave their weapons with the Sergeant-at-arms.] Members may leave to disarm themselves, or they may leave their weapons with the Sergeant-at-Arms. Members may return to the meeting when they are unarmed.
- **3**.
- b.
- Review associate memberships (see Bylaws of the Adrian Empire, Inc., Article III.B.4).

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- **4**.
- As notified in July IEM CH3, although there was a typo in the agenda it is (b) not (c) that is added:
- b. Elect standing members to the special panel defined in Bylaws, Article III.A.4.b.
- **5**.
- Moved section (c) to its own paragraph following the list of business, because it is a requirement of certain estate-holders but is not an agenda item
- As notified in July IEM CH3, although there was a typo in the agenda proper Bylaws reference is Article V.B., added the following item to the list of business:
- d. Elect Board of Directors Members per Bylaws, Article V.B.
- **6**.
- The membership entitled to vote at a meeting of a given body is fixed as of the summoning of the meeting. The vote of an Estate is held by the Estate, not [a person] an individual; it is the right of the Estate to determine who represents it. (Chancery Note: see March 2004 Civil Court decision, ratified July 2004, which clarified that an Estate entitled to a vote may change its representative at any time.) [It] The voting roster may not be subsequently altered by any means (including non-participation, formation of new Estates, or change in Estate held by a given member) until the meeting is concluded, with these exceptions:
- Moved "The Crown, if available, will convene the summoned Estates at the appointed time and place, and the meeting will be presided over by the Chancellor, if available." From last in subsection 6. Disqualifications to beginning of part E. Official Meetings, as it is more of a preface to the entire part than it is confined to subsection 6.

o F.

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- d.
- Without altering text, split part (iv) into (iv) and (v):
 iv. Approve writs and charters issued by the Imperial Crown.
 - v. Approve annual expenditures when the budget is presented in November and all additional expenditures of treasury funds.
- e.
- o i.
- May put a proposal on the agenda before the Imperial Estates. Proposals may be submitted once per [Regional] Regnal Year (from the Imperial

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Coronation, the first Saturday of November not including the Imperial Estates Meeting, through the first Saturday of the following November including the Imperial Estates Meeting).

2.

• a.

o ii.

- [The Estates may a] Amend, alter, or otherwise amplify the local codicils
- b.
- Without altering text, split part (i) into (i) and (ii):
 - i. Approve writs and charters issued by the Crown
 - ii. Approve annual budgets and expenditure of treasury funds.
- o iii.
- Enact, modify, or cancel Estates Writs not in conflict with [the Bylaws] Imperial Law or local Codicils.
- **3**.
- a.
- O V.
- Warrant Viceroys, [to] grant Charters in order to establish new Chapters, and promote existing Chapters to higher degrees of sovereignty as defined in Article VIII.D.
- o vi.
- Hear appeals from local justice where a member has been found guilty by a judicial court in an Estate and the finding resulted in the loss of any right, award, or status. [the member may appeal to the Imperial Crown.]
- b.
- \circ i.
- Render an opinion concerning any disputed interpretation of local codicil or writ. Within 30 days of a written request for interpretation the Crown shall consult with the Chancellor and review the disputed local codicil or writ and the arguments. [The decision of the Imperial Crown is final and binding.]
- o ii.
- Resolve submitted disputes between Estates in the event that the Estates are unable to resolve the dispute. The Ruling Noble of either Estate may ask the Crown to arbitrate. Within 30 days of the

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written request for arbitration the Crown shall convene a Crown Court and review the dispute and evidence. [The decision of an Imperial Crown Court is final and binding.]

o iii.

Make new Crown Writs that do [es] not alter [the]
 Imperial [bylaws] Law or local codicils until the next meeting of the Estates.

 \circ G.

1.

- The Crowns of all Chapters must be provided with sixty days' written notice of Imperial Estates Meetings.
- The Crown must provide at least 30 days written notice of any meeting of the Estates of that Chapter to all members who are entitled to a seat in their Estate.
- Article VIII.
 - o D.
- 2.
- a.
 - o ii.
- An Archduchy <u>must have at least</u> [has over] 50 members.
- b.
- 0 V.
- The Ducal Crown from a Duchy consisting of 50 or more members (i.e., an Archduchy) shall be styled Archduke or Archduchess.
- Per November 2016 IEM OB1, reductions of Duchies and Archduchies are now under the purview of the Imperial Estates rather than the Imperial Crown. Simple majority was chosen, consistent with vote necessary to alter a Ducal charter.
- o xi.
- A Duchy must continue to meet all the requirements of this Article and of its charter or may have its charter revoked by [the Imperial Crown upon notification to the Imperial Estates] a majority vote of the Imperial Estates.
- Per November 2016 IEM OB1, added to section 5. Charters:
- 5. Charters

A Kingdom Charter is equivalent to an Imperial Estates Writ. Under Article VIII.D.1.b.vii, the Imperial Estates may amend or revoke a Kingdom's Charter by a 2/3 vote. In addition, if a Kingdom, under the provisions of its charter and local codicils, requests a change to its charter,

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the revised charter shall follow the normal procedures for charter approval (see Article VIII.F).

All charter reductions, including Kingdoms, Duchies and Archduchies, shall be addressed and voted on by the Estates only once per [reign] Regnal Year, at the next meeting after the renewal deadline. A subdivision may request elevation at any meeting. (Chancery Note: This would only limit the number of times this issue can be originated on the agenda, and does not prevent the Estates from tabling the issue for consideration at a future meeting within the same Regnal Year.)

Once an amended charter has been approved, the Imperial government shall issue a new version of that charter. The most recent written form (including minutes of the Imperial Estates meetings) shall be considered in force.

- Article XVI.
 - o A.
- 6.
- b.
- o i. Highest total:
 - The army with the highest total points on each of the lists.

[This is the same system that has been in place, minus the categories.]

- Glossary
 - Because the Lex addresses these entities very differently, I changed the
 definition of Royal Crown in the Glossary and added a definition for Ducal
 Crown to be consistent with the Law.
 - Ducal Crown Ruler(s) of a Duchy or Archduchy
 - o Royal Crown Ruler(s) of a Kingdom for (Arch)Duchy.

Bylaws of the Adrian Empire

- Updated headers, footers, dates, cover page, formatting throughout.
- Chancery revisions for clarity, with law updates as noted:
- III.
- o A.
- **4**.
- a. "If a Member [s]:"
- 5. "Members' Rights"
- \circ B.
- **4**.
- Added HEMA to Chancery Note, per July 2016 CRB5
- o Per March 2015 IEM, and notified at July 2016 IEM as CH3:

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- o D.
- For membership accounting, annual memberships cover the period [July] April 1 to [June 30] March 31. Annual memberships are due on [July] April 1 of each year.
- o E.
- Per July 2016 CRB2:
- "Members may join or change their Chapter or request member at large status when they pay or renew their membership..."
- Per March 2015 IEM and notified at July 2016 IEM as CH3:
- "Renewals are effective on [July] April 1, and lifetime members can change their Chapter on [July] April 1."
- *Per July 2016 CRB2:*
- "If the members' change of Chapter or request for membership at large status takes their former Chapter below numbers, ..."
- o F. MEMBER AT LARGE

A Member at Large is a paid member of the Adrian Empire not assigned to a chapter per Article III.E.

Member at Large Status may be obtained through the following:

- 1. <u>In the case of special circumstances</u>, request to the Imperial Crown via:
 - a. <u>Indication on the membership form upon payment or</u> renewal of membership, or
 - b. Written petition to the Imperial Crown at any time.
- 2. Local Crowns may request to the Imperial Crown for lifetime members who are listed in their Chapter and who have been inactive for over a year to be moved to Members at Large.

Members at Large are subject to the codicils, writs, and laws where they participate.

- IV.
 - o D.
- **3**.
- Chancery Note updated to increase associate membership dues from \$15 to\$20, per November 2016 CH6
- Notified at July 2016 IEM as CH3:
- V.
- o A.
- "The Imperial Crown(s) [and Imperial Steward] shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Board of Directors. They will not be considered as Directors."

Writs & Publications

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- Updated headers, footers, dates, cover page, formatting throughout.
- Removed hyperlinks to web versions of manuals, pending changes to website.
- Amended per November 2016 IEM, OB3:
- IEW-8
 - o C.
- There must be at least 10 people attending the class, in order for the instructor to receive a DI. This can be cumulative.
- o D.
- Each class a person gives within a twelve-month period must be on a different subject to receive DI credit.
- \circ G.
- Those holding the class will garner a demo-initiation point when there are 10 attendees. Those attending, including those member(s) holding the class, regardless of whether a DI is awarded, will garner demo participation points that shall count in the discipline(s) in which the class was focused.
- Added per July 2016 IEM, CH6, with Chancery revisions for format and clarity:

CCW-6. Synthetic Wasters Weapon Standards Last amended December 2016.

The recognized synthetic waster swords (e.g., Rawlings or similar) for use within the Empire are the synthetic long swords (no metal fittings), synthetic bastard swords (no metal fittings), and synthetic single-hand swords (no metal fittings). Once a standard has been created, all other synthetic waster designs can be compared and judged as to acceptability.

Minimum Synthetic Waster Standards

- Blade material: Nylon plastic
- Maximum weight: 2 lb. (32 oz / 907 grams)
- Minimum tip flex: 4.5" (11.4 cm) with 2 lb. (907 gram) weight added
- No metal fittings or attachments (including quillions and pommel)
- No sharp edges all flashing must be removed
- Only commercially-available attachments (cross guards, basket hilts, pommels, etc.) are permitted. Any homemade or custom parts must be individually approved by the Imperial Minister of Joust and War.
- Added per November 2016 IEM, CRB4, with Chancery revisions for format:

CCW-7. Make-Up Event Time Limit Issued November 2016.

Make-up events must take place within one year from the date it was originally scheduled to take place.

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IEW#2: Codex Adjudicata

- Updated headers, footers, dates, cover page, formatting throughout.
- Per March 2016 OB6:
- IV.
- o H.
- ... The decision of the Imperial Estates is final. [The Complainant shall have no right to appeal an adverse ruling.] While a Complainant may appeal procedural rulings, they may not appeal the final judgment of the Court or sentence of the Crown.

IEW#17: Combat Manual

- Updated headers, footers, dates, cover page, formatting throughout.
- Chancery revisions for clarity, with law updates as noted:
- I.
- o A.
- "... This is solely at the option of each person under no circumstances will the Empire or any of its members be responsible for the consequences to [any person's] the health of any person who chooses to participate in the combat[ant] arts."
- o D.
- **9**.
- "Synthetic wasters (e.g., Rawlings): 16 years of age"
- o F.
- **3**.
- New verbiage approved by Estates, March 2016 OB4: "If Knights' list combatants desire to conduct knightly combat (any variation of the rules of combat explicitly agreed to by all participating combatants in that round or melee and the presiding marshal, e.g. [i.e.] shield bashing, grappling, throws, kicks, fights to the yield, expanded target area, grasping the opponent's blade, or disarming, pommel or quillion strikes, etc. but not permitting excessive force), they shall notify the marshals prior to the start of combat. The marshals shall make sure both combatants have agreed to knightly combat. Knightly combat is not permitted with any combatant less than 18 years of age. Grappling is allowed and includes grabbing an opponent's shield, arms, legs, or torso, but not the helm. This is to avoid the possibility of having the helm accidentally removed or [cause] causing a neck injury. [An opponent's weapon may be grasped by the hilt or haft, but never the blade]."
- Chancery revisions for clarity, to replace entire paragraph quoted above: "Knightly Combat is any variation of the rules of combat, such as shield bashing, grappling, throws, kicks, fights to the yield, expanded target area, grasping the opponent's

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blade, disarming, striking with the pommel or quillion, etc., but not permitting excessive force. If all participant combatants in a given round or melee desire to conduct Knightly Combat, they shall notify the marshals prior to the start of combat. The marshals shall make sure all combatants in the round or melee have agreed to Knightly Combat. Knightly Combat is not permitted when any of the participant combatants in the round or melee are under the age of 18 years. Permissible grappling includes grabbing an opponent's shield, arms, legs, or torso, but not the helm. This is to avoid the possibility of having the helm accidentally removed or causing a neck injury."

- II.
- o A.
- This includes **Synthetic Waster** (**e.g.**, Rawlings), Rapier, and Cut & Thrust (C&T) types of combat. **Synthetic Wasters** [**Rawlings**] has the same rules as Shinai. Rapier and C&T are their own styles of combat. Rapier combat is intended to depict late renaissance swordplay involving both thrusting and slashing. C&T combat is intended to depict early to middle renaissance swordplay that employs heavier swords and more armor. This allows more aggressive techniques to be used. Neither Rapier nor C&T are to be fought with as if they were a Shinai or Armored combat type. C&T-type combat [is]:
 - i. Is c[C]onsidered a Knightly combat form
 - ii. May only be used in a one-on-one type list (including champion battles at wars)
 - iii. May not be used against Rapier Combat weapons (in melee or anywhere else)
- o B.
- **1**.
- The Sergeants' level consists of combat with Shinai weapons, Shinai polearms, Synthetic Wasters [Rawlings], and Rapier bladed Rapier weapons respectively. This level of combat is open to Yeomen and Guardsmen level combatants.
- **2**.
- The Knights' level consists of combat with synthetic wasters [Rawlings], Rapier, and Cut-and-Thrust combat type weapons, and various Armored combat type weapons. This level of combat is open to Sergeant- and Knight-level combatants. A combatant who has attained the rank of Sergeant or higher may no longer participate in the Sergeant level of combat with the exception of Shinai [and Rapier] battles at wars.
- o C.
- 1. Shinai and Synthetic Waster (e.g., Rawlings) Styles

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- III.
- o C. ARMOR: RAPIER AND <u>SYNTHETIC WASTER (E.G.,</u> RAWLINGS) COMBAT
 - **1**.
- b.
- The back of the head must be covered with 1/4 inch of padded material or equivalent. Rigid protection is recommended. Synthetic Wasters [Rawlings] headgear must have at least semi-rigid back of head cover.
- **4**.
- a.
- Elbow pads are required. Padded sleeves on gambesons as an alternative to elbow pads are not sufficient. For <u>Synthetic Wasters</u> [Rawlings], rigid elbow pads are required.
- c.
- Kneepads are recommended, but not required. For <u>Synthetic Wasters</u> [<u>Rawlings</u>], rigid knee pads are required.
- **5**.
- b.
- o **Synthetic Wasters** [Rawlings] gloves must be padded
- F. WEAPONS: SHINAI AND <u>SYNTHETIC WASTERS (E.G.,</u> RAWLINGS) COMBAT
 - As set forth in CCW-6, approved by Estates July 2016 CH6, with Chancery revisions for clarity:
 - 5. Synthetic Wasters (e.g., Rawlings Swords)
 - [Commercial produced swords of the Rawlings design only.] As set forth in CCW-6, the recognized synthetic waster swords (Rawlings or similar) for use within the Empire are the synthetic long swords (no metal fittings), synthetic bastard swords (no metal fittings), and synthetic single-hand swords (no metal fittings). Once a standard has been created, all other synthetic waster designs can be compared and judged as to acceptability.
 - a. Blades must be made of nylon plastic.
 - b. The overall weight of the sword is not to exceed 2 pounds.
 - c. No metal fittings or attachments (including quillions and pommel) are permitted.
 - d. No sharp edges are permissible all flashing must be removed.
 - e. Only commercially-available attachments (e.g., cross guards, basket hilts, pommels, etc.) are permitted. Any homemade or custom parts must be individually approved

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- by the Imperial Minister of Joust and War.
- f. Blades must have a flex to them of at least 4.5 inches. No stiffer blades will be allowed. The acceptable method for testing flexibility is described in Appendix B. Any blade that retains a sharp bend after being flexed must be permanently removed from the field. A slight bend over the length of the blade is acceptable.
- Appendix B
 - o A.
- 1. The only acceptable method for testing the flexibility of a Rapier, [or]C&T[rapier], or Synthetic Waster blade is:
 - a. Hold the weapon handle firmly to a table or counter such that the blade is horizontal to the floor with the flat facing the floor.
 - b. Hold a ruler to the tip at zero.
 - c. **For Rapier and C&T blades, h**[H] and a one-pound weight off the tip of the sword and measure the amount of deflection.
 - d. For Synthetic Waster blades, hang a two-pound weight off the tip of the sword and measure the amount of deflection.
- Appendix C: TABLE OF EQUIVALENCE

IEW#34: Rolls & Lists Manual

- Updated headers, footers, dates, cover page, formatting throughout.
- Chancery revisions, with law updates as noted:
- III.
- o C.
- **2**.
- b.
- o "Viceroys and Vicereines are considered..."
- *Per November 2016 OB3:*
- **3**.
- b.
- o i.
- "All Adrian members who attend, sign-in, and assist with the demonstration receive credit…"
- o iii.
- "...If there are not ten (10) attendees, the teacher may conduct the class again and accumulate attendance to reach this goal, but it only counts as one class for their DI credit."
- "All Adrian members who attend a class and sign-in receive a DP…"

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- "A member may not <u>receive a DI for</u> teach<u>ing</u> the same class..."
- Chancery revisions:
- o iv.
- "(Viceroys and Vicereines are considered local ministers.)"

- o F.
- **1**.
- "Non-Judged Arts The member gets an EP..."
- Appendix A.
 - o 15.
- c.
- "A demo initiation may be granted to any member for each service as autocrat of feasts, tournaments, war, or collegia, or equivalents.

 [by the other sections.]"
- d.
- "Shire Viceroys and Vicereines may award..."
- Appendix B.
 - 0 2.
- Event Sign-in
 - "(use the form provided in the forms for Imperial Office)
 This sign-in form has the general waiver printed on it and everyone who attends an event must sign the waiver. If they wish to participate, they sign in on the list-keeping sheets for the specific activity."