

Laws of the Principality of the Mists

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Article I – THE LAW

Section 1 – Precedence of the Law

The order of precedence of law shall be as established in the Corpora of the Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA).

Section 2 – The Word of the Coronet

Section 2.1

The word of the Coronet is law, subject to the word of the Crown of the West.

Section 2.2

Any proclamation of the Coronet of the Mists must be published to become law and is subject to the governing documents of the SCA, the decisions of the Board of Directors, and the code of laws of the Kingdom of the West. Any proclamation shall be understood to be in effect from the moment it is spoken, but no subject of the Coronet shall be considered to be breaking the law, through ignorance, until it has been published.

Section 2.3

If any officer of the Principality of the Mists receives instructions, directions, or orders, save only routine administrative directives, from anyone not having authority by these laws to give such, that officer shall take no action until the Coronet of the Mists shall have been consulted to Its pleasure in the matter.

Section 3 – Amendment of the Laws

Section 3.1

Amendments to these laws shall be presented as changes, additions, or deletions to specific articles or sections.

Section 3.2

All changes, additions or deletions to the laws shall be approved by the Crown.

Section 3.3

Other proclamations shall have effect only during the reign of the Coronet making them.

Section 4 – Publication of the Laws

Section 4.1

The Laws of the Principality shall at a minimum be published every time the Laws of the Kingdom of the West are published.

Section 4.2

It is the responsibility of the Principality Seneschal to ensure that any law changes that have been properly approved and proclaimed be published as specified in the governing documents of the SCA.

Section 4.3

Proclamations of previous reigns not incorporated into the Principality Laws when published in accord with 4.1 (above) are understood to be rescinded. The Principality Seneschal shall be responsible for providing the official newsletter or alternate official source of record with the current laws.

Section 5 – Principality Charter

To ensure the passage of law and the duration of State from reign to reign, the Principality shall have a charter that shall be read at each Investiture after the new Sovereign and Consort have attained the Coronet and shall read:

<Name>, Prince of the Mists, and <Name>, Princess of the Mists, to the Populace of the Mists, Greetings: NOW KNOW YE that We have conceded and granted, and by this charter confirmed, to all the Great Officers and the Bard of the Mists all the concessions, grants, liberties, and free customs that <Name> and <Name>, Our predecessors, gave and conceded to them with the exceptions of any changes to law and customs that We deem necessary.

Article II – THE CORONET

Section 1 – The Process of Achieving the Coronet

Section 1.1

The Princely Sovereign shall have won the right to reign by combat in the lists at a duly authorized Coronet tournament. The Princely Consort shall have been the inspiration of the Princely Sovereign at that tournament.

Section 1.2

The Coronet Sovereign- and Consort-elect shall bear the titles of Lord/Lady of the Mists as appropriate to their genders.

Section 2 – Other Offices

No Sovereign and Consort of the Mists shall hold any other office in the Principality during Their reign. Offices normally held by Them shall be filled by Their deputies or such other persons as They might appoint for the duration of Their reign.

Article III – FEALTY, RIGHTS & CUSTOMS

Section 1 – Fealty

Section 1.1

The Lord and Lady of the Mists, at Their Investiture to the Coronets, shall swear to serve and protect the people of the Principality, to uphold the laws of the Principality and the laws of the Kingdom of the West, and to insure the succession. That oath shall be given to the reigning Coronet Sovereign and Consort, or to the Crown in Their place, and be witnessed by those who attended the Coronet Lists and will affirm the validity of the claim of the Lord and Lady of the Mists.

Section 1.2

No member of the populace of the Principality of the Mists shall be coerced, forced, or assumed to be in fealty to any Coronet, officer, or person, within the Principality, except the great officers of the Principality who must swear fealty to hold their offices. The Coronets of the Mists shall in no way, by law or fealty, restrict any subjects from banding together, or organizing into common groups, associations, or households. Individual subjects within any of these groups are still bound by Principality law and Kingdom law.

Section 2 – Rights

Section 2.1

It shall be the right of every subject of the Principality of the Mists, having followed every other avenue of resolution, to address grievances directly to the Coronet.

Section 2.2

It shall be the right of every subject of the Principality of the Mists to be warranted or rostered in order to insure every officer protection under mundane civil law. In all cases no warrant or roster, interim or otherwise, shall supersede or conflict with any issued by the Crown of the West. A warrant or roster issued by the Crown of the West shall always take precedence.

Section 2.3

It shall be the right of all officers in the Principality of the Mists to be ruled by their Coronets, and the right of the Coronet to rule for the duration of Their reign. Therefore, no Coronet Sovereign or Consort may enter the Coronet Lists to succeed Themselves, nor may either of Them enter a Crown Lists until They have concluded Their reign.

Article IV – APPOINTMENTS, AWARDS, ORDERS, AND HONORS

Section 1 – Appointments

These Appointments may be made by the Coronet or chosen via competition.

Section 1.1 – Princess' (Prince's) Escort/Guard

It shall be the right of the Consort during Her/His reign to establish an Escort or Guard, naming to it unbelted fighters of competence (including rapier fighters and other combatants). It shall be the duty of the Escort or Guard to come to the aid of the Consort should it become necessary and within their power. This body may be known as the Princess' Escort or Guard, or the Prince's Escort or Guard, as appropriate.

One or more Councilors to the Escort/Guard, selected from the peers of the realm, may be appointed by the Consort to act as advisor(s) to the Escort/Guard.

Section 1.2 – Princess' (Prince's) Artisans

It shall be the right of the Consort during Her/His reign to establish a Company of Artisans, naming to it skilled members of the populace who are not Companions of the Laurel. It shall be the duty of the Artisans to assist the Consort when it is within their power. This body may be known as the Princess' Artisans or the Prince's Artisans, as appropriate.

One or more Councilors to the Artisans, selected from the peers of the realm, may be appointed by the Consort to act as advisor(s) to the Artisans.

Section 1.3 – Court of the Mists

It shall be the right of the Coronet during Their reign to establish a Court. It shall be the duty of the Court to assist the Coronet when it is within their power. From this group the Coronet may name a Head(s) of Court.

One or more Councilors to the Court, selected from the peers of the realm, may be appointed by the Coronet to act as advisor(s) to the Court.

Section 1.4 – Consort's Champion

It shall be the right of the Consort of the Mists during Her/His reign to choose a Champion who shall defend Her/His honor and come to Her/His aid should it become necessary and within his/her power. He/She may be known as the Princess' Champion or the Prince's Champion, as appropriate.

Section 1.5 – Banner Bearer

A Banner Bearer may be chosen in a manner that pleases the Sovereign during whose reign that Banner Bearer serves. The manner of determination may be announced and carried out prior to Investiture. Appointment and term is for the current Reign.

The Banner Bearer will be given a battle-suitable banner and be charged with maintenance of regalia for this office. The Banner Bearer will fight at the Sovereign's side when both are upon the field of battle. At the pleasure of the Sovereign, the Banner Bearer may take the field with the banner without the Sovereign's presence.

Section 1.6 – Prince's (Princess') Lance

The Prince's (Princess's) Lance is the personal armed guard for the Sovereign when He/She is in battle. The unit shall consist of fighters appointed by the Sovereign. Appointment and term is for the current Reign. The Lance shall attend the Sovereign upon the field of battle when able. There may be one named as officer over the Lance who shall carry the title Oberst (Colonel) of the Prince's (Princess') Lance, to be chosen by the Sovereign for the individual's skill in the arts of war.

Section 1.7 – Captain General of the Mists Army

It shall be the right of the Coronet during Their reign to name a Captain General. The Captain General will be charged with leading the forces of the Mists at wars, and with the maintenance of regalia for this office. Regalia shall consist of a token of the Order of the Corolla Nebulorum cast in bronze, pendant from a chain of steel. At the Sovereign's will, the Captain General may take the field with the army without the Coronet's presence. If the Captain General is not a holder of the Corolla Muralis, this office will include that award (entered separately into the Award List).

The purpose of this office is to give the Principality armies a cohesive command structure on the battlefield.

Section 1.8 – Bard of the Mists

The Bard of the Mists shall be chosen in an annual competition which will take place at least one month before Mists Fall Investiture. The sitting Bard shall preside over the selection of his or her successor. The incoming Bard shall be invested at a time and place of the Coronet's choosing, usually at Fall Investiture. The duties of the Bard are as follows:

- The Bard shall have a work prepared for each major Principality event, the works to be collected in a single book handed from Bard to Bard.
- The Bard should be prepared to entertain at the request of the Coronet, and may be requested to compose special pieces from time to time.
- The Bard shall at all times endeavor by teaching and by example to exemplify the ideals of the Mists bardic tradition.

The Bard shall be part of the Royal retinue and shall attend Their Highnesses at Principality events, sitting at the right hand of the Sovereign when possible. The Bard shall be served at Principality feasts after the Principality Sovereign and Consort, and the Crown if They be present, and before the populace.

- The Bard shall be under the following geas, that is to say, the prohibition of his office: The Bard may not refuse to perform for the Coronet Sovereign and Consort of the Mists or for anyone under the age of twelve except that the Coronet Sovereign and Consort shall take precedence.

Section 1.9 – Silver Muse

An annual Arts and Sciences competition will be held. The competition will begin at Spring Coronet and continue through Fall Investiture. This competition will be conducted by the Arts and Sciences Minister or a designated deputy, in consultation with the Coronet. The victor of this competition shall be known as the Silver Muse. The appointment and regalia shall pass from the current holder to the winner of the competition at Fall Investiture or the next possible event thereafter.

The criteria for winning the competition is as follows:

Participation in at least 5 Mists A&S competitions. To qualify, the entry must receive at least 50% of the available points for that competition. At least one entry must include a “teaching” component – a Do It Yourself handout or some other form of “how to do what I did” instruction. This information (with the permission of the entrant) will be published via the Mists website to further the shared knowledge within the Principality.

The competitor must make a contribution to the Principality gift basket, or may instead create an item of regalia; competitors are encouraged to speak with the Principality Regalia Minister if a regalia item is their choice, to ensure they are creating an item that is needed.

Section 1.10 – Equestrian Champion

At the Coronet's pleasure, a Mists Equestrian Champion may be appointed. This shall be a position granted to a Mists subject who greatly supports and advances the equestrian arts in the Principality. The Equestrian champion is charged with continuing in these efforts, and serves until the next Investiture, or at the pleasure of Their Highnesses.

Section 1.11 – Rapier Champion of the Mists

Twice per year, at each Coronet Tournament, a rapier tournament will be held to determine the Rapier Champion of the Mists. The winner of the tournament will be invested at the next Investiture and shall hold the title for 6 months. During this time, it is the duty and privilege of the RCM to represent the Principality on the field and to encourage and promote rapier combat within the Principality. The RCM is responsible for running (or for arranging to have run) the tournament to choose their successor. The regalia of this position is a baldric.

Section 1.12 – Archery Champion of the Mists

Once per year, on or about the time of Spring Coronet Tournament (allowing for site limitations for archery), an archery tournament will be held to determine the Archery Champion of the Mists. The winner of this tournament will be invested at Spring Investiture and shall hold the title for one year. During this time, it is the duty and privilege of the ACM to represent the Principality on the field and to encourage and promote archery within the Principality. The ACM is responsible for running (or for arranging to have run) the tournament to choose their successor.

Section 1.13 – Youth Champion of the Mists

Once per reign, a youth fighting tournament may be held to present the youth fighters to the Prince/Princess. From this group the Prince/Princess may choose a Youth Champion to represent the Principality. Prowess, grace, and courtesy will all be used to determine the Champion. They will be invested immediately and serve for the duration of the reign. During their term they may be considered an honorary part of the Guard at the pleasure of the Coronet.

Section 2 – Awards

Awards are given by the Coronet. Awards may be given only once to any individual.

It shall be the right of the Coronet Sovereign and Consort to present any such armigerous awards as may be approved by the Crown of the West.

Section 3 – Orders

Entry to Orders is granted by the Coronet, and individuals, once made members of an Order, may not be entered into that Order again, with the exception of the Order of the Corolla Nebulorum.

Section 3.1 – Order of the Pegasus

The Order of the Pegasus may be given to any children or young persons who have shown exceptional courtesy, chivalry, and service to the Principality.

Section 3.2 – Order of the Corolla Nebulorum

The Order of the Corolla Nebulorum may be given by the Coronet to those persons who have in any outstanding way enriched the Principality. The Corolla shall be a pendant hanging from a single ribbon or multiple ribbons depending on the number of Corollas the recipient has received. An individual may only be inducted into each suborder one time. The Corolla Aulica is awarded for service to the Principality and hangs from a white ribbon. The Corolla Vitae is awarded for achievement in the Arts and Sciences and hangs from a blue ribbon. The Corolla Muralis is awarded for leadership and achievement in war and hangs from a green ribbon.

Section 3.3 – Princess' Order of Grace

It shall be the right of the Princess of the Mists to award the Princess' Order of Grace to those who are courteous to all. It is customary to grant this recognition sparingly.

Section 3.4 – Order of Les Dames de la Mer

The Order of Les Dames de la Mer shall be awarded to those who have served as Consort of the Mists. Members of this order shall be models of honor and grace to all those in the Principality.

Section 3.5 – Order of the Golden Branch

The Order of the Golden Branch is made up of all those persons who have served as Bard of the Mists. Membership in this Order carries with it an Award of Arms if the person has not already received one. The Bard of the Mists, during his or her year's tenure in office, shall be considered the chief of the Order and organize the activities of the Order in the teaching of bardic skills and the bardic traditions.

Section 3.6 – Order of the Armure Epatant

The Order of the Armure Epatant may be awarded by the Coronet Sovereign and Consort to those fighters, both melee and missile, whose field appearance is exemplary and recognizable as being from a time period within the scope of the governing documents of the Society for Creative Anachronism. Candidates for this Order must have done a significant portion of the research and/or construction of their armor, garments, and accessories themselves. All members of this Order shall also be charged with maintaining their on-field appearance and encouraging others to follow their example.

Section 3.7 – Order of Jaffa

The Order of Jaffa may be awarded to those who simultaneously display the heights of puissance and courtesy on the field of war.

Section 3.8 – Order of the Cheval Argent

Those who foster and support the equestrian arts within the Principality may be awarded the Cheval Argent.

Section 3.9 – Order of the Stylus Nebulorum

This award shall be given to those individuals who either by the quality of their calligraphy and illumination, or by their service to the Scribal Arts of the Principality deserve recognition. The Coronets, at Their pleasure, may recognize any member of the Order as an Exemplar of the Order, for continued outstanding contributions to the Scribal Arts.

Section 3.10 – Order of the Iron Lance

This award shall be given to those war units that have repeatedly come to the aid of the Coronet or the defense the Principality in times of war and thereby won renown for the Principality.

Section 3.11 – Order of the Beacon of the Mists

The Order of the Beacon of the Mists shall be awarded to those individuals for their continued enrichment of the Principality through unflinching, extraordinary service that surpasses general expectations over an extended period of time. This recognition may be given by the Coronet only once per reign to an individual, or couple whose deeds are so intertwined they cannot be justly recognized separately. The token for the award shall be any token bearding a torch, beacon, lantern, lighthouse, flame, or other item that similarly casts light, within an engrailed border. It may be personalized to suit the recipient(s).

Section 4 – Honors

Honors are granted by the Coronet. An individual may receive the same honor multiple times.

Section 4.1 – Honor of the Silver Ivy

The fighter who achieves the final round of the Coronet List but does not prevail and his/her consort shall receive the Honor of the Silver Ivy. Those who receive this Honor shall continue to be models of honor and inspiration to all within the Principality.

Section 4.2 – Torse of Honor

The Torse of Honor may be awarded by the Coronet Sovereign and Consort to an unbelted fighter who has shown particular courtesy, chivalry, and/or valor in the Coronet Lists. This award is to be given out at the Coronet tournament after the lists and may only be given once per reign.

Section 4.3 – Consort’s Favor

It shall be the right of the Consort of the Mists to award the Consort’s Favor to those who have been particularly helpful to Her/Him during Her/His reign. The token of this honor is not provided by Regalia but is provided by each Coronet to be unique to their reign.

Section 4.4 – Honor of the Period Encampment

The Honor of the Period Encampment shall be awarded to an individual or household who presents an encampment with a medieval atmosphere during the reign in which it is awarded. This honor shall be presented no more than once per reign. The recipient(s) of this honor shall display the official banner during the following reign, after which the banner shall be returned to the Coronet. Past recipients of this honor may display a pennon of similar design, created by their own hands.

Section 4.5 – The Honor of the Coeur d’Azur

This honor is given to those individuals, wherever situate, who have shown great courage, service, or courtesy that has enriched the Principality and inspired the Populace of the Mists.

Section 4.6 – Coronet’s Favor

The Coronet’s Favor is given to those individuals who, by their actions, have assisted Their Highnesses in a significant fashion. The token of this honor is not provided by Regalia but is provided by the Coronet to be unique to each reign.

Section 4.7 – Link of Courtesy

This award shall be given to those individuals who Their Highnesses have found to not only be courteous and chivalrous but, through their actions, have inspired such courteous behavior in others thus forming an ever growing link throughout their community.

Section 4.8 – Honor of the Lancers of the Mists

At the discretion of the Sovereign, those who have served as the Oberst (Colonel) of the Lance may be entered into the Honor of the Lancers of the Mists.

Section 4.9 – Saltator de Nebula

There shall be a dance competition held at Coronet Tournament and Investiture events. The Coronet may, upon consultation with the Arts and Sciences Minister or their appointed deputy, name the victor of the dance competition as Saltator (m) or Saltatrix (f) de Nebula.

Section 4.10 – Silver Spoon

There shall be a cooking competition held at Coronet Tournament and Investiture events. The Coronet may, upon consultation with the Arts and Sciences Minister or their appointed deputy, name a victor of the cooking competition.

Section 5 – Publication of Appointments, Awards, Orders and Honors

It is the responsibility of the Coronet Sovereign and Consort bestowing an appointment, award or honor to ensure that the type of recognition, the date it was given, and the full name of the recipient be published in the Order of Precedence within nine months of the date of the proclamation of recognition. Recognitions not published within this time limit must be reaffirmed by the Coronet Sovereign and Consort in an official court and published within nine months of that reaffirmation.

Article V – CURIA PRINCIPIS

Section 1 – Purpose

It shall be the right and privilege of the Coronet to convene and hold a Curia Principis for the purpose of hearing counsel and discussing or making pronouncements on any issue of concern to the Principality of the Mists.

Section 2 – Conduct

Section 2.1

The Curia Principis shall consist of the Coronet Sovereign and Consort, who convene the Court and preside over it, any Ministers as may be concerned with the subject of the Court, and other persons as the Coronet may desire to include at a particular meeting of the court.

Section 2.2

Any subject of the Coronet of the Mists may attend sessions of this court and may petition the Coronet upon matters relevant and appropriate.

Section 2.3

Decisions of the court shall be made by the Coronet Sovereign and Consort after hearing the advice of the Ministers and the populace present.

Section 2.4

When the Coronet of the Mists has declared a Principality investigation complete and the decision final, no Officer may reopen the investigation or overrule the decision, save at the direction of the Crown of the West or the Board of Directors of the Society for Creative Anachronism.

Section 2.5

The business of the Principality of the Mists is not secret from the subjects of the Coronet.

Article VI – OFFICERS AND DUTIES

Section 1 – Great Officers

Section 1.1

There shall be seven Great Officers of State in the Principality of the Mists. They shall be the Seneschal, the Seawolf Herald, the Knight Marshal, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Minister of Arts and Sciences, the Chronicler, and the Constable. These Great Officers shall serve within the Principality in the same capacities as their superior officers in the Kingdom of the West serve the Crown of the West, except that they shall directly obey the Coronet, subject to the ultimate obedience of all subjects to the Crown of the West and to their responsibilities to their Kingdom and Society superiors.

Section 1.2

The Seneschal, at Spring Investiture, shall present the newly-invested Coronet Sovereign and Consort with a tentative calendar of events for the next calendar year for approval. The Seneschal shall ensure that the approved calendar is then submitted to the Kingdom Seneschal (or Keeper of the Kingdom Calendar) so that the dates will be entered into the Kingdom calendar.

Section 2 – Lesser Officers

The Chatelaine, Minister of the Golden Key, Minister of Lists, Keeper of the Regalia, Principality Archer, Chancellor Minor, Minister of Equestrian Arts, Webminister, and Principality Teamster shall be Lesser Officers of State. They shall serve within the Principality in the same capacities as their superior officers in the Kingdom of the West serve the Crown of the West, except that they shall directly obey the Coronet, subject to the ultimate obedience of all subjects to the Crown of the West and, where appropriate, their Kingdom and Society superiors.

Section 3 – Warrants

Officers shall be warranted or rostered as required by their superior officers

Section 4 – Reports and Commissions

Section 4.1

All officers of the Principality shall report regularly to their duly appointed superiors. All great and lesser officers of the Principality shall present written reports to the Coronet at Spring and Fall Coronet Tournaments.

Section 4.2

The Great Officers shall inform the Lord and Lady of the Mist in writing of the state of the Principality at least two weeks prior to Their Investiture unless they have made a written or verbal report to the Lord and Lady of the Mists at the Principality Officers' meeting at Coronet.

Section 4.3

There shall be a commission for regalia consisting of the Coronet Sovereign and Consort, the Ministers of Arts and Sciences, the Seneschal, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and the Principality Keeper of the Regalia. Its duties are to determine the artistic and practical merit of proposed regalia and equipment, and to recommend specific acquisition and retirement of regalia and equipment as needed. All offers of donation and all proposals for acquisition of regalia will be handled through this commission. Any article of regalia given to the Coronet without having first been approved by the commission will be deemed a personal gift to the Coronet Sovereign and Consort to whom it is presented. All items of regalia are considered to be the property of the Principality of the Mists and may only be disposed of with the unanimous consent of the commission.

Section 4.4

The Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Keeper of the Regalia shall conduct an inventory of all regalia, including its location and condition, to be completed immediately prior to its transfer to the incoming Coronet Sovereign and Consort. A representative of both the incoming and outgoing Coronet Sovereign and Consort must be present. The Keeper of the Regalia shall make a written report to the commission for regalia and both the incoming and outgoing Coronet Sovereign and Consort. The commission shall determine if the outgoing Coronet Sovereign and Consort shall be held fiscally responsible for loss or damage to regalia entrusted to Their care. The incoming Coronet Sovereign and Consort accept custody of regalia to be placed in Their care by signature receipt of the completed inventory.

Article VII – SUCCESSION, SCHEDULING OF EVENTS, AND PARTICIPATION IN THE LISTS

Section 1 – Succession

Section 1.1

Should the victors of the previous Coronet tournament, through no fault of their own, be unable to attend their Investiture festival, such steps as are necessary and acceptable to them and the Coronet shall be taken that they may achieve their Coronets.

Section 1.2

Should the victors of the previous Coronet tournament not intend to reign, and sufficient evidence of their failure be presented to the Coronet, or should they be unable to reign due to a disaster, a Curia Principis shall be called to make preparation for a Coronet Lists which shall be called at the beginning of the Investiture festival or, if this date shall have passed, at the soonest date practical. The victors of this list shall be crowned Coronet Sovereign and Consort immediately.

Section 1.3

Should the Consort of the Sovereign-elect be unable or unwilling to achieve the Coronet, the Sovereign-elect shall choose another as Consort. If, during the reign, the Consort is unable or unwilling to continue the reign, the Sovereign may, if he or she chooses, choose a new Consort, who shall be invested publicly or privately as Prince- or Princess-Consort, according to Article III, Section 1, of these Laws.

Section 1.4

Should the Sovereign become unable or unwilling to complete His or Her reign, the Consort shall act as Regent and contain all the power of the Coronet.

Section 1.5

Should both the Prince and Princess of the Mists, for any reason whatsoever, be unable to complete Their reign, and there being no successors to the Coronet, the Coronet shall pass to the Crown of the West until another Coronet Tournament is scheduled, and successors to the Coronet of the Mists. The winners of this will be invested immediately. If there are successors to the Coronet, they will be invested immediately. If there are successors to the Coronet, they will be invested as the new Prince and Princess of the Mists by the Crown of the West at the Crowns earliest convenience.

Section 2 – Scheduling of Coronet Events

Section 2.1

There shall be two Coronet Tournaments and two Coronet Investitures each year.

Section 2.1.1

Spring Coronet Tournament shall be held in the Spring. Spring Investiture shall be held within seven weeks following the tournament or as soon thereafter as possible.

Section 2.1.2

Fall Coronet Tournament shall be held in the Fall. Fall Investiture shall be held within seven weeks following the tournament or as soon thereafter as possible.

Section 3 – Participation in Coronet Lists

Section 3.1

All authorized fighters resident in the Principality have the right to compete in the Coronet Lists of the Principality of the Mists unless they are in violation of the rules of the lists, the governing documents of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc., or the laws of the Principality or Kingdom. All fighters must be acceptable to the Crown of the West and the Coronet of the Mists.

Section 3.2

By entering the Coronet Lists, a fighter declares his or her loyalty to the Coronet, the Principality laws, the populace of the Mists, and the Crown of the West.

Section 3.3

Each fighter, by entering the Coronet Lists, declares that he or she will be able to attend his or her Coronet Investiture, the following Coronet tournament, and the Coronet Investiture of his or her successor. No one shall compete for the Coronet of the Mists without intending to reign should he or she win.

Section 3.4

The conduct of combat, rules of the lists, requirements of arms and armor, and rules concerning the use of horses shall be exactly as stated in the laws of the Kingdom of the West except that the Coronet Sovereign and Consort and the Knight Marshal of the Principality shall act in place of the Crown Sovereign and Consort and Earl Marshal where so stated.

Section 3.5

All subjects of the Principality of the Mists entering in the Coronet Lists and their consorts, who must also reside within the Principality of the Mists or acceptable to the Coronets, must be paid members of the SCA, Inc. Memberships must be demonstrated prior to entering the lists. Any one not appearing on the Registry's list, or having other acceptable proof of membership, will be deemed unacceptable and not permitted to compete in the Coronet Lists.

Article VIII – BRANCHES

Section 1 – Creation and Elevation of Branches

Section 1.1

The creation or elevation of branches within the Principality will be performed in a manner consistent with Kingdom Law.