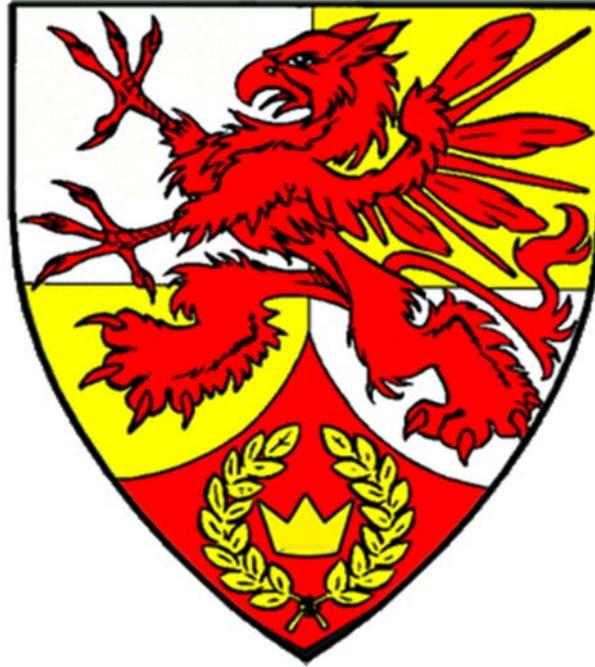


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DEFINITIONS

The Avantgarde:	The official newsletter of the Kingdom of Avacal
Board (BoD):	Board of Directors of the SCA, Inc.
Consort:	The member who was fought for in the Crown Lists and was invested as royalty.
Corpora:	The document defining those policies governing historical recreation within the Society, and those policies applicable to the entire Society.
The Crown:	The Sovereign and Consort of Avacal, acting jointly.
Curia:	A council of officers and Crown advisers meeting to assist in administering the Kingdom. Curia is open to the populace.
Designated Adult:	A responsible adult of legal age 'designated' by the parents or court-appointed guardian to watch over their children.
Event Steward:	The branch deputy seneschal assigned to a specific event and responsible for the administration and execution of that event.
Member:	Paid member of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc.
Noble Estate:	A body comprised of the Royalty, the Royal Peers, the Territorial Barons and Baronesses of Avacal and all Former Territorial Barons and Baronesses of Avacal, meeting to advise the Crown as needed.
Proclamation:	A directive of the Crown that shall have effect only during the reign of the proclaiming Royalty.
Regent:	The person who administers the affairs of the Kingdom if the Crown is unable to reign.
Region:	An administrative designation for a group of branches.
Royal Heirs:	The victor in the Royal Lists and the victor's consort for the period between the victory and the Coronation (kingdom).
Royalty:	The Sovereign, Consort, Crown King and Queen,
SCA:	The Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc., a California not-for-profit corporation.

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Society:	The entirety of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. (SCA).
Sovereign:	The Victor in the Crown Lists of Avacal who has been crowned with the title of King or Queen.
Subject:	A non-Crown participant who resides within the borders of, and/or is considered to be a denizen of, the Kingdom Avacal.

ARTICLE I. THE LAW

I.A Word of the Crown

The word of the Crown is law, subject to modern law, the governing documents of the Society and the current written Laws of Avacal. The Crown shall be cognizant of the rights and privileges of its vassals and subjects by tradition, custom and usage

I.B Changes to the Laws

Any amendments to these Laws must be reviewed and signed by the Crown of Avacal and the Kingdom Seneschal. Amendments shall be published in the Kingdom newsletter, the Avantgarde, and proclaimed at a legal Society event before they are fully in effect. No provision of law shall be in effect, nor shall any subjects be responsible for such provision, until such proclamation and publication have taken place

I.C Editions of the Law

This edition (June AS L/2015) is the 1st edition of The Laws of the Kingdom of Avacal and all earlier versions are repealed.

I.D Publishing Schedule

A link to the Laws of Avacal shall be published once each year in the Kingdom newsletter. A complete and current copy of the Law shall be maintained on the Kingdom web site.

I.E. Additional Handbooks

The following handbooks are incorporated by reference in the Laws of the Kingdom of Avacal and shall be treated as though they are part of Kingdom Law. They are subject to the policies & laws put forth by Kingdom Law:

1. Avacal Calendar Policy, covering all matters regarding official Kingdom calendar
2. Avacal A&S Competition Guidelines
3. Avacal Financial Policy, covering all financial matters
4. The University Handbook
5. Avacal Kingdom Event Policy
6. The Avacal Book of Combat (The ABCs), covering the conduct of combat and other martial art forms as well as applicable equipment standards
7. The Avacal Book of Target, covering conduct of all archery and thrown weapons activities and equipment standards.
8. The Avacal Book of Fence, covering conduct of all rapier/fencing activities and equipment standards.
9. The Avacal Book of Horse, covering the conduct of all equestrian activities and equipment standards.

ARTICLE II. THE ROYALTY

II. A. General

The duties, responsibilities and privileges of the Crown are detailed in Corpora, what follows is particular to Avacal.

II.B Succession

1. The Crown Lists shall be fought at two Crown Tournaments per year as detailed in ArticleVI.A.1 and .4
2. Entrants to the Crown list must have lived within the borders of Avacal for 6 months preceding the Tourney, and expect to remain a resident for the duration of their reign.

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3. Each competitor and prospective consort must hold a valid membership on the day of the Royal Lists, and must maintain that membership until their term of Royalty is over. Within ten business days after being declared victor in the Crown Tourney, the Victor and Consort must present to the Kingdom Seneschal proof that their memberships are current through at least the end of the prospective reign.
 - a. Positive confirmation consists of: A valid membership card, appearance of the name with a valid membership on a printout from the Corporate Office, a membership label issued by the Corporate Office showing the name and Expiration date, or Receipt of online membership (as downloaded from the renewal website), or a postcard or letter from the Corporate office confirming that the membership has been received
4. All entrants and their consort must have a subscription to the Kingdom newsletter, the Avantgarde.
5. All authorized fighters of Avacal who are acceptable to the Crown have the right to compete in the Crown Lists of the Kingdom of Avacal, unless they are in violation of the rules of the Crown Lists, the governing documents of the Society or the laws of the Kingdom.
6. All combatants and prospective consorts must be presented to the Crown. The final decision as to the acceptability of any otherwise-qualified participant in the Crown Tournament shall rest with the Crown.
7. By entering into the Crown Lists, a combatant declares that the combatant has a prospective consort, who has agreed to reign with them should they win. During the invocation of the Crown Lists, all combatants and prospective consorts shall declare that they are loyal to the Crown, and will uphold the laws of, and respect the customs and traditions of the Kingdom. They shall further declare that, should they be victorious, They will attend Their Coronation, and shall preside over the activities of the following Crown Tournament, and the Coronation of Their successors, for no one shall compete for the Crown without intending to reign should they win.
8. Should the results of a Crown Tournament be declared invalid for any reason, a Crown Tournament shall be called at the beginning of the Coronation Event. This tournament shall be limited to eligible fighters who competed in the invalidated Crown Tournament. The winner of the tournament and the person they fought for shall be invested immediately.

II.C Failure to Reign

1. If the Crown fails to complete their reign, the Royal Heir and Consort shall act as regents until their Coronation. If there is no Royal Heir and Consort, the Armoured Champion of Avacal shall serve as Regent.
2. If the Armoured Champion cannot carry out the Regent duties, the Kingdom Seneschal shall call a meeting of the Noble Estate. As a body, they shall select the most suitable person of Ducal or County rank to serve as Regent.
3. The Regent's sole responsibility is to host a Crown List as soon as practically possible and to immediately invest the winner and consort as King and Queen. The Regent may not change law or give awards.
4. Failure to reign includes: failure to attend Kingdom events unless such failure to attend is beyond the control of the King or Queen and no failure of intent to reign is demonstrated; abdication; failure to perform the duties of the Crown as judged by the Crown of Avacal with the advice of the Seneschal and the four Champions.
5. Should either the Sovereign or Consort be unable to complete the reign, or elect to abdicate, the other shall assume the duties and privileges of both for the remainder of the reign.

II.D Responsibilities

1. The Crown must attend all Kingdom events as detailed in Article VI.A.
2. The Crown agrees to allow personal access information to be published in applicable newsletters and on appropriate websites

II.E Privileges

1. The Crown and Heirs shall be exempt from fees at all Avacal Kingdom level events they are required to attend.
2. The Crown shall be reimbursed for reasonable mailing, photocopying, telephone and travel costs incurred in conjunction with their reign, upon submission of receipts to the Avacal Exchequer.
3. Total reimbursement from Avacal Travel fund within a given reign may not exceed \$2000.
4. Should the Crowns perform fundraising activities for travel during their reign they are eligible to claim up to 75% of the money raised. FOR EXAMPLE – if the Crown raises \$1000 for the Travel Fund during their reign, the Crown may withdraw an additional \$750 for valid expenses and can apply it towards any travel during their reign.

5. The Travel Fund will be supplemented by funds from the General Funds (GFs) yearly at the time chosen by the Avacal Exchequer. The supplement will be a maximum of \$2000.00 but will not exceed the amount needed to bring up the fund to \$6000 (the equivalent of three reigns of travel expenses). For example, if the Travel Fund sits at \$6469 no money will need to be allocated from the GFs, if the Travel Fund has \$5469 then only \$531 will be allocated to the travel fund.
6. A Travel Fund Fundraiser will be held at least once a year. It will be organized by Avacal's Fundraising Coordinator. The goal of this fundraiser is to raise \$2000/yearly for the travel fund and not for any specific reign. Note: the money raised in this fundraiser WILL NOT be use by the sitting royalty to increase the amount they are eligible for. If the fundraiser falls short of \$2000 no action will occur, unless the Travel Fund falls below \$2000, see next point
7. The travel fund shall never go below \$2000. If it does the immediate action will be taken:
 - a) funds from the General operating Account will bring that amount above \$2000 and b)
 - an "emergency" Fundraiser will be coordinated and held at the earliest possible occasion.

ARTICLE III. CHAMPIONS OF AVACAL

III.A. General

1. The five Champions of Avacal are:
 - a. Champion of Sword (heavy or rattan combat),
 - b. Champion of Arrows (target archery or missile combat),
 - c. Champion of Arts & Sciences
 - d. Champion of Rapier
 - e. Champion of Youth
2. Each Champion will serve a term of one year.
3. No person may serve as two Kingdom Champions at the same time.
4. No person may vie for more than one Kingdom Champions Tourney at one time.
5. If the Champion is unable to serve, the Crown shall choose a suitable person to serve and oversee the next tourney.
6. If a Kingdom Champion should become an Heir to the Crown, that Champion shall surrender the Championship and in all cases the Crown shall choose a suitable replacement.

III.B. Championship Tournaments

1. Entrants to the Champions tourneys must be resident in Avacal at the time of the tourney, and expect to remain a resident for the duration of their term.
2. The Arts and Sciences Championship shall be run by the Minister of Arts & Sciences in conjunction with The Crown and the current Champion. The format and rules of the competition shall be as stated in the document “The Avacal Arts & Sciences Championship Guidelines”, as signed by The Crown, the Minister of Arts and Sciences and the Avacal Champion of Arts & Sciences. This document can only be revised by The Crown and the current Arts & Sciences Minister.
3. Any person wishing to enter the Arts & Sciences Championship Tournament must declare their intent and provide a list of their planned entries to The Crown, the Champion and the Arts & Sciences Minister, in writing, no later than January 15th of same year as the Championship Tournament.
4. To enter competition for any Avacal Championship, entrants must have a current membership in the SCA, Inc., and must maintain it during their tenure as Champion.
5. The Youth Tournament will be supported by the Kingdom Youth Combat Officer; however organization and running of the event will be performed by the current Kingdom Youth Champion.

III.C. Specific Descriptions of Kingdom Champions

1. The Champion of Sword of Avacal:
 - a. The tournament to choose the Champion of Avacal will be held the weekend of August Coronation and shall end with the installation of the new Champion of Avacal.
 - b. The tournament format shall be acceptable to the Crown and to the Kingdom Earl Marshal.
 - c. The Champion of Sword of Avacal shall:
 - i. Maintain membership in the Society.
 - ii. Become Regent in accordance with Article II.C.1
 - iii. Act as Bearer of the Great Sword of State.
 - iv. Attend meetings of the Curia at Crown events.
2. Kingdom Champion of Rapier Combat:

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- a. The tournament to choose the Champion of Rapier Combat will be held the weekend of February Coronation and shall end with the installation of the new Rapier Champion.
 - b. The tournament format shall be acceptable to the Crown and the Provost Marshal for Rapier Combat.
3. The Kingdom Champion of Arrow:
- a. The tournament to choose the Kingdom Champion of Arrow will be held the weekend of June Crown and shall end with the installation of the new Kingdom Champion.
 - b. The tournament shall be acceptable to the Crown and the Royal Archer.
4. The Arts & Sciences Champion:
- a. The tournament to choose the Arts & Sciences Champion will be held on the same weekend as February Coronation and shall end with the installation of the new Arts & Sciences Champion.
 - b. The tournament shall be conducted in a format acceptable to the Crown and the Arts & Sciences Minister as stated in III.B.2 and III.B.3.
5. The Youth Champion:
- a. The tournament to choose the youth Champion will be held at the August Coronation, and shall end with the installation of the new youth Champion.
 - b. The tournament shall be conducted in a format acceptable to the Crown.

III.D. Duties of the Champions

1. The Champions must swear an oath of fealty and service to the Crown
2. The Champions have the duty to advise the Crown. They shall support and defend the Kingdom of Avacal, and serve the Crown to the best of their ability.
3. The Champions are expected to attend all Kingdom Events as detailed in Article VI.A, unless granted permission by the Crown not to do so.
4. The Champions must oversee the tournament to choose their successor at the Coronation Events. They are responsible for the regalia of their office and must pass it on to their successor.

5. The Armoured Champion has a role to play in the maintenance and succession of the Crown as per Article II.C.
6. All Champions must support the Crown at war.
7. Kingdom Champions are considered the Officers of the Royal Court.

III.E. Rights of the Champions

1. The Champions have the right and duty to attend the Crown at Court and at war, and have a place near the Crowns' table at feasts. The Champion of Sword is to stand armed at the King's Throne, and the Champion of Rapier is to stand armed at the Queen's Throne.
2. Champions shall not be charged site fees at Kingdom Events as detailed in Article VI.A. This does not include feast fees.

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS WITHIN THE KINGDOM

IV.A. General Requirements

1. All Kingdom officers must:
 - a. Have a current membership in the SCA, Inc., and must maintain it during their tenure as officer.
 - b. Be at least eighteen (18) years of age.
 - c. Maintain a subscription to the Kingdom Newsletter, the Avantgarde, at their place of residence.
 - d. Kingdom Officers shall attend all Crown and Coronations Events as detailed in Article VI.A, and report at all Curia meetings unless, in extraordinary circumstances, the Crown grants permission to be absent. In such cases, a suitable replacement must be arranged by the absent officer to carry out the duties associated with the event and a report should be submitted at Curia or the seneschal before the event.
 - e. Encourage and assist their subordinate officers in the performance of their required duties to ensure the smooth functioning of the Realm. As such, officers are expected to keep in touch with both their superiors and subordinates.
 - f. Execute the lawful commands of the Crown and abide by Kingdom law.

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- g. Carry out additional duties as are appropriate to their office and/or as directed by the Crown.
- h. Agree to allow personal access information to be published in applicable newsletters and on appropriate websites.
- i. Report in accordance with Article IV.D.
- j. Provide copies of all reports to and correspondence with Corporate and Kingdom superiors to the Crown and the Kingdom Seneschal.
- k. Select and warrant a contingency deputy who meets the approval of the Crown within ninety (90) day of assuming office. The role of the contingency deputy is to administer the office if the Kingdom officer, for whatever reason, cannot continue in that role. A contingency deputy may not be a spouse/partner of the Kingdom officer. The contingency deputy is not presumed to be the next officer. They are encouraged to apply for the position if they would like to hold the office. All pertinent contact information shall be provided to the Crown, the Kingdom Seneschal and the officer's immediate superior.
- l. Have such deputies, assistants and subordinates, as are necessary to the functioning of their office
- m. Provide Their Majesties with a Roster Warrant of Branch officers and Deputies for signing at each Coronation.

IV.B. Officers of the Kingdom of Avacal

- 2. The Great Officers in Avacal shall be: the Seneschal, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Chatelaine, the Earl Marshal, the Minister of Arts and Sciences, the Herald, the Chronicler, the Web Minister, and the Scribe.
- 3. The Lesser Officers in Avacal shall be the Kingdom Calendar, the deputy for New & Incipient Branches, Waiver Deputy, Media Deputy, Event Deputy, Chamberlain, Fundraising Coordinator, Non-Member Surcharge Deputy, the Minister of the Lists, the Marshal for Rapier Combat, the Royal Archer, the Marshal for Cut and Thrust, the Marshal for Siege, the Warlord of Avacal, the Kingdom Bard, the Minister of Family Activities, Arts and Sciences reporting deputy and the Regent of The University of Avacal.
- 4. Have the ability to create rules, regulations and policy relating to their specific office. Any such rules, regulations and policies are subject to the approval of and modification by their superior officer and/or the Crown

5. Be reimbursed for reasonable office, postage, copying and electronic mail access expenses incurred in the performance of their office.
6. Gate fees for the four Crown events (both Crown Tournaments and both Coronations) shall be waived during an officer's term of service.
7. All expenses are subject to the limits of the officer's budget and/or approval of the Financial Committee.
8. Provide a written report on the state of their Offices to the Royal Heirs at least one month prior to each Coronation. A copy of this report shall be sent to the Crown and the Kingdom Seneschal.

IV.C. Terms

1. All other officers within Avacal, whether Kingdom, Baronial, Canton, Shire, College etc., shall serve two year terms of office so long as their duties are carried out in a manner satisfactory to the Crown and their appropriate superior. A maximum of a two year extension may be granted at the discretion of the Crown.
2. Six months prior to the end of their two year term officers must begin to advertise the availability of their position in their local newsletter and at their monthly business meeting and must be advertised on the Avantgarde.
3. Officers may apply to serve a consecutive term and if so, their request will be judged alongside those of any other applicants.
4. No individual may serve in the same capacity for more than four consecutive years.
5. Applications for a Kingdom office shall be made in writing to the Crown, with copies provided to: The Royal Heirs (if applicable), the incumbent officer, the incumbent officer's Kingdom or Society superior, and the Kingdom Seneschal.

IV.D. Reporting

1. Kingdom Officers and Reporting Deputies report as required by Society Officers at a time determined by the Society Officers.
2. All Kingdom Officers will send a copy of their reports to the Kingdom Seneschal and the Crown.

3. Kingdom Officers are required to attend and deliver a summary report at each of the 4 Curia meetings per year. In the event a Kingdom Officer cannot be present for the Curia, he/she must have a representative attend the meeting and report in their stead.
4. All Branch Officers are to report to Kingdom Officers or designated reporting deputy 4 times per year as determined by Kingdom Officers.
5. If there is no designated reporting officer to report to, an officer must report directly to the Kingdom Seneschal.
6. A copy of each Branch Officer report shall be provided to the Branch Seneschal, and the Baron and Baroness or Royal Patron of the Branch.
7. A Kingdom Officer can require greater reporting frequency from any officer within their purview if the needs of the office dictate.
8. Failure of Branch Officers to report by the required deadline set out by the Kingdom Officer will result in a warning from the Kingdom Officer and an expectation to report no later than two weeks thereafter. If a Branch receives their first warning and fails to provide the next report on time, the officer will be asked to vacate their position and a replacement found. A Branch Officer missing 2 reporting periods will mean the dismissal of that officer. Exceptions to this clause may be made on a case-by-case basis before the deadline.

IV.E. Appointment and Removal

1. All officers, including administrative deputies not specifically named herein, serve at the pleasure of their immediate superior and the Crown.
2. All officers within the realm shall be appointed and warranted by means of a roster warrant which is signed by the Crown and the appropriate Kingdom or Society Officer.
3. Grounds for dismissal by the Crown and/or the officer's superior shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
 - a. The officer has demonstrated a substantial failure to perform the duties of the office after having been given notice of the nature of the failed duties and having been given a reasonable opportunity to correct said failures.
 - b. The effectiveness of the officer has been impaired to a substantial degree due to personal reasons or a breakdown in the officer's ability to deal with the Crown, the officer's superior, the officer's deputies and subordinates or the populace with whom the officer must work.

- c. The officer has willfully abused the office by using it to hinder or annoy others, or to advance some purpose inconsistent with the trust of that office.
- d. The officer has performed the office at an unacceptably low level for an unacceptably long period of time.
- e. The officer has demonstrated a continuing inability to work with the Crown.
- f. The officer has demonstrated a failure to abide by Kingdom Law.

IV.F. Specific Duties of the Officers of State

Here follow the descriptions of the Officers of State, in order of precedence. Lesser Officers (or Deputies) are listed as subsidiaries to the appropriate Greater Officer listing

1. The Kingdom Seneschal:
 - a. The Kingdom Seneschal is the chief administrative officer of the Kingdom. The Kingdom Seneschal shall also serve as the principal legal representative of the Society within the Kingdom.
 - b. The Kingdom Seneschal shall:
 1. Assist the Crown in matters of Kingdom Law and Corpora; administer the local branches through local seneschals; receive copies of all reports to the Crown on the state of all other greater and lesser Offices of State, Principalities, and Baronies.
 2. Coordinate the formal recognition of new branches by the Crown; hold regularly scheduled meetings of the Curia and of branch seneschals.
 3. Be in regular communication with the Crown; be responsible for soliciting bids for all Crown events and have ultimate responsibility for planning and carrying out Kingdom level events.
 4. Serve as a member of the Council of the Exchequer.
 5. Be an alternate signatory on all appropriate Kingdom bank accounts.
 - c. Deputies of the Kingdom Seneschal:

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1. Kingdom Calendar Officer
 - a. Maintain the Kingdom calendar of events.
 - b. Ensure that all events advertised in the Kingdom newsletter are official events as outlined in Corpora.
 - c. Compile and maintain the Calendar Policy, which shall contain a current list of branch conflict areas.
 - d. Aid in the education of event stewards and seneschals in the policies and procedures of the Calendar.
 - e. Facilitate the process of event submissions.
2. The New and Incipient Branches Deputy shall:
 - a. Act as the chief administrative advisor to the Kingdom Seneschal regarding new branch applications.
 - b. Maintain all files and correspondence records for incipient branches.
 - c. Provide assistance and advice to the new and incipient branches.
 - d. Monitor incipient branch progress and report their status regularly to the Kingdom Seneschal.
 - e. Advise incipient branches of an applicable full status decision after approval by the Kingdom Seneschal.
3. The Waiver Secretary shall:
 - a. Ensure that all required waivers, rosters, and sign-in sheets for events are collected and safely stored in such a way as to be easily located as required.
 - b. Keep adult waivers on file for seven (7) years, and minor waivers for twenty-one (21) years.
4. The Kingdom Events Deputy shall:
 - a. Serve as a resource for event-related administration and education.

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- b. Oversee Crown and Kingdom events, participating in the kingdom event proposal process and working with Crown and Kingdom Event Stewards to ensure that required paperwork is filed and that all laws and financials policies are being followed.
 - c. Maintain the Avacal Event Steward web site and moderate the event steward's email discussion list.
 - 5. The Kingdom Media Officer shall provide resources and education to those members of the populous interacting with the media:
 - a. Maintain a working knowledge of the Media Relations documents and notify local officers of changes.
 - b. Act as liaison to organized news media on behalf of the Kingdom of Avacal at or regarding Kingdom-sponsored events and activities.
 - c. Create and/or distribute press materials:
 - i. Disseminate Society-prepared press materials for Kingdom use.
 - ii. Author and disseminate Kingdom-specific materials.
 - iii. Author and disseminate or approve event-specific materials as needed.
- 2. The Sanguine Principal Herald:
 - a. The Sanguine Principal Herald is the chief heraldic officer of the Kingdom and the head of the Avacal College of Heralds.
 - b. The Sanguine Herald shall:
 - 1. Act as the Crown's chief advisor in all heraldic matters.
 - 2. Act as the Voice of the Crown in coordination with the Royal Herald.
 - 3. Facilitate the timely processing of registration of the arms, devices and badges of the populace.

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4. Make and maintain the Order of Precedence and update the Awards Roster for Avacal.
 5. Advise the Crown and populace on matters of ceremony and protocol.
 6. Encourage the practice of heraldry within the Kingdom.
 7. Be responsible for official announcements at Kingdom events.
3. The Earl Marshal:
- a. The Earl Marshal is the chief marshal officer of the Kingdom.
 - b. The Earl Marshal shall:
 1. Represent the Crown in the Crown's absence, supervising the fighting on a field of honor.
 2. Interpret and maintain the martial standards and regulations of the Kingdom.
 3. Facilitate the education of the populace in combat with the aim of encouraging authentic, safe, fair and chivalric combat to the greatest extent possible.
 - b. Deputies of the Earl Marshal:
 1. The Armored Combat Marshal shall:
 - a. Encourage the development of period heavy weapons combat.
 - b. Maintain, publish and enforce:
 - i. Rules for heavy weapons combat.
 - ii. Equipment and safety standards for period heavy weapons combat.
 2. The Royal Archer shall:
 - a. Encourage the development of period archery.
 - b. Maintain, publish, and enforce:

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- i. Rules for archery and period missile weapons.
 - ii. Equipment and safety standards for archery and period missile weapons.
3. The Provost Marshal for Rapier Combat shall:
 - a. Encourage the development of period rapier combat.
 - b. Maintain, publish and enforce:
 - i. Rules for rapier combat.
 - ii. Equipment and safety standards for period rapier combat.
4. The Marshal for Cut and Thrust shall:
 - a. Encourage the development of period Cut and Thrust combat.
 - b. Maintain, publish and enforce:
 - i. Rules for Cut and Thrust.
 - ii. Equipment and safety standards for period Cut and Thrust combat.
5. The Marshal Siege shall:
 - a. Encourage the development of period Siege combat.
 - b. Maintain, publish and enforce:
 - i. Rules for Siege weapons and combat.
 - ii. Equipment and safety standards for period Siege combat.
6. The Warlord of Avacal will be appointed by the Crown of Avacal.
 - a. The Crown of Avacal will receive guidance and council from the Captains of all the armies in order to help the Crown make a decision of who Their Warlord will be. The Warlord should be an individual that these captains feel can lead Avacal's army and all of their troops.

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- b. The Warlord's responsibilities will be:
 - i. to create war scenarios and battle scenes in and around the Kingdom of Avacal.
 - ii. to be in contact with the various War Captains and War Households within Avacal.
 - iii. to remain in contact with the Kingdom Earl Marshal.
 - iv. expected to deal with or assist the Crown with attending general meetings at Wars with other Kingdoms that Avacal and/or the Crown will be attending and dealing with scenarios and treaties of wars.
 - v. The War Lord should, attend "AT War" "Estrella War", "Gulf Wars" or "Pennsic" should the Crown be in attendance at these events if possible and represent the Crown and/or the Kingdom Champion should the Crown or Kingdom Champion not be available at these events.
 - vi. The Warlord of Avacal will not serve a term longer than 2 years. At the Crowns discretion, the Warlord of Avacal can serve a second and final term of 2 additional years after a successful poll of confidence held by the War Captains of Avacal. The confidence polling is simply a tool for the Crown to find if the War Captains of Avacal have confidence in the Warlord. The Crowns of Avacal as in all matters pertaining to Avacal have the final decision who will and will not be Avacal's Warlord.

7. The Minister of the Lists shall:

- a. Maintain a listing of all authorized fighters and marshals.

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- b. Organize and coordinate lists for the Crown Tournaments and Kingdom Martial Championships as directed by the Crown and the Earl Marshal.
 - c. Work in cooperation with the College of Heralds and the marshallate to maintain fighter authorizations in all martial fields.
 - 8. The Kingdom Equestrian Officer shall:
 - a. Encourage the research into and development of period animal activities including equestrian, canine and falconry.
 - i. Maintain, publish and enforce rules governing the use of animals at events.
 - ii. Establish and maintain an authorization system for riders and equestrian marshals.
 - 9. The Youth Armored Combat deputy shall:
 - a. Pass a background check as administered by the Kingdom Seneschal's office if required;
 - b. Encourage the Youth Combat Arts throughout the Kingdom;
 - c. Establish and maintain an authorization system for youth combatants and marshals.
 - d. Assist in the running of the Youth Champion Tournament.
- 4. The Minister of Arts and Sciences:
 - a. The Minister of Arts and Sciences is the chief artistic and scientific officer of the Kingdom.
 - b. The Minister of Arts and Sciences shall:
 - 1. Encourage the research and development of historically accurate period art forms, technologies, and philosophies.
 - 2. Organize the Kingdom Arts and Sciences Tournament, with the assistance of the current Arts and Sciences Champion.

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3. Serve on the Royal Regalia Commission.
- c. Deputies of the Minister of Arts and Sciences:
 1. The Guild and Company deputy shall:
 - a. Administer Guilds and Companies throughout the kingdom
 - b. Report to the Minister of Arts & Sciences on a regular basis
 2. The Bardic Deputy shall:
 - a. Administer the bardic arts throughout Avacal.
 - b. Maintain a registry of bards and other entertainers, serving as liaison between performers and those seeking them.
5. The Chancellor of the Exchequer:
 - a. The Chancellor of the Exchequer is the chief financial officer of the Kingdom.
 - b. The Chancellor of the Exchequer shall:
 1. Maintain the Kingdom's financial records.
 2. Receive and verify the accuracy of reports from branch exchequers and other entities.
 3. Compile and submit a doomsday report to the Society as dictated by Corpora.
 4. Serve as a member of the Council of the Exchequer.
 5. Advise the Crown on matters of finance.
 6. Oversee the procedures of branch exchequers.
 7. Provide counsel to anyone needing advice on financial matters relating to the Society.

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8. Relate and enforce Kingdom and Society financial policy.
- c. Deputies of the Chancellor of the Exchequer:
 1. The Minister of Accounts shall:
 - a. Assist the Chancellor of the Exchequer in the preparation of reports.
 - b. Coordinate financial reports from branches.
 - c. Enforce the Kingdom Financial Policy.
 - d. Act as the principal administrative and contingency deputy to the Chancellor of the Exchequer.
 - e. Serve as alternate signatory on appropriate Kingdom bank accounts.
 2. The Royal Chamberlain shall:
 - a. Maintain and inventory the Royal Regalia. A completed inventory form shall be signed by the Royal Chamberlain, the Crown and the Royal Heirs at each Coronation event.
 - b. Maintain insurance on regalia items.
 - c. Maintain a secured storage facility for regalia not currently being used.
 - d. Order and maintain a sufficient supply of medallions and other tokens given by the Crown.
 - e. Solicit bids for the repair or replacement of existing regalia items, or the creation of new ones.
 - f. Serve on the Royal Regalia Commission.
6. The Kingdom Chronicler:
 - a. The Kingdom Chronicler is the chief record keeper for the Kingdom, and is ultimately responsible for all official publications within the realm and Shall:

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1. Maintain and oversee official communication through electronic media, such as web pages and e-mail.
 2. Encourage the publication of the results of research by any subject of the Crown.
 3. Keep the minutes at Curia meetings, and distribute minutes to Kingdom Officers and Royalty in a timely fashion.
 4. Act as the Avantgarde Editor-In-Chief and shall:
 5. Accept submissions for, compile, collate, publish and distribute the Kingdom newsletter, within an acceptable time frame, and in accordance with Corpora.
 6. Publish official announcements of the Crown.
 7. Publish changes to Kingdom Law.
 8. Manage all Kingdom and Society newsletter stipends
- b. Deputies of the Kingdom Chronicler:
1. The Historian:
 - a. Maintain the history of Avacal and make this history available to the populace.
 - b. Provide each Royal Heir and Consort with a current copy of the Laws of the Kingdom of Avacal before Their Coronation.
 - c. Maintain print copies of all official Kingdom documents originating from a Kingdom Officer in accordance with their office as specific in Article I.F.
 - d. Produce printed editions for all documents as needed and/or required by Kingdom Law.
7. The Kingdom Web minister:
- a. The Kingdom Web minister supervises all web-publishing activities of the kingdom, and is the editor or supervises the editor of the kingdom website, which is responsible for maintaining a professional public face to the world.

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b. The Web minister shall:

1. Ensure all local branch websites meet the standards set forth by the Society Web minister.
2. Provide maintenance for all official Kingdom documents both in print and online. Official Kingdom documents are defined as all documents originating from a Kingdom Officer in accordance with their office as specified in Article I.F.
3. Coordinate with Kingdom Officers concerning official Kingdom documents and revisions to said documents originating from their office.
4. Verify compliance to modern laws and Society Governing Documents for all official Kingdom documents.
5. Produce printed editions for all documents as needed and/or required by Kingdom Law.
6. Keep the Laws of the Kingdom of Avacal updated as directed by the Crown.

8. The Kingdom Chatelaine:

- a. The Kingdom Chatelaine is the chief welcome officer of the Kingdom and shall.
 1. Be responsible for recruiting and retention of Members of the SCA within the Kingdom of Avacal
 2. Introduce new and prospective members to appropriate branches and current members.
 3. Provide education on the conventions of the Current Middle Ages and the Kingdom.
 4. Encourage active participation and period behaviors.
 5. Coordinate with Gold Key, a deputy to the Chatelaine, to make period clothing accessible to new members.
 6. Represent the Society accurately and favorably.

9. The Kingdom Minister of Family Activities:

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- a. The Kingdom Minister of Family Activities is the chief officer in charge of encouraging opportunities for entertainment and education of SCA participants under the age of 18, and shall:
 1. Assist branches in developing activities specifically for children and their families.
 2. Serve as an information officer for safety issues affecting children and teens at events.
 3. Establish guidelines and coordinate activities for children under eighteen and their families at Kingdom events.
 4. Promote the welfare of all children at Society events.
 5. Educate children under eighteen and their families on age-appropriate aspects of our historical period of study and of the Society.
 6. Promote the ideals of service and chivalry among the youth of Avacal
 7. Share information on Family Activities with interested persons
 8. Assist with the implementation of The Pages Program at events.

10. The Kingdom Scribe:

- a. The Kingdom Scribe shall:
 1. Serve as the administrative head of the College of Scribes.
 2. Maintain the Great Seal of State and the Signet Rings of the Crown of Avacal, surrendering these items to the Crown in time of need and upon occasions of State.
 3. Maintain and administer and coordinate with the scribes of Avacal to ensure the timely completion of the scrolls from the roster.
 4. Ensure, through coordination with Sanguine Principal Herald, the accuracy and suitability of original scrolls containing heraldry.
 5. Ensure, in cooperation with the Royal Scribe, that all charters and scrolls for the reign they are serving are completed.

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6. Maintain a supply of impressions of the Great Seal and Signet, furnishing these to the Crown as needed.

b. The Royal Scribe:

1. The Royal Scribe is appointed by the Crown, usually prior to Their Coronation.
2. The Royal Scribe shall organize the assembly of awards and production of award Charters and Scrolls for the reign. Duties include:
3. Coordinate with the Kingdom Scribe's office to maintain supplies for Charters, seals, and the scribal boxes.
4. Monitor award notification to the Order of Precedence and the Avantgarde.
5. Report to the Kingdom Scribe on the status and administration of Original Scrolls commissioned and/or completed for the reign in which they serve.

ARTICLE V PRECEDENCE, AWARDS, ORDERS AND HONOURS OF AVACAL

ARTICLE V.A THE ORDER OF PRECEDENCE OF AVACAL

1. Sovereign and Consort
2. Royal Heir and Consort
3. The Champion of Sword of Avacal
4. The Other Kingdom Champions in order of creation
5. Dukes and Duchesses
6. Counts and Countesses
7. Viscount and Viscountess
8. Territorial Barons and Baronesses
9. Bestowed Peerages Chivalry, Laurel, Pelican and Defender

10. Holders of a Grant of Arms
11. Barons and Baronesses of Court
12. Holders of an Award of Arms

ARTICLE V.B AWARDS FROM OTHER KINGDOMS

1. The Kingdom of Avacal recognizes the Arms and Orders awarded by other Kingdoms of the Society.
2. Armigers permanently moving to Avacal will be placed in Avacal's Order of Precedence by the College of Heralds as though they have received the equivalent award in Avacal

ARTICLE V.C AWARDS, ORDERS AND HONOURS OF AVACAL

ARTICLE V.C.1 Honours that convey no precedence:

1. **The Elders of Avacal**, are former Champions of Avacal who have fulfilled their duties and completed their term as champion. This is recognized at the time of the investiture of their successor.
2. For those entrants who gain second place in their designated Championship competitions shall be honoured with the following:
 - a. Iron Maul: Given to the runner up in Sword Champions Tournament
 - b. Iron Arrow: Given to the runner up in the Arrows Champion Tournament
 - c. Iron Gauntlet: Given to the runner up in the Rapier Champion Tournament
 - d. Iron Quill: Given to the runner up in the Arts & Sciences Champion Tournament
3. **The Throne's Favour** will be given by the Crown of Avacal to a group or individual who has significantly contributed to Avacal through conspicuous service.
4. **The King's Favour** will be given by the King to those as he sees fit.
5. **The Queen's Favour** will be given by the Queen to those who she sees fit.
6. **The Silver Gryphon** will be given by the Royal Consort to that combatant and their consort who came in second in the Crown Tournament.
7. **The Order of the Rose** Membership to this order is offered by the reigning Consort to those who have completed serving a term as Consort to the Sovereign. Members of this order are charged with encouraging chivalric and courteous behavior among all members of the Society.

8. **The Order of the Lords and Ladies of Valorous Estate:**

- a. Membership to this order is offered by the reigning Coronet Consort to those who have completed serving a term as a Principality Consort.
 - b. Members of this order are charged with encouraging chivalric and courteous behavior among all members of the Society.
9. The Crown may bestow upon any person or group an Augmentation of Arms in recognition of their dedication and impact on the Kingdom. The Augmentation shall be a recommendation from the Crown of an addition to or alteration of the recipients' device or badge. The augmentation chosen by the Crown may incorporate elements of Kingdom-owned heraldry, symbols of personal significance to the Crown, or some other unique charge. Augmentations of Arms may allow specific charges or marks of pretence. The Crown will recommend changes to the recipients' device or badge, but the final decision for alteration lies with the recipient, subject to the approval by the College of Heraldry. While this honour acknowledges recognitions for exemplary acts and the favour of the Crown, it shall carry no precedence.

ARTICLE V.C.II Awards that convey no precedence:

1. **The Order of the White Claw** was bestowed by the Coronet to an individual who represented the Principality in an extraordinary way, in your chosen field, outside of Avacal. This Order is now closed.
2. **The Order of the Red Oak** was bestowed by the Coronet to an individual who is a shining example of chivalry and courtesy on a consistent basis. This Order is now closed.
3. **The Order of the Heart and Gryphon** was bestowed by the Coronet to an individual who has demonstrated excellence in period dress, thought, speech, behaviour and encampment. This Order is now closed.
4. **The Order of the Red Gryphon of Avacal** was bestowed by the Coronet once per reign to an individual who emulates the ideals and embodies the essence of Avacal. This Order is now closed.
5. **The Order of the Silver Lute** was bestowed by the Coronet to an individual or group who has demonstrated excellence in the performing arts. This Order is now closed.
6. **The Order of the Gilded Feather** was bestowed by the Coronet to a child who has served Avacal in some form. This Order is now closed.
7. **The Order of the Gilded Gryphon** was bestowed by the Coronet to an individual for service as the Coronet saw fit. This Order is now closed.

8. **The Order of the Golden Flame** was bestowed by the Coronet to an individual for arts and science as the Coronet saw fit. This Order is now closed.
9. **The Order of Fortitude** was bestowed by the Coronet to an individual to honour excellence in martial activities be it archery, rapier or heavy combat as the Coronet saw fit. This Order is now closed.

ARTICLE V.C.III Awards that convey an Award of Arms

1. **An Award of Arms** may be offered to individuals at the pleasure of the Crown
2. **A Court Baronetcy** may be offered by the Crown for outstanding efforts to the Kingdom. The titles of Court Baron and Court Baroness carry an Award of Arms.

ARTICLE V.C.IV Orders that convey a Grant of Arms

1. **The Order of the Winged Lynx** for service is bestowed by the Crown to an individual who has performed exemplary and substantial service to Avacal;
 - a. Demonstrates knowledge of courtly graces and obedience to the laws, traditions and ideals of Avacal and the Society; and is an example worthy of emulation
 - b. Elevation to the Order shall confer upon the holder a Grant of Arms. Members of the Order may bear the title of “His Lordship” or “Her Ladyship”. Companions of the Order may wear a medallion badge once it has been registered with the College of Arms.
2. **The Order of the Argent Flame** is bestowed by the Crown to an individual who:
 - a. Demonstrates skill in arts and science including a high level (journeyman) skill in at least one discipline;
 - b. Demonstrates a knowledge of period techniques;
 - c. Demonstrates the ability to research and the willingness to teach Arts and Sciences related skills;
 - d. Demonstrates knowledge of courtly graces and obedience to the laws, traditions and ideals of Avacal and the Society; and
 - e. Is an example worthy of emulation
 - f. Elevation to the Order shall confer upon the holder a Grant of Arms. Members of the Order may bear the title of “His Lordship” or “Her Ladyship”. Companions of

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the Order may wear a medallion badge once it has been registered with the College of Arms.

3. **The Order of the Red Horse** is bestowed by the Crown to an individual who:
 - a. Demonstrates Excellence in equestrian within Avacal;
 - b. Demonstrates a leadership role in equestrian including the willingness to teach;
 - c. Demonstrates knowledge of courtly graces and obedience to the laws, traditions and ideals of Avacal and the Society; and
 - d. Is an example worthy of emulation
 - e. Elevation to the Order shall confer upon the holder a Grant of Arms. Members of the Order may bear the title of “His Lordship” or “Her Ladyship”. Companions of the Order may wear a medallion badge once it has been registered with the College of Arms.

4. **The Order of Sable Axe** is bestowed by the Crown to an individual who:
 - a. Demonstrates Excellence in heavy combat within Avacal;
 - b. Demonstrates a leadership role in heavy combat including the willingness to teach;
 - c. Demonstrates knowledge of courtly graces and obedience to the laws, traditions and ideals of Avacal and the Society; and
 - d. Is an example worthy of emulation
 - e. Elevation to the Order shall confer upon the holder a Grant of Arms. Members of the Order may bear the title of “His Lordship” or “Her Ladyship”. Companions of the Order may wear a medallion badge once it has been registered with the College of Arms.

5. **The Order of the White Scarf of Avacal** is bestowed by the Crown to an individual who:
 - a. Demonstrates Excellence in rapier combat within Avacal;
 - b. Demonstrates a leadership role in a rapier combat including the willingness to teach;
 - c. Demonstrates knowledge of courtly graces and obedience to the laws, traditions and ideals of Avacal and the Society; and

- d. Is an example worthy of emulation
 - e. Elevation to the Order shall confer upon the holder a Grant of Arms. Members of the Order may bear the title of “Don” or “Dona”. Companions of the Order may wear a medallion badge once it has been registered with the College of Arms.
6. **The Order of the Grey Goose Shaft** is bestowed by the Crown to an individual who:
- a. Demonstrates Excellence in archery within Avacal;
 - b. Demonstrates a leadership role in archery including the willingness to teach;
 - c. Demonstrates knowledge of courtly graces and obedience to the laws, traditions and ideals of Avacal and the Society; and
 - d. Is an example worthy of emulation
 - e. The Order shall be named once it has been registered within the College of Arms and herein will be referred to as the Order.
 - f. Elevation to the Order shall confer upon the holder a Grant of Arms. Members of the Order may bear the title of Archos. Companions of the Order may wear a medallion badge once it has been registered with the College of Arms.

ARTICLE V.C.VI Orders that convey a Patent of Arms/Letters of Patent

1. **Royal Peers:** The following shall be known as the Royal Peers of Avacal:
- a. Those who have reigned as Sovereign or Consort one time may be offered the right to bear arms by letters patent, with the rank and title of Count or Countess (or the equivalent). This awarding is customarily bestowed by the succeeding Crown.
 - b. Those who have reigned as Sovereign or Consort for a second (or greater) time may be offered the right to bear arms by letters patent, with the rank of Duke or Duchess (or the equivalent). This awarding is customarily bestowed by the succeeding Crown.
 - i. All those of Ducal rank (Duke or Duchess or their equivalents) may create for themselves a Ducal retinue (personal herald, guard, ladies in waiting, etc.), which will be recognized by the Crown and may hold Ducal Audiences or Courts. They may not grant any awards, but they may give tokens and scrolls of praise and recognition.

- c. Those who have reigned as Coronet or Consort any number of times may be offered the right to bear arms by letters patent, with the rank and title of Viscount or Viscountess (or the equivalent). This awarding is customarily bestowed by the succeeding Coronet.
2. **Non-royal Peers:** The award of membership in any of the Orders described in this section elevates the recipient to the Peerage and confers the right to bear arms by letters patent. Corpora has detailed criteria on the Peerages. All Peers shall:
 - a. Be considered equal in rank and honor, within the auspices of their letters patent.
 - b. Be exemplars of chivalry and courtesy, and should be acquainted with a wide range of the arts and skills valued in the Society for Creative Anachronism.
 - c. Have the right and responsibility to advise the Crown and the Royal Heirs regarding selection of members for their respective orders.
 - d. No member of a Peerage may be excluded from a conclave convened for this purpose.
3. **Membership in the Order of the Pelican** may be offered to individuals who meet the general criteria for the peerage and who have provided great and long-sustained service to the Kingdom at least equal to the level commonly found among existing members of the order.
4. **Membership in the Order of the Laurel** may be offered to individuals who meet the general criteria for the peerage and who have demonstrated great skill in one or more of the arts and sciences at least equal to the level commonly found among existing members of the order.
5. **Membership in the Order of Chivalry** (Knighthood or Mastery-at Arms) may be offered to individuals who meet the general criteria for peerage and who have displayed skill at arms at least equal to the level commonly found among existing members of the order. Prospective members accepted by the Crown may choose from the following:
 - a. Knighthood, if they are willing to place themselves in fealty to the Crown of Avacal;
 - b. Mastery-at-Arms, if they are not
6. **Membership in the Order of Defense** may be offered to individuals who meet the general criteria for peerage and who have displayed skill at rapier or cut-and-thrust combat at least equal to the level commonly found against members of the order.

ARTICLE VI. AVACAL CALENDAR

VI.A. Kingdom Events

1. All events must be sponsored by a full-status branch of the Kingdom, registered with the seneschal of the sponsoring branch, publicized to the membership of that branch and conducted according to Society rules and Kingdom law.
2. Any branch holding an event on lands not within their own designated borders must receive written permission from the Avacal representative of those lands or sites before holding an event there.
 - a. Written permission **MUST** be obtained to pursue those lands or sites for an event. If permission is denied you may appeal the decision to the Crown.
 - b. Baronies do not need to seek permission to utilize lands within their boundaries, which includes those of their Cantons.
3. All events must be registered with the Kingdom Calendar by using the most current Event Information Form.
 - a. Event Information Forms (EIFs), barring unforeseen and unusual circumstances, should be in the hands of the Kingdom Calendar no less than three (3) months before an event is to take place.
4. All branches shall place at least one event per calendar year on the Kingdom calendar with complete copy appearing in The Avantgarde.
5. Dates for events shall be assigned after conflict issues are resolved.
6. Formal actions and announcements with long-term impact on the Kingdom may only occur at events which have had copy published in The Avantgarde. These include:
 - a. Crown Lists.
 - b. Coronations.
 - c. Appointment of Kingdom officers.
 - d. Presentation of awards and titles.
 - e. Proclamations of law.
 - f. Establishment or advancement of branches.
7. All event stewards must be SCA members.
8. Owners (in whole or part) of property on which an event is to be held, or their immediate families, may not be the event steward for said event, nor be part of the event steward team.

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9. Contracts with landowners for the use of property or land must clearly state a set price for payment of the use of the property or land. This price can be structured either as an amount per attendee, or as a price for the event as a whole.
10. The Kingdom events shall be:
 - a. February Coronation
 - b. June Crown
 - c. August Coronation
 - d. November Crown
 - e. Avacal/Tir Righ war
 - f. Crown Councils scheduled at the pleasure of the Crown.
11. Within the borders of Avacal, no event may conflict with a Kingdom Event.
12. Kingdom events are subject to the Avacal Event Policy and related event handbooks as stated in Article I.E. Additional Handbooks
13. The Kingdom Events will be held on the most practical weekends nearest to these dates:
 - a. Family Day Long Weekend in February: Coronation of the Royal Heir and Consort. The Champion of Arts & Sciences and Champion of Rapier will be chosen at this event.
 - b. 1st weekend in June: Crown Tourney. At the close of the tourney, the winner and consort will be invested with the titles of Royal Heir and Consort. The Champion of Arrow will be chosen at this event.
 - c. 2nd weekend in August: Coronation of the Royal Heir and Consort. The Champion of Sword and the Champion of Youth Combat will be chosen at this event.
 - d. Last weekend in July that does not include the 1st Monday of August: Avacal – Tir Righ War. The hosts of this inter-kingdom event will be decided by Their Majesties Avacal and Their Majesties An Tir and Their Highnesses Tir Righ.
 - e. Second last weekend in November: Crown Tourney. At the close of the tourney, the winner and consort will be invested with the titles of Royal Heir and Consort.

VI.B. Kingdom Event Rotation

1. Crown Tournaments and February Coronation and August Coronation will be hosted equally by all branches of Avacal subject to the Avacal Event Policy, the Avacal Calendar Policy and related handbooks as stated in Article I.E. Additional Handbooks. Changes to this rotation must be approved by The Crown and Kingdom Seneschal.

2. AT War, will be hosted by an individual as selected and approved by Their Majesties Avacal, Their Majesties An Tir and Their Highnesses Tir Righ. This individual(s) will then become a deputy of the Seneschal for the duration of the planning and running of the event known as AT War

VI.C. Division of profit

1. All final reports and receipts for Crown or Kingdom events must be sent to the Kingdom Exchequer and Kingdom Event Deputy within sixty (60) days of the close of the event.
2. If all final reports, receipts and sixty percent of any profit made on a Crown or Kingdom event have been sent to the Kingdom Exchequer within thirty (30) days of the event, the remaining forty percent may be kept by the host group.
3. If the final reports, receipts and funds are returned after thirty (30) days, then only ten percent of the profit may be retained by the hosting group, and the remaining ninety percent is to be sent to the Kingdom Exchequer.
4. If the final reports, receipts and funds are returned after sixty (60), then no percentage (0) may be kept by the hosting group.
5. If it is the wish of the host group, they may donate some portion of their share to the Kingdom.
6. Avacal-Tir Righ being the exception and the profits shall be split equally between the Kingdom of Avacal and the Principality of Tir Righ.

VI.D Collection, recording, and remittance of the Non Member Surcharge

1. Branches within Avacal hosting an Official Event (defined herein as an Event advertised in the Avantgarde, the newsletter of the Kingdom of Avacal) are required to collect, record and remit the Non Member Surcharge (NMS) to the Kingdom Exchequer or designate pursuant to Society and Kingdom law and no later than ten (10) days from the last day the Event was held.
2. It is the duty of the Event Steward and the Exchequer of the hosting branch to collect, record and remit the NMS payment and supporting documentation (such documentation as determined time to time by the Greater Officers of Avacal, the Seneschal and the Exchequer, acting together) within ten (10) days of the last day the Event was held.
3. Failure of the Event Steward and Branch Exchequer to collect, record and remit the NMS and supporting documentation within the time limit imposed herein will result in the hosting branch being declared 'delinquent'. A delinquent branch will be barred from placing further Official Events on the Avacal Calendar until receipt of said outstanding NMS and supporting documentation. Upon receipt of both the outstanding NMS and supporting documentation, the branch will no longer be deemed delinquent and the bar from placing Official Events on the Avacal Calendar will be lifted.

VI.E Maximum Number of Branch Events

1. Baronies may not exceed a maximum of three official events per Calendar year; shires and cantons may not exceed a maximum of two official events per Calendar year.
2. Kingdom and TUA events do NOT count toward the maximum number of events a branch may hold.
3. Branches that do not use their maximum may donate their remaining event(s) to another group.
4. Incipient shires may have one event set on the Calendar by their sponsoring branch; this event does NOT count as part of their maximum number of events for the sponsoring branch.

ARTICLE VII SUBORDINATE GROUPS

Article VII.A. Branches of Avacal

1. All branches shall:
 - a. Provide a complimentary copy of their branch newsletter to the Crown, Royal Heirs, Kingdom Seneschal, and Kingdom Chronicler.
 - b. Establish and maintain a branch library.
 - c. Branch funds may be used to purchase the resources specifically mentioned above. The library shall contain current copies of:
 - i. The Known World Handbook.
 - ii. The SCA, Inc. Organizational Handbook.
 - iii. The Laws of the Kingdom of Avacal, as specified in Article I.F
 - iv. The Avacal Handbook.
 - v. The Society Seneschal's Handbook.
 1. Recommended resources:
 - a. Handbooks and manuals for all offices.
 - b. The OP roster from the College of Herald's.
2. Baronies:

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- a. Baronies shall:
 - i. Have the minimum number of members as defined in Corpora.
 - ii. A set of warrantable officers acceptable to the Crown, which include:
 - 1. Seneschal.
 - 2. Herald.
 - 3. Marshal.
 - 4. Arts and Sciences Officer.
 - 5. Chatelaine.
 - 6. Exchequer.
 - 7. Chronicler
 - iii. A name and device registered with the College of Arms.
 - iv. At least one person to accept the title of Baron or Baroness as appropriate to their gender.
 - v. Observe the following event restrictions:
 - 1. Place at least one event per calendar year on the Kingdom calendar, with complete event copy appearing in The Avantgarde.
 - 2. Place a maximum of three no-conflict (Level One) events on the Kingdom Calendar
 - 3. Place a minimum of 3 events total on the Kingdom calendar.
 - vi. Publish a branch newsletter no less than quarterly.
- b. The Territorial Baron and Baroness shall:
 - i. Fulfill their duties as outlined in Corpora.
 - ii. Execute the lawful commands of the Crown and abide by Kingdom law.
 - iii. Be, for the people of the Barony, the chief examples of chivalry, courtesy, and virtue;
 - iv. Encourage those virtues in their populace.

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- v. Represent the Crown to the people of the Barony in the Crown's absence.
 - vi. Represent the Barony to the Crown and at meetings of the Noble Estate.
 - vii. Have the prerogative to establish and make awards specific to the Barony to acknowledge skill, service and other merits.
 - viii. Bestow and administer the rank of Sergeant-at-Arms (or its equivalent) for their Barony, if they so choose.
 - ix. Receive copies of reports from baronial officers.
 - x. Support the officers of the Barony.
 - xi. Provide input on replacements to the Crown and Kingdom officers when such need arises.
 - xii. Be members of the Baronial financial committee, with one vote total.
 - xiii. Maintain membership in the Society and receive The Avantgarde at their place of residence.
 - xiv. At least one month prior to Coronation, each Baron and/or Baroness shall give a written report on the state of their Barony to the Crown Heirs. A copy of this report shall be given to the Crown, the Royal Heirs, and the Kingdom Seneschal.
- c. Baronial Term Limits:
- i. Landed Barons and Baronesses shall be limited to two consecutive terms the first to be four years and the second to be two years.
 - ii. An opinion poll shall be performed at the end of four years to evaluate the relationship between the Baronial Coronets and their populace. This poll shall be similar to the selection polling but without the addition of candidates.
- d. Baronial Selection Polling:
- i. Refer to the "Baronial Polling Processes" document listed on the Avacal Website.
 - ii. The scheduling of the baronial polling is subject to approval of the Crown.

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- iii. The polling should be completed within 90 days of the official announcement of the polling at a Baronial meeting.
- iv. Notification of the polling must be published in The Avantgarde prior to the polling. (Ideally, the process should begin and end within a single Royal reign.)
- v. Before the polling is conducted nominees shall present themselves before the Crown and populace for the purpose of discussing their intentions should they be chosen as Baron and/or Baroness.
- vi. The polling will be conducted by 2 persons as appointed by the Crown or Kingdom Seneschal who shall reside outside the barony.
- vii. A Baronial Officer will serve as fair witness to the distribution and collection of polling forms.
- viii. An official standardized polling form shall be used.
- ix. Polling forms will be distributed only to:
 1. Paid SCA members residing within the Barony's postal code range.
 2. Baronial officers.
 3. Baronial Sergeants, Courtiers, Gallants, Yeomen and Lancers who are SCA members.
 4. Other input may be submitted in writing via email, postal mail or in person.
 5. The results of the polling shall be delivered directly to the Crown for Their consideration.
- x. The final decision and appointment of the new Baron and/or Baroness rests solely with the Crown.

Article VII.B Other Branches and Divisions of the Kingdom

1. Unless otherwise stated, all branches shall:
 - a. Meet all applicable requirements as defined in Corpora.
 - b. Have 3 of the bellow warrantable Officers with the Seneschal and Exchequer being mandatory:

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- i. Seneschal.
- ii. Exchequer.
- iii. Marshal.

(If there are no martial activities in the branch, the third officer may be either)

- iv. Arts & Sciences Officer.
 - v. Herald.
- c. Have a majority of officers residing within the territorial area of the branch.
 - d. Place at least one event per calendar year on the Kingdom calendar, with complete event copy appearing in The Avantgarde.
2. Shires:
- a. Are independent local branches within the Kingdom and shall observe the following event restrictions:
 - i. Place at least one event per calendar year on the Kingdom calendar, with complete event copy appearing in The Avantgarde.
 - ii. Place a maximum of one no-conflict (Level One) events on the Kingdom Calendar.
3. Cantons:
- a. Are under the jurisdiction of a Barony, and shall report to said Barony and shall observe the following event restrictions:
 - i. Place at least one event per calendar year on the Kingdom calendar, with complete event copy appearing in The Avantgarde.
 - ii. Place a maximum of one no-conflict (Level One) events on the Kingdom Calendar.
4. Colleges, Ports, Strongholds:
- a. Are institutional branches which shall report to the local branch with which they coexist, or otherwise to the Kingdom Seneschal and shall observe the following event restrictions:

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- i. Place at least one event per calendar year on the Kingdom calendar, with complete event copy appearing in The Avantgarde.
 - ii. Place a maximum of one no-conflict (Level One) events on the Kingdom Calendar.
5. Other Divisions of the Kingdom:
 - a. Crown Principalities:
 - i. The Crown, in consultation with the Kingdom Seneschal, may grant recognition of a branch or group of branches working toward Principality status the name 'Crown Principality. '
 - ii. The Crown shall assume the Coronet of a Crown Principality.
 - iii. The Crown, in consultation with the Kingdom Seneschal, may revoke the right to use the term 'Crown Principality.'
 - iv. Principality status is defined in and regulated by Corpora.
 - b. Regions:
 - i. Are a group of geographically contiguous branches, which are grouped together for ease of Kingdom administration.
 - ii. May be defined for an office by its Kingdom officer as needed.
 - iii. Are not official branches in their own right.
 - iv. May not have champions; sponsor events; or maintain separate funds or bank accounts.

Article VII.C Change of Status

1. To be considered for a change of status, a branch shall:
 - a. Meet the requirements of the requested status required by Corpora and Kingdom law.
 - b. Present a petition to the Kingdom Seneschal.
 - c. Copies of said petition shall be provided to the Crown and the New and Incipient Branches Deputy.

(It is recommended that a branch making such application be well above the minimum requirements for its requested status.)

- d. Allow sufficient time for the approval process when selecting the event at which its status shall become official.
- e. Upon receipt of the petition, the Kingdom Seneschal shall then:
- f. Assure that all requirements are met by the branch for its requested status.
- g. Make a recommendation to the Crown, and if necessary, to the Board of Directors.
- h. Upon approval, the members of the branch shall present a calligraphed petition in open court to the Crown.

Article VII.D New Branches

2. New branches will be termed 'incipient' until they are granted official status by the Crown.
3. To establish a new branch the group shall supply the Kingdom Seneschal with:
 - a. Proof of five sustaining or international memberships.
 - b. The names and addresses of officers required by Kingdom law.
 - c. All must reside within the territorial area of the branch.
 - d. All of an incipient branch's officers will be expected to establish and maintain a working relationship with their superior officers.
 - e. The tentative name of the group.
4. If VII.D.3 is satisfactory, the Kingdom Seneschal shall:
 - a. Grant incipient status.
 - b. Report this to the next Curia meeting, and to the Society Seneschal.
5. Incipient branches will be evaluated yearly by the New and Incipient Branches Deputy for stability, growth, activity levels, and compliance with requirements.
6. Based on the evaluation, the branch may be recommended to the Crown and the Kingdom Seneschal for approval of official status or continued incipient status.

7. Branches which are unable to advance to official status after three years of incipient status will be dissolved and the territory will revert to its original status.
8. Exceptions will be granted to incipient branches that have been functioning well but cannot yet satisfy all requirements, through no fault of their own (e.g. name approval).

Article VII.E Kingdom Committees, Guild or Companies

1. Noble Estate: The Noble Estate is:
 - a. The Royalty of Avacal.
 - b. The Royal Peers.
 - c. The Territorial Barons and Baronesses.
 - d. Former Territorial Barons and Baronesses whom have successfully completed their term of office.
2. The Noble Estate shall:
 - a. Meet when requested by the Crown so that the Crown may hear its advice.
 - b. The Noble Estate traditionally meets at Crown events and at Crown Council.
 - c. Be responsible for assisting the Kingdom Seneschal in choosing a suitable Regent should the Champion of Avacal be unable to serve in that capacity.
 - d. The person highest in the order of Precedence presides at meetings.
 - e. A quorum shall be comprised of at least two Royalty, four Royal Peers, and two Territorial Barons or Baronesses.
3. The Council of the Exchequer is the financial committee for the Kingdom.
 - a. The Council of the Exchequer shall consist of:
 - i. The Crown.
 - ii. The Royal Heirs (when applicable).
 - iii. The Kingdom Seneschal.
 - iv. The Chancellor of the Exchequer.
 - v. Designated representatives of the above as acceptable to the Crown.

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- vi. Two thirds of the members of the Council of the Exchequer shall be required for a quorum.
 - b. The Crown is considered one member for a quorum, and a decision by either shall be considered the Crown's decision.
 - c. The Royal Heirs are considered one member for a quorum.
 - d. Actions by the Council of the Exchequer shall require consent by a majority of the votes of the quorum; however no expenditures shall be authorized which benefit specific individuals or that do not further the Society's non-profit purpose.
- 4. The Council of the Exchequer shall:
 - a. Set budgets for the operation of the Kingdom.
 - i. Approve extraordinary expenditures.
 - b. Set Avacal Financial policy.
 - c. Meet at:
 - i. Crown Tournaments after the Royal Heirs have been chosen.
 - ii. Coronations before the Investiture of the new Crown.
 - d. Other times as requested by the Crown, the Kingdom Seneschal or the Chancellor of the Exchequer.
- 5. The Regalia Commission.
 - a. There shall be a Royal Regalia Commission, consisting of:
 - i. The Sovereign and Consort.
 - ii. The Royal Heirs (when applicable).
 - iii. The Royal Chamberlain.
 - iv. The Kingdom Minister of Arts and Sciences.
 - b. The Commission shall be responsible for approving additions to or disposal of Kingdom regalia.

- c. This commission is encouraged to seek the advice of the Kingdom Arts and Sciences Champion, and members of the Ladies of the Rose and Valorous Estate on these matters.
6. Guilds or companies.
- a. Kingdom Guild or companies (or their officially recognized equivalents) exist in order to serve the Crown and Kingdom by promoting some field of endeavor for the benefit of all.
 - b. No group may call itself a Kingdom Guild or company (or its equivalent) unless it has been recognized as such by the Crown.
 - c. No group or other entity may use the words 'Avacal' in its name unless it has been recognized by the Crown.
 - d. No group may refer to itself as 'Royal' unless it exists primarily to serve the Crown and has been recognized by the Crown.
 - e. In order to be recognized and maintain recognition by the Crown as a full Kingdom Guild or Company, a group shall:
 - i. Maintain at least five sustaining members from at least three different branches.
 - ii. Submit a proposal to the Crown and Kingdom Minister of Arts and Sciences, delineating the purposes, structure, officers, activities, and limits of the proposed guild or company.
 - iii. Go through an incipency period of no less than one year, and no more than three years.
 - iv. Once the incipency is completed to the satisfaction of the Crown and the Kingdom Minister of Arts and Sciences, a charter shall be approved by the Crown.
 - v. Report to the guild deputy of the Kingdom Minister Arts & Sciences on the same schedule as Principalities and regions.
 - f. Reports may be sent physically or electronically.
 - g. Reports shall include a summary of the guild or company activities. Guild or company newsletters may be used to supplement the report.

- h. Reports shall include a list of current officers, including SCA membership information, and once a year, a list of members.
- i. Failure to report two times in one calendar year will be reason to place the guild or company on probation for a one year period, and their accounts will be frozen.
- j. Failure to report while on probation will result in the guild or company being dissolved.
- k. Follow procedures outlined in the Avacal Financial Policy when handling funds. The guild or company exchequer must be warranted by the Kingdom Exchequer and follow that reporting schedule.
- l. Provide a complimentary copy of any newsletter to the Crown, Royal Heirs, Kingdom Seneschal, Kingdom Chronicler, and the Kingdom A&S Guild or deputy.. It is encouraged that complimentary copies also be sent to the Grete Boke and the local branch or Principality Seneschal.
- m. Recognized guild or companies may have sub-units at the branch level.
- n. The Crown has the authority to revoke the status of any recognized Guild or company or Company for just cause at any time. Revocation of status may be requested by the Kingdom A&S officer or the Kingdom Exchequer for the following reasons:
 - i. Failure to report while on probation;
 - ii. Failure to maintain membership numbers as detailed above;
 - iii. Failure of the guild or company Exchequer to report to the Kingdom Exchequer.

ARTICLE VIII. FEALTY

Article VIII.A Fealty to the Crown

1. All subjects of Avacal will have the right to pledge allegiance and support to the Crown of Avacal. Additionally some subjects of Avacal have the right or requirement to pledge fealty directly to the Crown.

Article VIII.B Direct Vassals of the Crown

2. All those who have pledged direct fealty to the Crown are Vassals of the Crown and shall:

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- a. Execute the lawful commands of the Crown and abide by Kingdom law.
 - b. Be loyal to the Crown and Kingdom.
 - c. Counsel the Crown on behalf of themselves and their vassals when appropriate.
 - d. Treat courteously those of every degree.
 - i. Have the right to:
 1. Enter the Royal Presence armed.
 2. Wear and display the appropriate token of fealty.
 3. Display the armory of the vassals and retainers of the Crown.
 4. Raise armies under their banners in support of the Kingdom.
3. The following shall pledge fealty directly to the Crown:
- a. Royal Heirs.
 - b. Kingdom Champions.
 - c. Greater Kingdom Officers of State.
 - d. Royal Patrons.
 - e. Territorial Barons and Baronesses.
4. The following shall pledge fealty directly to the Crown or through their appropriate Territorial Baron and/or Baroness, or Royal Patron.
- a. Knights.
5. All Peers of the Realm have the right to pledge fealty directly to the Crown, or through a Territorial Baron and/or Baroness or Royal Patron.
6. For those who have religious conflicts with, or conscientious objection to, the pledging of fealty to the Crown, a promise of service and obedience may be substituted with the Crown's approval. This should be communicated to and acknowledged by the Crown prior to entering into any competition or making application for any position that requires an oath of fealty.

ARTICLE IX. CONDUCT

Article IX.A Conduct of Persons in Avacal

All subjects of Avacal shall:

1. Willingly maintain and increase the authenticity of their accoutrement, speech, and conduct, thus elevating the spirit that should be fostered in these Current Middle Ages.
2. Strive for courtesy, consideration, honor, and chivalric behavior at all times.
3. Be familiar with, and abide by, the laws, customs, and traditions of Avacal.
4. Violation of these laws will result in the appropriate consequences, and may be grounds for expulsion from an event, banishment, dismissal from office or other sanctions.
5. The violation of modern law will be grounds for expulsion from an event, banishment, or arrest by civil authorities.
6. The allowance for admission and control of pets shall be determined by the event steward. If no other determination is made, all animals shall be leashed or otherwise physically secured at all times. All pet owners are responsible for the cleanup and removal of their pet's waste.
7. Smoking:
 - a. Is not permitted indoors at events.
 - b. Is only permitted in designated areas with appropriate receptacles at outdoor events. c) Is not permitted in or near the Eric or court.
 - c. Is permitted in individual encampments and paved parking areas.
 - d. Modern fire restrictions always apply.
 - e. Smokers are expected to clean up after themselves, leaving an area as clean or cleaner than they found it.
8. Controlled Substances.
 - a. Avacal is intolerant of the illegal use or distribution of drugs and/or alcohol.
 - b. Mundane law enforcement may be called to a site to deal with any unlawful activity.

9. Firearms.

- a. Non-period firearms are not allowed at any SCA event, except to those required or licensed by mundane law to bear such weapons.
- b. Period firearms must not be loaded, except as part of a segregated and approved target shooting competition.

10. Youth at Events. The following paragraphs are included to comply with the Society Seneschal's Policies on Youth at Events.

- a. Parents or Designated Adults, chosen by the parent, who bring minors to an event must ensure their children's activities are compliant with SCA Laws, Policies and site rules that require minors 12 and under to be within sight or sound of a responsible parent/designated adult at all times.
- b. All scheduled youth activities must have two adults, unrelated to each other, at all times and the activity must stop if that number falls below the required 2.
- c. No policy, rule or law relieves parents or designated adults of their primary responsibility for the welfare and behavior of their children.
- d. All youth attending scheduled youth activities and classes will need to be accompanied by either a parent or designated adult (who is in possession of a properly completed minor Medical Waiver).
- e. Neglect of Parental (or Designated adult) responsibility for minors.
- f. If event/branch SCA officials find minors in breach of SCA Governing Documents, Laws, Policies or site rules they will (for a first offence) escort the minor to their parent/designated adult and issue a verbal warning. A report on the incident will be tendered to the local and Kingdom Seneschal and the Kingdom Minister of Family Activities.
- g. On a second offense at a given event, the parent(s)/ designated adult(s) will be required to keep their minor(s) with them for the remainder of the function. A report on the incident will be tendered to the local, Kingdom and Society Seneschal and the Kingdom Minister of Family Activities.
- h. On a third offense, the minor (s) *and * parent(s)/designated adult(s) will be expelled from the event, and the matter will be reported to local, Kingdom and Society Seneschals and the Kingdom Minister of Family Activities.

- i. Habitual offenders will be subject to review by Kingdom and Society level for possible sanctions.
- j. Youth over the age of 12 will be allowed to attend youth activities without a parent or designated adult at the discretions of the teacher of the class or leader of the activity.

Article IX.B Grievance Procedure

1. Anyone having a personal dispute with any other person within the Kingdom shall settle the matter using the following procedure:
 - a. Speak to the person in private and face-to-face. Most disputes can be resolved on this level. If the dispute is still unresolved, write a letter to the person. State what the problem is, what you feel will fix the problem, and request that they respond to you within 10 to 14 days. Keep a copy of the letter. Respond to each other until you reach a resolution.
2. If the dispute remains unresolved, seek a neutral third party to act as mediator. The mediator will attempt to find a lawful compromise to the dispute, which is agreeable to both parties.
3. If the dispute continues, write directly to the officer responsible for overseeing the area in question asking them to help resolve the dispute. Ask for specific help and include copies of all correspondence about the problem. Work with that officer until a resolution is found.
4. Repeat step 3) moving up the organization and including everyone previously involved on your copy list. Follow your correspondents' advice as to whether anyone else at or below their level needs to be consulted. Eventually, you may run out of levels.
5. If the dispute continues, and you have gone through all the steps set forth above, you may appeal to the Crown. The Crown will find a resolution and Their decision may be appealed only to the SCA Board of Directors.
6. The Grievance Procedure is intended to address personal disputes between individuals and not disputes on official matters. For further guidance, please refer to the SCA Organizational Handbook.

Article IX.C Courts of Inquiry and Courts of Chivalry

1. By way of Their duty to uphold and enforce the laws of the Realm and the Society, The Crown of Avacal hereby establishes a procedure for Courts of Inquiry and Courts of Chivalry:

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2. These courts shall only consider infractions of the rules of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc., or any of its subdivisions, and then only when they occur within a Society context.
3. Those who make false accusations that lead to the convening of a court may find themselves the subject of a Court and subject to appropriate sanction.
4. No Court shall be held to consider individual behavior that falls within the jurisdiction of a civil or criminal court maintained by a modern world government. However, a given incident may have implications both in modern law and the rules of the Society. A Court which restricts itself solely to the investigation of violations of the Society's rules may then be held.
5. Ordinarily, attendance at a Court will be open to all subjects of the realm. However, where an alleged incident may be a violation of modern law, as well as the rules of the Society, attendance at the Court may be restricted.
6. Personal disputes should continue to utilize the Grievance Procedure, outlined in Article IX. If a personal grievance also involves an alleged violation of Society rules, then a Court may be requested to be convened, provided that the grievance procedure has not produced a satisfactory solution.
7. Disputes or incidents of allegedly inappropriate behavior that involve combat-related activities should first be handled through the Grievances and Sanctions section of the Avacal Book of Combat. If the procedures outlined therein fail to produce a solution, a Court may be requested to be convened.
8. These Courts will provide conclusions and recommendations only. The determination of verdict and the imposition of any sanctions or penalties rest solely with the Crown of Avacal. The only appeal is to the Board of Directors of the SCA, Inc.
9. Requests to convene a Court shall be sent to the Kingdom Seneschal, who shall determine whether it should be assigned to a Court of Inquiry, a Court of Chivalry, or whether resolution should be pursued through a Grievance Procedure.
10. If the Kingdom Seneschal is the proposed subject, the request should be sent directly to the Crown, who shall determine the assignment of the case. In either case, the parties involved will be notified of the assignment of the case, by registered mail, no later than two weeks after receipt of the request.

11. Investigations of serious infractions that could result in Greater Royal Sanctions, degradation from a peerage, or the sanction of a Prince or Princess, must be heard by a Court of Chivalry.
12. Any officer who, in order to enforce the rules of the Society, has to remove an individual or group of individuals from an event, or denies their participation at an event, must send a written report to the Kingdom Seneschal within one week of the event, describing the situation and requesting that a Court be convened to investigate the matter.
13. To ensure that the Courts have a fair representation of the facts, the principals to the dispute have the right to:
 - a. Request from the Court an advocate to advise and represent them who is knowledgeable about the rules of the SCA, Inc., is a Peer of the Realm, and is acceptable to them.
 - b. Present their case(s). Cross-examine witnesses. Introduce evidence.

Article IX.D Courts of Inquiry

1. Will be convened to investigate less serious violations of the rules of the Society. Courts of Inquiry are convened in the name of the Crown of Avacal, and presided over by Their representatives (i.e.: Territorial Prince and/or Princess, Baron and/or Baroness, or Royal Patron(s)) having jurisdiction over the case. Where a branch has no Royal representative, the case may be assigned to the nearest branch that has a Royal representative, as determined by the Kingdom Seneschal.
2. The presiding noble(s) may appoint such counselors to advise them as they deem necessary to determine the facts involving the case, and to render a recommendation to the Crown.
3. Within one week of receiving notification of assignment, any party involved in the proposed Court of Inquiry may request of the Kingdom Seneschal that the Court be re-assigned to different presiding noble(s), if they have reason to believe that the original presiding noble(s) may be incapable of convening an impartial Court.
4. Within two weeks of receiving notification from the Kingdom Seneschal (or Crown), the presiding noble(s) shall arrange a time and place for the Court to be held which is agreeable to all parties involved. Such time and place must be no later than 30 days after receipt of the case from the Kingdom Seneschal.
5. If agreement cannot be reached with the parties involved, the presiding noble(s) will choose a time and place that fits within the 30-day window.

6. Should any person who has been specifically summoned to stand before a court fail to do so, through no fault of their own, after having made a reasonable effort, arrangements shall be made to re-schedule the court at another time and place convenient to the involved parties.
7. Should any person who has been specifically summoned to stand before a court fail to appear without sufficient cause, the presiding noble(s) shall accept this absence as a plea of no-contest to any and all charges against them, and make appropriate recommendations to the Crown.
8. After all evidence and testimony has been presented and the Court is closed, the presiding noble(s) shall send, by registered mail, a written report describing their conclusions and recommendations for sanctions, if any, to the Crown within two weeks of the conclusion of the Court. Copies shall be sent, also by registered mail, to the Kingdom Seneschal, Territorial Coronet (if applicable), and to the parties involved.
9. The presiding noble(s) may recommend that the case be reassigned to a Court of Chivalry, if it is believed that the alleged violations could be grounds for a serious sanction as noted above.
10. Within two weeks of receiving the recommendation of the court, the Crown will notify, by registered mail, the parties involved, the presiding noble(s), and the Kingdom Seneschal of Their determination of the case and any sanctions imposed. Sanctions will be announced at the next Royal Court and printed in the next issue of The Avantgarde. Sanctions are effective from the moment announced in Royal Court.

Article IX.E Courts of Chivalry

1. Is the Kingdom's highest Court. It is the only Court that may recommend Greater Royal Sanctions, degradation from a peerage, or the sanction of a Prince and/or Princess.
2. Courts of Chivalry are presided over by the Crown of Avacal. Courts of Chivalry shall have nine (9) judges who are members of the SCA. The judges shall include:
 - a. The Kingdom Seneschal.
 - b. The Kingdom Earl Marshal.
 - c. The secretaries of the Orders of the Chivalry, Laurel, and Pelican.
 - d. If any of the above judges cannot attend, the Crown will choose replacements from within their offices or orders to represent them.
 - e. The Crown shall appoint four armigerous representatives to complete the court.

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3. No principal involved in the dispute may sit on the Court.
4. The Sanguine Principal Herald or a representative shall act as the recording officer of the Court.
5. A Court of Chivalry shall not be convened until all parties to the dispute, all members of the Court and the Board of Directors have been notified of the upcoming Court of Chivalry and its cause. Date and location will be decided by the Crown after considering the convenience of all concerned.
6. All Courts of Chivalry shall be announced in The Avantgarde as a published event.
7. Should any person who has been specifically summoned to stand before a Court fail to do so through no fault of their own, after having made a reasonable effort, arrangements shall be made to re-schedule the Court at another time and place convenient to the involved parties.
8. Should any person, who has been specifically summoned to stand before a Court fail to appear without sufficient cause, the Crown shall banish this person from all SCA functions and offices until suitable arrangements shall be made to re- schedule the Court at another time and place convenient to the involved parties. Sufficient cause shall be determined by the members of the Court.
9. After all evidence and testimony has been presented, the Court will recess and the nine judges will confer to reach a conclusion on their belief of the facts in the matter, and to recommend any sanctions to the Crown. Conclusions and recommendations require a simple majority vote.
10. When the nine judges have reached their conclusions and decided upon their recommendations, the Court shall reconvene. The Kingdom Seneschal shall announce the conclusion of the judges, noting the number of votes. The Kingdom Seneschal shall announce the recommendations for sanctions, again noting the number of votes for each sanction.
11. Having presided over the Court and heard the council of the nine judges, the Crown will announce Their verdict and impose sanctions, as They deem appropriate, and close the Court of Chivalry. Any sanctions announced are effective from the moment of announcement.
12. The Sanguine Principal Herald, acting as the Court Reporter, shall send, by registered mail, a written notice of the Crown's verdict and sanctions, if any, to the parties involved within two weeks of the conclusion of the Court. Copies shall be sent, also by registered mail, to

the Kingdom Seneschal, the Society Seneschal, and the Board of Directors. Notice of the sanction shall appear in the next issue of The Avantgarde.

ARTICLE X. The University of Avacal (TUA)

1. The University of Avacal is an extension of The King and Queen of Avacal (the Crown) (the Crown) intended to foster and develop the pursuit of medieval research and the sharing of knowledge in Avacal.
2. The University of Avacal is overseen, on the behalf of The Crowns, by a Lord/Lady Regent. The Regent is a Kingdom Officer, S/He and all TUA chancellors are warranted by The Crown.
3. The University of Avacal is governed by the Tenets of Their Highnesses University of Avacal. These tenets can only be changed by the Crown.
4. The Crown holds the title, Lord and Lady of the University of Avacal.

This document made by Our Hands on the 27th day of June, Anno Societatis 50, being the year 2015 Gregorian:



Sir Albrecht von Rugen
King Avacal



Nasheeta ai-Rakkasa
Queen Avacal



Viscount Sir Kirk Einarsson
Kingdom Seneschal

