

# Gulf Wars Charter

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## PREAMBLE:

Gulf Wars is an annual event sponsored by the Kingdom of Gleann Abhann (GA). This charter will establish the operating principles under which Gulf Wars will operate.

## Definitions

- A. The Kingdom of Gleann Abhann is the Kingdom of Record (KoR) for administration of Gulf Wars.
- B. The Principal Kingdoms are defined as the Kingdoms of Trimaris and Ansteorra.
- C. The Host Kingdoms are defined as the Kingdoms of Gleann Abhann and Meridies.
- D. Kingdom Liaisons represent the Crown and Kingdom to the Gulf Wars Autocrats regarding issue such as (but not limited to) Kingdom lands, Field Pavilions, Kingdom Socials, and Procession.

## Article I – Gulf Wars

- A. Gulf Wars will operate under GA Kingdom Law.
- B. The Gulf Wars Autocrat(s) (GWA) will be warranted as a deputy by the Kingdom Seneschal of GA.
- C. Gulf Wars will maintain a treasury specifically for the funding of the War. Said Treasury is administered by the Gulf Wars Financial Committee, which functions as a separate entity under Society Policy.
- D. Gulf Wars will be held in March.
- E. War Points and competition conventions will be established by Gulf Wars War Point Treaty.
- F. Delineation of policies and recommendations:
  - 1. Policies are the approved and established minimum requirements for the War.
  - 2. Policies for the War will be recorded, published, and approved by the GA Kingdom Seneschal, after consultation with the Gulf Wars Council.

## Article II – Gulf Wars Council

- A. The Gulf Wars Council (Council) is composed of committee members and advisory members.
  - 1. Committee members are the decision making body. In decision making processes, each committee member will have a single vote.
  - 2. Advisory members may give opinions and recommendations to the committee members in order for the committee members to make an informed decision with the goal of coming to a consensus. Advisory members are non-voting members.
- B. Gulf Wars Council Chair
  - 1. The GA Kingdom Seneschal, who will act as Chair of the Council.
  - 2. In the case of a tie, the GA Kingdom Seneschal will be the tie-breaking vote.
  - 3. In non-tied votes, the GA Kingdom Seneschal will not vote.
- C. The Committee will consist of, at minimum:
  - 1. The GA Liaison.
  - 2. The Kingdom Seneschal of Meridies or a duly appointed Meridian Liaison.

3. The Kingdom Seneschal of Ansteorra or a duly appointed Ansteorran Liaison.
  4. The Kingdom Seneschal of Trimaris or a duly appointed Trimaran Liaison.
  5. The current War Autocrat(s), collectively as a single vote.
- D. Advisory members will be invited by the Chair to be on the Council. Invitations are not required to be accepted. These individuals include:
1. The Crown of Gleann Abhann.
  2. The Crown of Meridies.
  3. The Crown of Ansteorra.
  4. The Crown of Trimaris.
  5. The Permanent Structures/Land Liaison.
  6. The War Exchequer.

### Article III – Gulf Wars Council Tasks and Purpose

The Gulf Wars Council will:

- A. Establish and maintain broad policies affecting the event, including review of departmental standard operating procedures.
- B. Solicit bids to autocrat the War.
- C. Review event bids and recommend the autocrat(s) responsible for the following year's War to the Kingdom Seneschal of GA.
- D. Ratify Gulf Wars Operating Procedures.
- E. Manage multi-year projects which are beyond the scope of a single year's War.
- F. Discuss issues which may have an impact on Gulf Wars for multiple years.
- G. Maintain a record of past Wars, including but not limited to financial reports, event reports, marshal reports, and other relevant information.
- H. Maintain a record of meeting minutes and policies by the Gulf Wars Council.
- I. After receipt of the financial and Gulf Wars Autocrat event report, the Council will conduct a timely review of each year's War.
- J. Other duties as required by necessity and by the requirements of Society.

### Article IV – Meetings

- A. The Gulf Wars Council will hold at least one meeting per year, to be held at Gulf Wars. The location and time of this meeting will be scheduled and made known to the council members at least one month prior to Gulf Wars.
- B. The remainder of business of the Council may be done via conference call, or email, at the discretion of the Council.

### Article V – War Administration/Chain of Reporting

- A. The Autocrat(s) will be accountable to the Kingdom Seneschal of GA.
- B. The Autocrat(s) will submit a written report to the Gulf War Council on the progress of event planning and operations on the following dates:
  - a. April 15<sup>th</sup>
  - b. July 15<sup>th</sup>

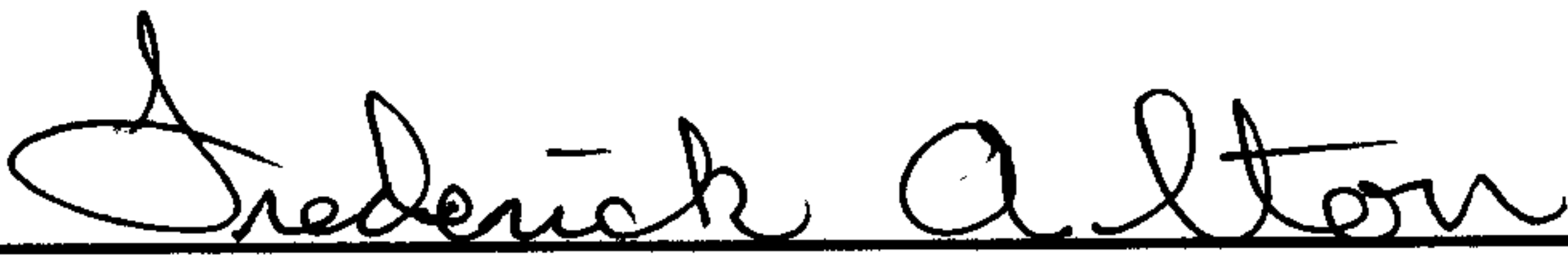


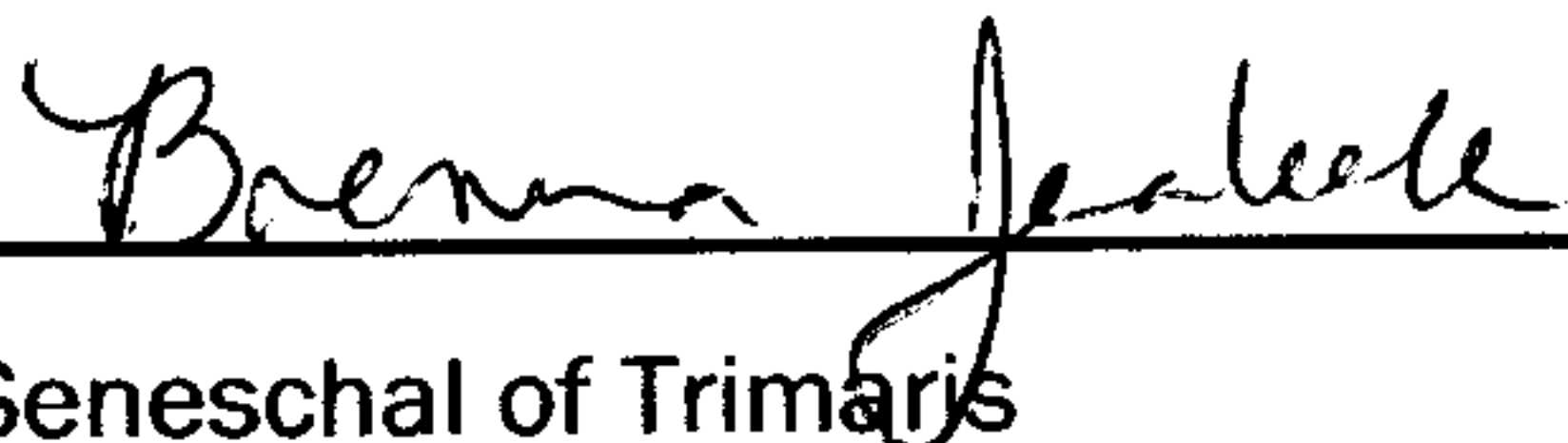


- c. October 15<sup>th</sup>
- d. The 15<sup>th</sup> day of every month thereafter until the start of the War.
- C. As part of the July 15<sup>th</sup> report, the Autocrat(s) will submit for review of the Gulf Wars Council, all proposed changes in site rules for the War, to ensure compliance with Gulf Wars Policy and Society rules. The Council will review and provide recommendations to the GA Seneschal. At this time the autocrat should distribute copies of all relevant Gulf Wars documentation (including but not limited to the charter, the Gulf Wars Treaty, the Gulf Wars Financial Policies, and the previous year's schedule).
- D. The Autocrat(s) will keep the site owner apprised of pre-registration numbers as they become available. This is so that the site owner may plan for the attendance of the War.
- E. The Autocrat(s) is the final decision maker of the staffing and operations of the War within previously stated requirements, SCA Governing Documents, Society Policy, Kingdom Law, and published Gulf Wars policy.
- F. Appeals process shall follow the procedure outlined in Gleann Abhann Kingdom Law.

## Article VI – Amendment

Amending this charter requires the unanimous consent Kingdom Seneschals of the Host and Principal kingdoms.

## Article VII – Signature Block

 _____ Seneschal of Gleann Abhann	3/18/16 _____ Date
 _____ Seneschal of Ansteorra	3/18/16 _____ Date
 _____ Seneschal of Meridies	16 May 2016 _____ Date
 _____ Seneschal of Trimaris	3/18/16 _____ Date