

Gulf Wars Charter

June 2020

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 Autocrat(s)/Steward(s) 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)/Steward(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 two groups. They are known as the 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. A deadline should be given when requiring a vote by the Committee Members. In addition, more than one attempt to contact a Committee Member should be made. Failure to receive a voting response should be brought to the attention of that Committee Member's Crown. If there is still a failure to vote and there is already a majority vote for or against the subject, then the vote may be considered complete.
 - 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:

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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/Steward(s) the War.
- D. Review event bids and recommend the Autocrat(s)/Steward(s) responsible for the following year's War to the Kingdom Seneschal of GA.
- E. Ratify Gulf Wars Operating Procedures.
- F. Manage multi-year projects which are beyond the scope of a single year's War.
- G. Discuss issues which may have an impact on Gulf Wars for multiple years.
- H. Maintain a record of past Wars, including but not limited to financial reports, event reports, marshal reports, and other relevant information. This shall be done by the Gulf Wars Archivist.
- I. Maintain a record of meeting minutes and policies by the Gulf Wars Council. This shall be done by the Gulf Wars Archivist.
- J. The Archivist is a position that is advertised for by the Gleann Abhann Kingdom Seneschal.
- K. After receipt of the financial and Gulf Wars Autocrat(s)/Steward(s) event report, the Council will conduct a timely review of each year's War.
- L. if war should not open, the numbering will continue. The GA KS will alert the Council within one week of the failure to open. The Council can choose to meet to reconsider. All decisions regarding a change in numbering must be made within one month of announced failure to open.
- M. 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; during the week of 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. Should Gulf Wars not be able to take place, the Council will reschedule a meeting and hold a meeting with a deadline of April 15th.
- C. The remainder of the business of the Council may be done via conference call, or email, at

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the discretion of the Council.

Article V - War Administration/Chain of Reporting

- A. The Autocrat(s)/Steward(s) will be accountable to the Kingdom Seneschal of GA.
- B. The Autocrat(s)/Steward(s) will submit a written report to the Gulf War Council on the progress of event planning and operations on the following dates:
 - 1. July 15th
 - 2. October 15th
 - 3. The 15th day of every month thereafter until the start of the War.
 - 4. April 15th following the end of the War. This is considered the Autocrat(s)/Steward(s) post event report.
- C. As part of the July 15th report, the Autocrat(s)/Steward(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(s)/Steward(s) should distribute copies of all relevant Gulf Wars documentation (including but not limited to the Charter, the Gulf Wars Financial Policies, and the previous year's schedule).
- D. The Autocrat(s)/Steward(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 Autocrats)/Steward(s) is the final decision maker of all 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 of the Kingdom Seneschals of the Host and Principle Kingdoms.

Article VII – Variance for Gulf Wars XXX/2020 due to Covid -19

In light of the Covid-19 pandemic of 2020-2021, the Gulf Wars originally scheduled for March 2021 will be postponed until October 2-10, 2021. Gulf Wars 2022 will be held during March 2022. The following will be implemented on a one-time basis due to this postponement and will supersede any dates otherwise listed in this document:

- A. As this is a postponed event, the numbering will not continue in March 2021 and Gulf Wars in October 2021 will be Gulf Wars XXX.
- B. The Autocrats/Events Steward for Gulf Wars XXX in March 2021 will be the Autocrats/Event Stewards for Gulf Wars XXX in October 2021. The Gleann Abhann Seneschal will update the warrants accordingly.
- C. The Gulf Wars Council will reschedule their normal meeting during the week of Gulf Wars in March until the week of Gulf Wars in October. Should Gulf Wars not occur during October, the meeting will be rescheduled and will be held before November 15, 2021.
- D. The Autocrats/Event Stewards will submit written reports to the Gulf Wars Council on the 15th of each month from January 2021 until September 2021 as well as a post event report due in November 2021.

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- E. As part of the February 2021 report, the Autocrats/Event Stewards will submit for review any proposed site rule updates.

Article VIII - Signature Block

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Ansteorra Kingdom Seneschal	Date
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Gleann Abhann Kingdom Seneschal	Date
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Meridies Kingdom Seneschal	Date
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Trimaris Kingdom Seneschal	Date