



The Laws of Esperance

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Status: **REPEALED**

~~Demos: Crown permission, reports, photos~~

Recap

~~First all demos must be cleared by the Crown. Second, if the autocrat doesn't turn in reports, sign-ins and photos within 30 days there will be no points awarded.~~

Full text of original

- ~~1. Any and all Demos in the Kingdom of Esperance must be cleared by the Crown.~~
- ~~2. A written report of what occurred at the demo and a list of who was in attendance and/or signed in will be turned in to the Crown.~~
- ~~3. The Crown also wants no less than four (4) photos of the event showing what took place during the demo to be turned in with the report.~~
- ~~4. This must be turned in to the Crown within thirty (30) days of said Demo.~~
- ~~5. The proper paperwork will be turned into the Minister of Rolls prior to the tenth (10th) of the following month.~~

~~No points will be given without the above listed items being completed within the allotted time.~~

~~So say We, Sir Francois de Coucy I, King of Esperance~~

History

~~Royal Proclamation published in June 1997~~

~~Ratified by the Estates May 13, 1997~~

~~Repealed by the Estates October 12, 2002~~



Status: **ESTATES WRIT**

Events: Start on time

Recap

Events shall start on time. In the absence of one crown, the Other shall start Opening Court. If both Crowns are absent, the next ranking Noble shall start Opening Court.

Full text of original

Dame Aleta and I promised some changes and here they are. These policies shall take effect immediately upon our coronation.

1. My first writ shall be this: It is the responsibility of the Crown to ensure that events begin on time and are run in a timely fashion. To help achieve this, in the event that neither Crown is present, the highest ranking noble shall begin the event at the published time, with or without the Crown. The only exception being natural disasters, acts of God, or if the Crown has specifically asked for a delay. The bottom line of this is that **EVENTS WILL START ON TIME**. The concept o “fashionably lae” and “Adrian Time” shall be abolished within our borders.
2. To help expedite events, the standard operating procedure shall be as follows:
 - Sign ups for lists and site fees shall begin at the published starting time of the event. One half hour later, opening court shall begin.
 - There will not be any more official time allocated for sign in. Combatants will arm for combat immediately after opening court.
 - Anyone needing to sign in once opening court has begun must appeal to the Steward and other Ministers for indulgence of their tardiness. If the Ministers don’t have time, you’ll wish you’d arrived earlier.

These policies are not written to force the populace to do the Crown’s bidding. They are instead placed to liberate those who arrive on time from waiting for those who don’t. It is the height of arrogance to expect people to wait for you when you can’t arrive on time. You will notice that Dame Aleta and I are not excluded from this. If we are late, we will expect the event to have started without us.

Yours in service,

His Royal Highness Sir Thomas FitzShokes

History

Royal Writ published December 1996

Past into Kingdom Law by the Estates October 11, 1997



Status: **ESTATES WRIT**

Disputes: Mediation required

Recap

In a dispute between two or more parties, the matter must first be brought before either the Crowns or the Chancellor. The parties shall then be instructed to choose a mediator. The parties and the mediator shall make earnest efforts to arbitrate and settle the issues in dispute. If the mediator reports to the Chancellor that honest effort has failed, only then may charges be filed by the complainant.

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Populace of Esperance! Attend!

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So say we,

Thomas I and Aleta I, King and Queen of Esperance

History

Royal writ published January 11, 1997

Passed into Kingdom Law by the Estates October 11, 1997



Status: **ESTATES WRIT**

Events: No Warden, no points

Recap

All events and demonstrations for the Kingdom of Esperance shall be scheduled through the Warden or the participants earn no credit toward their Knighthoods.

Full text of original

Greetings, good populace of Esperance:

It has come to Our attention that the process of autocrating everything from feasts to demos to regular events has been lacking. It is with the following system that We hope to make double-booking, misinformation and lack of notice to the populace a thing of the past.

You will now be required to go directly to the Warden ~~Lady Baronet Squire Tina of Bloodstone~~, to request a date and receive the necessary paperwork that you must complete. There are detailed, step-by-step directions to the paperwork to help make this process as painless as possible.

The new procedures include, but are not limited to, getting the signature of the Crowns, writing an article to be published in the local newsletter and possibly the Adrian Herald, finding out from the proposed site if they require proof of insurance, etc., and having any and all contracts you are requested to sign reviewed by the Crowns prior to signing.

As with any new system there may or may not be a few “bugs” that need to be worked out. We will deal with those as they arise. It is Our hope that in keeping the chain of events uniform for all demos events it will avoid confusion, hard feelings, and poor attendance. Let’s give this system a try and see how well it works. We hope that you will be pleased with the results.

Yours in service of the Dream,

Dame Aleta I, Queen of Esperance

History

Originally a writ

Passed into Kingdom Law by the Estates October 11, 1997

Amended by the Estates March 13, 2010 (Remove Lady Baronet Squire Tina of Bloodstone)



Status: **ESTATES WRIT**

Arts: Judges start at “5”

Recap

In each of the 3 categories (craftsmanship, functionality, authenticity), the judges shall start their scores at 5, and working their way up toward 10 (rewarding excellence) or down toward 0 (recognizing problem areas).

Full text of original

~~I (the Queen) have had the pleasure of serving the Empire first as Esperance’s Deputy Minister, then as Royal Minister, and finally as Imperial Deputy Minister of Arts and Sciences. In those capacities, I was obliged to enforce the rules. Although I could certainly suggest changes, there were many other priorities for those in charge, and not much happened. I have experienced, firsthand, the trials and tribulations of the system. I am committed to making some of those changes happen. The Imperial Minister of Arts and Sciences, Sir Duriel van Hansard, has also promised many changes to improve the way the Arts are run. We are looking forward to working with him on this monumental task, but are unwilling to move at the same speed as Imperial changes usually move.~~

~~We are making our first change in the hopes that participation will increase, and the artisans scores will be more accurately reflect the projects presented. In the past it has been the custom and tradition to start the scoring at the maximum 10 in each of the 3 categories (craftsmanship, functionality, and authenticity/documentation). From there, the judges marked down, providing an explanation with every mark down.~~

~~Beginning at the January Crown Event, the judges will begin their scoring at the median number of 5. From there they will score both up and down (with explanations). This will allow the judges to continue recognizing deficits or errors. An entry that shows minimal effort but meets all the minimum requirements, will receive a minimal score (presumably 15). This will be enough to allow them to receive a participation point, but not enough to win the tourney (hopefully). Judges have been clamoring for a way to recognize effort and excellence above and beyond the minimum requirements. By giving them the ability to judge upward, We hope this will allow them to do that. The better a project is, in any facet of the judging, the better the score will be.~~

~~Our Royal Minister of Arts and Sciences is also very experienced, and will be more than happy o work with anyone who wishes help. Sir Ce’wulf is a gem, and We are lucky to have him in the position.~~

~~So say I, Maedb, Queen of Esperance, December 11, 1999~~

History

~~Originally Royal Writ M-1 dated December 11, 1999~~

~~Passed into Kingdom Law by the Estates October 14, 2000~~

~~Repealed by the Estates March 13, 2010~~



Status: **ESTATES WRIT**

Rapier Combat: Tip only

Recap

The killing surface of any blade used in rapier combat shall be 3 inches from the tip, and any blow is valid only if the tip comes into contact with the target area.

Full text of original

So let it be written that by Royal Decree, We do hereby proclaim that until further notice the use of swords approved for rapier combat shall be this:

The killing surface of any blade used in rapier combat in the greater Kingdom of Esperance shall be the tip of the weapon only. Approved rapier weapons which are generally considered to be of a slashing nature such as a scimitar may still be used.

Any slash is to be considered a valid blow only if the tip of the sword comes into contact with the target area.

We further define the tip of the weapon as that portion of the blade which is covered by an approved "Blunt". A "Blunt" should be constructed of a bullet shell casing, which is epoxied to the tip of the blade and is then covered with an archers rubber arrow tip, known as a "Rabbit" or "Bird" blunt and then wrapped with red tape. Red chem dip paint is an acceptable alternative to red tape. We also encourage the use of a steel gorget when participating in rapier combat.

We believe this method of blunting the tip of the rapier weapon to be much safer than the bullet shell casing covered with tape alone. We also believe that using the tip of the weapon as the only valid killing surface will, eventually, make better rapier fighters of us all as it will force us to use more skill in placing the tip on the target.

We understand that the use of this type of weapon and the fighting styles required to use it may well be out of the Adrian time frame. It is however acceptable under Adrian Law.

We suggest that those who do not wish to participate in the Adrian approximation of "Rapier" type combat not do so, but please allow others to enjoy it without ridicule.

We believe that this decree will help to enhance the experience of those wishing to participate in rapier combat in the Kingdom of Esperance.

By Our hand so let it be done.

Vilhelm von Seiken Uladrachen, Gottesknecht, King of Esperance

History

Originally a Royal Decree dated February 2000

Passed into Kingdom Law by the Estates October 14, 2000 (modified to be 3 inches from the tip.)

Revised by the Estates March 13, 2010 (Change all references of Renaissance to Rapier for clarity.)



Status: **ESTATES WRIT**

Verbal Proxies

Full Text

Verbal proxies will be accepted for kingdom estates meetings.

History

Policy during some reigns but not during others.

Estates Writ passed January 12, 2002: "Third party verbal proxies will be accepted for kingdom estates meetings."

Modified by estates to above form on October 12, 2002

Commentary:

"Third party" was to indicate that proxies could be relayed by was felt to create an unintended limitation in the event that the verbal proxy was given "first hand" or "second hand" so that phrase was removed.



Status: **ESTATES WRIT**

Publication of Estates Members

Full Text

The Estates of Esperance hereby require the Crown(s) of Esperance to cause to be published in the newsletter on a ~~quarterly~~ basis an annual basis during the month of November by ~~mundane name~~ Adrian name a list of which persons belong to which Estate within Esperance.

History

Estates Writ passed October 12, 2002

Revised by the Estates March 13, 2010

Commentary

The Estates revised this to read once a year. This does not mean it can't be done more often at the will of the Crown.