

Greetings unto the Noble populace of the Middle Kingdom From Lucien and Catarina, Prince and Princess, Heirs to the Dragon Throne;

We are most pleased to announce the rules of Our Crown Tourney, to be held on Sunday, May 26th of this year in the Shire of Greyhope. Know hereby that ALL those named below will be allowed to fight, regardless of the number of Peers of the Realm that wish to enter. Those who have been brought to our attention as worthy of this honor are listed below in alphabetical order (with no titles):

Alrekr Eriksson	Ingram von Atzinger
Ambrose St. John	Ian Farrer of Three Hills
Angus Drummond	Hjorleif Ottarsson
Balthazar Thiabold	Jason Ironfest
Bjarg Kormaksson`	Jean le Bref
Bastion Hammerfest	Jessmond von Atzinger
Braile Akos	Kye Uilliam mac Aoidh
Krisztian von Atzinger	Magnus Gunnarson
Cedric Adolphus	Mahon of Fenix
Colin O'Flannery	Nickolas of Wicklow
Crispin de la Rochefoucauld	Odo of the Abbey of St. Martin
Cristiana de Burgh	Robert Downey
Devon of Ayr	Seamus mac Bain
Drust mac Airth	Segan Gilla Patrick
Edward of Brackenburye	Stephan von Lubeck
Frederick de Burnham	Ulfr Forkbeard
Galen the Traveler	Victor of Rivenstar
Gilebert de Dijon	William Rayne

Since We are unable to know personally every deserving Non-Peer who might wish to enter, We do ask for counsel from the Peers of the Realm for any name that they believe should be added to the list above. We would increase this list accordingly should We find ourselves in agreement with a name offered to Us by such wise counsel.

The Rules: all Combatants, Peers and Non-Peers alike, will be formed into pools as in recent Crown Tourneys. These preliminary pools will yield sixteen combatants that will then enter the Crown Tourney. The initial pairings of the Crown List will be decided by random draw as per Kingdom Law. Each combat in the Crown List will be a single bout.

Individual bouts, save as stipulated for the Finals, need not be of matched weapons. The Final shall be best three out of five. The first bout shall be Sword and Shield. The Second bout shall be Two Weapon. The Third bout shall be Polearm. If a Fourth bout is required, it shall be fought with a matched set of Great-Axes provided by His Majesty. If a Fifth and final bout is required, it shall be the combatant's choice and need not be matched.

Thrusting to the face will not be allowed. Pole-weapons shall be no longer than 6 feet. Single-handed weapons shall be no longer than 42 inches from pommel to tip. Strapped heater-shaped shields may be no larger than 32" top to bottom. Center-grip shields may be no more than 30" in any dimension. Save for the above restrictions, any SCA legal weapons form may be used.

We will also establish certain requirements beyond those set down in Kingdom Law. We publish them now to give the entrants more time to accustom themselves. A combatant's harness and weapons must be in good repair, and their appearance befitting the august venue of a Crown Tournament. No obvious duct tape should be evident in a combatant's harness, save on their weapons and as emergency repairs during the course of the Tournament. Obviously modern sporting equipment, including but not limited to hockey gloves and footwear, should be covered or otherwise camouflaged. Any plastic equipment, including but not limited to cup hilts and center bosses, must be covered or otherwise camouflaged. Furthermore, We admonish all those who would apply to Our Lists to read both Corpora and Kingdom Law.

All those named above, and any Peers of the Realm, wishing to compete for the honor of Crowning their Consort as Heir to the Dragon Throne must contact Us by the day of Our Coronation on May 4th in the Barony of Ayreton. We request a written letter of intent be delivered to Us by post, email, or by hand. For any Non-Peer combatant applying for entrance, an accompanying recommendation from a Peer is required. Additionally, proof of membership for a period of 12 months beyond the date of the tournament and modern identification, for both combatant and Consort, should be sent to the Kingdom Seneschal, Master Midair, by May 4th, preferably by email to: charlesmidair@gamil.com

We look forward to this important event with the honor and pageantry which will be displayed by the Combatants and their Consorts. We contemplate with joy this day when the new Heirs to the Dragon Throne will be instated so that the affairs of the Kingdom can ordered to assure a bright and happy future. We are most pleased with the wealth of worthy fighters Our great Kingdom has to offer.

In Service to the Middle Kingdom;

Lucien, Tanist & Catarina, Tanista