

Kingdom of Black Spire: Corpora Errata Sheet (Updated December 2010)

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May 2005

The kingdom seat of the newly merged kingdom will be Portland, OR.

June 2005

It is to be the responsibility of the Prime Minister or Monarch and GMR to insure that all corpora clarifications made via althing are added into the Blackspire Copora. These changes are to be both added to the corpora and printed on an errata sheet. All changes made to the corpora are to be updated at least every three months (coronations and midreigns).

Errata as of November 2005

The Kingdom of Blackspire uses a standard Burning Land's Corpora. This addendum does not supersede any section in the standard Burning Land's Corpora. In the case of a conflict, the standard Burning Land's Corpora takes precedence.

(Note: Addendum removed in May 2009)

All lands within 150 miles of the center (Portland, Oregon) will be able to vote in all Althing issues and run/vote for kingdom level positions, providing they are an active dues paid member in their local park, and their local park pays 1/3rd of all local park Dues to the Kingdom.

The Kingdom name shall be Dark Valley of the Black Spire, Black Spire for short.

No issues brought before Althing may be brought up again for at least six months, unless said issue(s) puts us in legal or contractual breach.

Lions and Griffons shall be combined to determine if a sponsored land may award another of either award.

Shires - No more than a combined total of Lions and Griffons exceeding 2

Barony - No more than a combined total of Lions and Griffons exceeding 5

Duchy - No more than a combined total of Lions and Griffons exceeding 8

Grand-Duchy - No more than a combined total of Lions and Griffons exceeding 9

(Addendum removed in August 2007 due to changes made by Award Standardization)

Titles of tenure will be given at the discretion of the Monarch based on how well the person served in that office (I.E. No tenure titles for completion, only for excellence in the office)

Minimum attendance to run for Kingdom level office shall be at least once a month at any dependent sponsored land (lands within 150 miles of the core w/ a signed dependent contract) and at least one kingdom level attendance within the last six months. This may be set higher by the Monarch and must be announced (if different from the minimum) within one month of assuming office. This requirement applies to Monarch, Regent, PM, and Champion.

The Black Spire Board of Directors shall have automatic permission for annual expenditures for maintaining a PO Box, Fees for Incorporation Renewal, and for adjusting corporate information with the Oregon Justice Department. Before these expenditures can be made the Board of Directors must meet, in addition these expenditures must be made public in that meetings minutes.

Neither the Monarch nor the Prime Minister may ever use part of their 10% of kingdom funds allocated a month for gas expenditures.

(Note: Changed from gas expenditures to personal expenditures in December 2005)

To sponsor a new land in the Kingdom the following steps must be followed:

Approval of the Kingdom Monarch and Prime Minister

Approval of the Kingdom Althing, by majority vote

Signing of the Kingdom land contract by both the kingdom and land officers (which must then be approved by the Board of Directors)

To remove the sponsorship of a land in the Kingdom the following steps must be followed: Note: Failure to abide by the Kingdom land contract may automatically be grounds for removal of sponsorship, such circumstances are to be reviewed by the Board of Directors)

Approval of the Kingdom Monarch and Prime Minister

Approval of the Kingdom Althing, by majority vote

To determine land size the following must be observed:

A person must be a wavered member of the land (no person may be part of more then one land at any given time)

In order to renounce an award or title, the individual with said title must inform their renouncement, in writing, to the Kingdom Prime Minister.

Autocrating a Kingdom Level Event

Autocrats for Kingdom Level Events will be responsible for the following:

All Kingdom Level Events

Providing a copy of all sign-in sheets, receipts for all expanses, records for all income, and all applicable tournament results

Fighting Tournaments

Reporting all winners (first, second, third place) of each category, and over-all to the Prime Minister of the Kingdom

Reporting all win streaks of three or more (as defined in section 4.3B of the standard Burning Lands Corpora) to the Prime Minister of the Kingdom

Arts and Sciences Tournaments

Reporting all winners (first, second, third place) or each category, and over-all to the Prime Minister of the Kingdom

(Note: Clarified to read Kingdom Funded Events in December 2005)

Sponsored Lands:

Awards: Titles and Orders for sponsored lands

The Monarch of the Kingdom may, with the agreement of the local monarch, award titles of nobility and other awards listed in the corpora

Grand Duchies

Any Sub-group attaining Duchy status who has also received a Non-Profit ID, Tax ID, and acquired a Bank Account or Safety Deposit Box (for holding Club Funds) in the name of the NPO may petition to be known as a Grand Duchy. The title of Grand Duchy is specific to the Kingdom of Blackspire, and holds no place in ranking outside of the Kingdom.

With the permission of the Blackspire Althing, Grand Duchies may take Sub-groups of their own. These Sub-groups may only consist of Shires, and Baronies. These Sub-groups will ultimately be sponsored by the Kingdom, and will be required to sign any contracts the Grand-Duchy requires, a standard group Contract with the Burning Lands Board of Directors, as well as any contracts that the Kingdom of Blackspire requires.

Grand Duchies may issue awards to the Sub-groups, up to the level that they may hand out to their own group.

In the case that the Grand Duchy be promoted to “Kingdom Status” (as defined by section D of the Kingdom Contract) the smaller Sub-groups underneath the Duchy will each decide via Althing if they wish to be sponsored by the new Kingdom, or the Kingdom of Blackspire.

Monarchs of a Grand Duchy may bestow the following:

Orders and Awards up to the 9th Level.

Title of Lord/Lady or equivalent.

Title of Baronet or equivalent.

Class Masterhoods

Principality

A group of independent lands may group together and petition to be known as a Principality.

The combined monthly average of these lands must be 75 or greater unique sign-ins a month.

The title of Principality is specific to the Kingdom of Blackspire, and holds no place in ranking outside of the Kingdom.

With the permission of the Blackspire Althing, Principalities may add other independent lands to their own. These lands may only consist of Shires, Baronies, and Duchies. These lands will ultimately be sponsored by the Kingdom, and will be required to sign any contracts the Principality requires, a standard group Contract with the Burning Lands Board of Directors, as well as any contracts that the Kingdom of Blackspire requires.

Principalities may issue awards to the Sub-groups, up to the level that they may hand out to their own group.

In the case that the Principality be promoted to “Kingdom Status” (as defined by section D of the Kingdom Contract) the smaller Sub-groups underneath the Principality will each decide via Althing if they wish to be sponsored by the new Kingdom, or the Kingdom of Blackspire.

Monarchs of a Principality may bestow the following:

Orders and Awards up to the 9th Level.
Titles of Nobility up to and including Baron
Principalities may not award the title of Defender
Class Masterhoods

Local Level Corpora Addendum(s)

Any sponsored land may choose to make a corpora addendum of their own to use. the local level corpora addendum may not conflict with, nor override, any Black Spire corpora addendum, the 7.0 rules of play, nor the standard Burning Lands corpora.

The local level corpora addendum must be submitted and approved by the BS-Board of Directors and the BL-Board of Directors (if applicable).

December 2005

The kingdom regent may not also be the kingdom Guild Master of Reeves.

(Removed in June Of 2009 due to change that prohibits it from happening put in a different section)

Kingdom officers may not also be land level officers.

An "active member" is defined as a person who has attended at least one kingdom level event and one other time at any Amtgard function.

(Note: Changed Jan. 2010)

Clarify that the Monarch and PM may not use their 10% of funds for any personal use, not just gas, as per our corpora addendum.

Clarify Section 9.1 as kingdom "funded" events.

(Note: Moved section to 10.1)

August 2007

People must have been in the group for 6 months in order to vote in any election, and have attended one Kingdom level event in that time.

The Guild Master of Reeves shall not miss more than four weeks in a row, or twelve weeks total else a new GMR must be found.

If a BOD member misses 2 scheduled meetings, then he/she must be replaced.

Since the recent approval by the Circle of Monarchs to standardize the awards system, the Lion/Griffon addendum of the Corpora will be removed.

Ban airsoft, paintball, & BB guns from Amtgard events.

(Note: Removed in October 2007)

Change the wording of the agreement to "150 road miles of Portland, OR."

Change land agreement to say "Do not vote in BS elections or Althings" under independant lands rather than "Do not vote in BS elections or Althings, except regarding Althing issues which affect them directly."

Leave as is on agreement... "Are not subject to BS Althing rulings, except regarding issues upon which they have voting privileges."

Remove all mentions of IRCA rulings from land agreement.

Require all future land agreements to be Notarized.

October 2007

Remove the ban on airsoft, paintball, and BB guns from Amtgard events.

January 2008

The Crown Tournament sign-up will be restricted; only members who intend to take office and are qualified may participate.

April 2008

The Warmaster Tournament will be a multi-bracketed, single-elimination tournament and include a class battlegame. The tournament brackets will be: Single Sword, Double Weapon, Shield and Melee, Polearm, and Open Weapon. The First and Second place contestants from the tournament portion will then act as captains for a class shatter battle. The captain of the winning team will be awarded the title of Warmaster for six months

The Crown Tournament shall be a double-elimination Open Weapon tournament.

The Weaponmaster tournament will be a multi-bracketed, single-elimination tournament. The brackets must include: Single Sword, Double Weapon, Shield and Melee, Polearm, and Open Weapon. The Single Sword bracket may be divided into Single Short and Single Long. Other brackets may be included at the decision of tournament organizer.

Specific rules and bracket selection for the Weaponmaster Tourney must be posted at least two weeks prior to the date set for the Tourney.

All items put before the Althing for vote must be submitted in written form using the language intended to be included in the vote.

Items put before the Althing for vote must be announced and opened for discussion for at least one Althing and then tabled until the following Althing for vote. Exception: Emergency situations and fund expenditures may be discussed and voted upon at the same Althing. An Emergency situation will be defined as a situation that places the Kingdom into violation of mundane law or any contractual agreement.

May 2009

Removed: *“The Kingdom of Blackspire uses a standard Burning Land’s Corpora. This addendum does not supersede any section in the standard Burning Land’s Corpora. In the case of a conflict, the standard Burning Land’s Corpora takes precedence.”*

All instances, with the exception of section 8, of Burning Lands will be replaced with Black Spire.

June 2009

Amended section 3.34 to read,

"Note: no person may hold any of the following two positions at the same time- Monarch, Royal Consort/Regent, Champion, Prime Minister, Guildmaster of Reeves"

Removed: section 1.29 "The Regent/Consort may not also hold the position of Guildmaster of Reeves."

September 2009

Amended section 6.21 to read:

Event: Guildmaster elections

Date: during Crown tournament/Election
(Note: Revised in Oct. 2010)

November 2009

Set the months of the crown to be in January and July with coronation in early February and August.

(Note: Changed with the 6.0 submission in Oct. 2010)

Changed section 4.11 to read The Monarch of a Kingdom may knight people into any of the four orders.

Although not required, it is strongly suggested that candidates for Knighthood should meet the criteria set forth in the most current Award Standardization Process listed in the Rules of Play, and have the approval of THE circle of knights. Note that the achievement of criteria set forth does not automatically grant Knighthood. Also note that the traditional positive knightly virtues will go a long way towards achieving the white belt.

Removed the wording "Circle of Knights" from section 1.91 Each fighting guild, the Circle of Knights, the Circle of Steel, and the Reeves Guild will each vote for their Guildmaster at the Crown Qualifications held every six months

(Note: 1.91 is now 6.52)

Errata as of December 2009

January 2010

Added section 3.16. Kingdom althings must take place after all other scheduled events of the day have been concluded.

(Note: Removed in Feb. 2011)

Changed section 3.121. to An "active member" is defined as a person who has attended at least one Blackspire kingdom level event and six other times at any dependent Blackspire land or function.

Removed: Section 3.2312. This may be set higher by the Monarch and must be announced (if different from the minimum) within one month of assuming office. This requirement applies to Monarch, Regent, PM, and Champion.

Note: This section only applies to elections, by corpora the monarch does not contain the power to set the attendance requirement to vote higher, just that to run for office.

Added Section 1.3D. No Prime Minister may hold the office for more than two consecutive terms.

July 2010

Returned Winter Reign Coronation to be held at Pacwar.

Added section 9.0

9.0 Pacwar

9.1 PacWar funds are to be maintained separately from all other Kingdom funds, with a separate

bank account opened solely for the PacWar funds.

9.2 PacWar funds are not to be used for any kingdom function, or any other purpose, other than the annual Blackspire sponsored Inter-kingdom camping event known as PacWar.

9.3 A minimum balance of \$2000 shall be maintained in the PacWar account. If the balance falls below \$2000, then all profits realized by PacWar shall be returned to the PacWar account. If profits for PacWar exceed the \$2000 balance, then profits may be split with the Kingdom. How to split the profits are left up to the Kingdom Offices of the King, the Regent, the Prime Minister, and the Champion, and must be ratified with a kingdom althing.

9.4 PacWar will be run by the winners of a bidding process.

9.4.1 Winners of the bidding process should be determined by joint agreement of the Kingdom Offices of the King, the Regent, the Prime Minister, and the Champion.

9.4.2 The bidding process may be changed/modified by the Kingdom Officers, but bids are to be open to all Amtgard Members.

9.5 Changes to section 9.0 and all subsections thereof may only be altered/removed by an althing with a super-majority vote of 2/3rds approval.

(Note: Moved to section 10.2)

August 2010

Added section 9.4.3. The bidding process will be open from the first day after the current PacWar ends to Dec 1st of that same year. The kingdom officers will review the bids and will announce their decision of who won the bidding process by Jan 1st.

(Note: Moved to section 10.243)

October 2010

added section 11.0 this addendum will not go into effect until Jan. 17, 2011.

11.0 Winterbash

11.1 Winterbash funds are to be maintained separately from all other kingdom funds, with a separate bank account solely for Winterbash funds.

11.2 Winterbash funds are not to be used for any kingdom function, or another purpose other than the annual Blackspire sponsored event known as Winterbash.

11.3 A minimum balance of \$1,500 shall be maintained in the Winterbash account. If the balance falls below \$1,500 then all profits realized by Winterbash shall be returned to the Winterbash account. If the profits for Winterbash exceed the \$1,500 balance, then the profits will go to the kingdom.

11.31 The \$1,500 held in reserve for Winterbash must first be used to secure the site before it may be used on any other expenses for the event.

11.4 Winterbash will be ran by the winners of a bidding process.

11.41 The bidding process will start on march 1st, 10 months prior the Winterbash which is being bid on.

11.42 Bids will be accepted from March first through May 31st.

11.43 The winning bid will be selected by the joint agreement of the Kingdom officers (King, regent, Prime minister, and champion) with the king breaking a tie. In the event this takes place during mid-reign, the outgoing prime minister is the prime minister which gets the vote.

11.431 If there were no bidders the person who will run Winterbash will be determined by joint agreement of the Kingdom officers (King, regent, Prime minister, and champion) with the king breaking a tie. In the event this this takes place during mid-reign, the outgoing prime minister is

the prime minister which gets the vote.

11.432 The winning bid will be announced no later than June 31st.

11.44 Bids are to be open to all amtgard members.

11.5 Changes to section 11 and all subsections thereof may only be altered or removed by an althing with a super-majority vote of two thirds.

(Note: Moved to section 10.3)

Remove sections 1.91, 1.911, 1.92

(Note: Wording from these sections are now in another part of corpora)

Changed section 6.0

6.0 The Month of Crown: These events occur twice a year, during the months of February and August except where stated in section 6.6.

6.1 Crown Qualifications:

6.11 This even shall be held within the first or second week of February and August.

6.12 Will be the responsibility of the highest group officer (excluding the Prime Minister) not running for Kingdom Office.

6.13 Anyone may enter the Crown Qualification event.

6.14 Those running for Kingdom Office will be required to enter a minimum specified number of Crown Qualification cultural events, as set by the sponsor. (If no qualifications are set, the requirements default to the most recent set.)

6.15 Those running for Kingdom Office must pass the Reeves test.

6.16 The group may set other criteria for Crown contestants.

6.17 Multiple entries are allowed in a contest, but a single entry may not be entered in more than one contest.

6.18 The following orders will be awarded for outstanding entries: Dragon, Hydra, Rose, Owl, Warrior (for warskill events).

6.19 Typical cultural skill contests include (but are not limited to): flat art, 3-D art, heraldry test, singing, instrumental music, best tasting cooking, factual writing, composition, weapon and shield construction, passive construction, active construction, best looking garb, best fighting garb, strategic gaming, vintners, poetry, etc.

6.1A Specific rules for these qualifications shall be put out by the sponsor at least six weeks prior to the date set for Crown Qualifications.

6.1B The winner of the cultural events at Crown Qualifications shall hold the title of group Arts and Sciences Champion for 6 months.

6.2 Warmaster Tournament

6.21 Warmaster Tournament will be held the same day as the Crown Qualifications event.

6.22 The running of the Warmaster Tournament will be the responsibility of the current Champion.

6.23 The Warmaster Tournament will be a multi-bracketed, single-elimination tournament and include a class battlegame. The tournament brackets will be: Single Sword, Double Weapon, Shield and Melee, Polearm, and Open Weapon. The First and Second place contestants from the tournament portion will then act as captains for a class shatter battle.

6.24 The captain of the winning team will be awarded the title of Warmaster for six months.

6.3 Kingdom Elections

6.31 Kingdom Elections are to be held within the third or fourth weekend of the months of

February and August.

6.32 Elections are to be ran as per section 3.2

6.4 Guildmaster Elections are to be held within the third or fourth weekend of the months of February and August during the same event as the Kingdom Elections.

6.41 Each fighting guild, the Circle of Steel, and the Reeves Guild will each vote for their Guildmaster at the Crown Elections held every six months.

6.411 One must have participated in a guild in the past six months in order to vote in the election for that guild's Guildmaster.

6.42 Class guilds include Anti-Paladin, Archer, Assassin, Barbarian, Bard, Druid, Healer, Monk, Monster, Paladin, Scout, Warrior, and Wizard.

6.5 Champion's Tournament

6.51 Shall be held on the same day as Kingdom Elections

6.52 Shall be ran by the same individual that ran the Crown Qualification event in conjunction with the outgoing Guildmaster of Reeves

6.53 Only those who qualified at the Crown Qualifications to be eligible to run for Champion may participate in the Champion's Tournament.

6.54 The Champion's Tournament shall be a double-elimination open weapon tournament.

6.6 Weaponmaster Tournament

6.61 Shall be held on the same day as Elections, or within the next two weeks.

6.62 Shall be ran by the Reeves Guild

6.63 This is a passage of arms in several different weapon classes. The Weaponmaster tournament will be a multi-bracketed, single-elimination tournament. The brackets must include: Single Sword, Double Weapon, Shield and Melee, Polearm, and Open Weapon. The Single Sword bracket may be divided into Single Short and Single Long. Other brackets may be included at the decision of tournament organizer.

6.64 Specific rules and bracket selection for the Weaponmaster Tourney must be posted at least two weeks prior to the date set for the Tournament.

6.65 The winner will hold the title of Weaponmaster for six months until the next such tournament.

6.6 Kingdom Coronation Feast

6.61 The Kingdom Coronation Feast is to be held with the first two weeks of March and September.

6.62 The feast is the responsibility of the Royal Consort as per section 1.26

(Note: Re-numbered this section)

February 2011

Changed number sequence in corpora, so that the corpora can flow better and be numerical (some of the althings addendums passed in 2010 had numbers attached that were not consistent with the current corpora at the time).

Add to Misc. section, "For previous offenses to the kingdom of Blackspire (Kingdom of Mystic Seas or VSR if before 2005) please see "Wall of Shame / Infraction sheet"." The Wall of Shame / Infraction sheet will include mundane name, persona name at time of infraction, offense, punishment handed out, and other notes such as how often this issue can be revisited, or if punishment is altered from date handed out to present day.

Removed sections 9.52, 9.521, 9.53, and 9.531 from the corpora and add to "wall of shame / infraction sheet"

Changed section 4.39C from "given by: the monarch" to "given by: the kingdom monarch" Note: NL was given the opportunity to vote on this issue, and must uphold the ruling.
(Note: 4.39C is now 4.3C)

Removed althing ruling made in Jan. 2010 "Kingdom althings must take place after all other scheduled events of the day have been concluded"