

KINGDOM OF YORK

Unchartered Subdivision Rules and Guidelines

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Subdivisions (usually called landed estates) of the Adrian Empire are Marches, Counties, Baronies and Households. A subdivision is an entity within a chartered subdivision which has the right to choose a ruling Noble or Nobles and have a seat on the Estates General. A subdivision is based on the free association of their members within a chartered subdivision. The ruling Noble is responsible for the administration of the estate. Subdivisions must continue to meet all the requirements for subdivision status. A March is an entity consisting of at least 50 members, a County of at least 35 members, a Barony of at least 15 members and a Household of at least 5 members.

The following procedure will be followed to create a subdivision.

1. At least thirty (30) days notice will be required for the formation of a subdivision.
2. A petition shall be prepared and presented to the Crown by the members of the prospective subdivision, setting forth the manner in which the requirements for said establishment or advancement have been met.
3. A name and Arms shall have been selected for the prospective subdivision (if none exists) which is acceptable to the majority of the members and the Crown. The Arms shall be submitted to the college of Arms for approval, although formation of the estate is not contingent on approval of the Arms.
4. 2/3 of the members of the subdivision being formed shall be present on the day of formation. They must hold a current membership and be in garb.
5. The Crown may for a just and stated cause deny the petition for the establishment or advancement of a prospective subdivision.

The following will be required of the Ruling Noble or Nobles of every subdivision.

1. Upon approval of the Arms, by the York Sovereign of Arms, the subdivision, must, within thirty (30) days of said approval, or at the next official event, whichever is longer, fly a banner displaying the Arms.
2. Provide the Steward's office a list of the members of the subdivision. Inform the Crown, the Steward and the Minister of Rolls who is to be the Ruling Noble or Nobles of the Subdivision. Subdivisions must give written notice of any changes of the Ruling Nobles. Once the Crown, the Steward and Minister of Rolls is notified the change will not take place for a period of twenty nine (29) days. Exceptions will be made if the retiring Ruling Noble or Nobles agrees and or the Crown waves the twenty nine (29) days.
3. Keep track of their member's participations and turn in Sire reports to the Minister of Rolls. The Sire's Report is to be turned into the Minister of Rolls no later than the next scheduled York Event.
4. "When any Ruling Noble of an unchartered subdivision of the Kingdom of York is present at a Imperial or York Crown sponsored event, that unchartered subdivision's banner must be displayed unless a just reason is presented to the

Crowns as to why the banner is not being flown. Should the reason not be acceptable to the Crowns, the Crowns have the option of placing the unchartered subdivision on probation and/or denying the Ruling Noble the ministry point for that month. Should the banner not be flown at the next event with the Ruling Noble present, the Crowns will have the option of removing the Ruling Noble from his/her position and having the unchartered subdivision select a new Ruling Noble.

5. Attend at least 2 York sanctioned events 6 months prior to the official summoning date of a Meeting of the Estates General.

Leaving a Subdivision

Members of any unchartered subdivision (March, County, Barony or House) have the right to remove themselves at anytime from said subdivision, even if taking this action reduces the estate below minimum numbers. The following procedures will be followed.

1. Written notice must be given to the ruling Noble of the subdivision being left.
2. Written notice must be given to the Crown, the Steward and the Rolls Minister.
3. Joining or Creating another subdivision within a period of twenty nine (29) days will not be allowed unless permission is granted by the former Ruling Noble and or the Crown.
4. If a subdivision falls below numbers due to members leaving, the subdivision will be granted a thirty one (31) day grace period to get numbers back to within limits with out losing any of the rights granted to said subdivision. However. If the subdivision is under numbers when an Estates General Meeting is summoned, that subdivision will not be permitted a vote at said meeting as per Article VI.E.6. the membership is fixed as of the summoning of the meeting.
After the grace period expires the subdivision will be placed on probation for a period of thirty (31) days losing all rights of that subdivision without declaring it extinct. If numbers can be brought back to within limits within that time, the probation will end and rights restored with out having to reform.

These provisions may be overridden by the current Crown.

As per Article VIII F. 4. of the Adria Empire Inc. ByLaws, “should any subdivision fail to meet or fail to continue to meet the requirements above, the crown may at its option and discretion, for just and stated cause, change the status of the subdivision to reflect its current qualifications, or declare the subdivision extinct altogether, thereby canceling all warrants of office for that subdivision and revoking its existence.”

Banner Sizes

The height of the poles can be a bit higher, but the top of the banner itself must hang at its respective height.

Banner Size (in inches)
Hanging Height (in feet)

Kingdom 50" x 50"	-12'
March 40" x 40"	-10'
County 35" x 35"	-9'
Canton 35" x 35"	-9'
2nd-Level Knight 30" x 30"	-8'
Barony 30" x 30"	-8'
Household 25" x 25"	-7'

ADDITION OF DAGS

For these banners there can be dags or tongues of up to 5"

- Canton Banner 35in by 35in Hangs at 9 feet
- Viscount/Viscountess 30in by 30in Hangs at 8 feet
- Barony Banner 30in by 30in Hangs at 8 feet
- Household Banner 25in by 25in Hangs at 7 feet

For these banners there can be dags or tongues up to 10"

- 2nd Level Knight 30in by 30in Hangs at 8 feet
- Contessa Banner 32in by 32in Hangs at 9 feet
- County Banner 35in by 35in Hangs at 9 feet
- March Banner 40in by 40in Hangs at 10 feet
- Duchy Banner 45in by 45in Hangs at 11 feet

For these banners there can be dags or tongues up to 15"

- Imperial Banner 60in by 60in Hangs at 15 feet
- Kingdom Banner 50in by 50in Hangs at 12 feet

- Prince/Princess Banner 32in by 72in (special design) Hangs at 11 feet
- 3rd Level Knight 38in by 38in Hangs at 9 feet

CHAINS OF STATE AND REGALIA

These guidelines are as follows:

- King/Queen - Gold Chain of State
- Prince/Princess - Silver Chain of State
- Lord/Lady Protector - Gold & Black Chain of State
- Earl/Contessa (Retired ruler of a Kingdom) - Silver & Black Chain of State
- Marquis/Marquise - Gold & Black Chain of State
- Third Level Knight - Gold & Black Chain of State
- Count/Countess - Black Chain of State
- Baron/Baroness - Black Chain of State
- Second Level Knight - Black Chain of State
- Sire - Black Chain of State