



## **THE CONSTITUTION OF THE TOTAL WAR CENTER**

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**-- PREAMBLE --**

The Curia shall foster all communities within the forums of Total War Center, and in this spirit the Curia serves as an advisory group to, and an awards committee for, the site.

Within this document lie the principles of the Curia and of Citizenship. Footnotes expand upon the basic principles; whilst not crucial, they are included for administrative purposes.

## -- SECTION I - CITIZENSHIP AND CURIAL OFFICERS --

### ARTICLE I - CITIZENSHIP

Citizenship is the fundamental award given by the Curia for contributions to the site and community of TWC. To be awarded with Citizenship a member must fulfill the minimum requirements and be proposed by a Citizen, their Patron. Minimum Requirements: At least fifty posts; been registered for at least two months, and; not received a Moderation Warning or Curial Warning within the past six months. An individual may hold only one account awarded with citizenship.

There are two classes of Citizenship:

The first is that of Citizen, which members of can display one of the following badges: *Artifex*, signifying modding contributions; *Civitate*, signifying writing and debating contributions; and *Citizen*, signifying both or other contributions. If a member is entitled to other badges, they may choose which badge to display whilst regardlessly retaining all privileges conferred by their positions and honors.

The second is that of Patrician, which is an honorary class of Citizenship reserved for those who have received a Large Award(s); *Opifex*, *Phalera*, *Asterix's Loincloth*, and *Novus*, or have formerly served as an Administrator for at least six months.

Patricians may display the Patrician badge. If a Large Award recipient resigns from Citizenship or has their Citizenship revoked, they lose the ability to display the Patrician badge but retain their Large Award(s)

Citizenship allows members to post in the Capitol<sup>1</sup> and propose other members for Citizenship so long as they themselves have been a citizen for at least three months.

Patronisation Procedure:

1. The patron confirms the candidate meets the requirements and, with the candidate's consent, Moderation is requested to inform the patron and the Consul whether the moderation requirement is met.
2. Given moderational clearance, the patron writes an introductory letter outlining why they are nominating the candidate.
3. The candidate and patron formulate an application which highlights the candidate's contributions along with any supporting evidence/information.
4. The patron posts the introductory letter and application in a new thread in the *Quaestiones Perpetuae* forum.
5. After a two day discussion period the Consul adds a poll lasting five days
6. The discussion period can be extended at the discretion of the Consul, provided an explanation is given.
7. If the candidate achieves sixty percent of non-abstaining votes, they are entitled to the award of Citizenship.

8. The Consul informs the candidate and patron of the result. If the candidate does not pass they are not eligible to apply again for one month after the conclusion of the poll.

Members can resign their Citizenship, or any other reward, and request it back at will, barring revocation. Citizenship can only be revoked by the Curia or the Administration. Additionally, any Citizen subject to an indefinite suspension will have their Citizenship automatically revoked by the Administration.

Reinstatement of Citizenship will only be permitted if the petitioner has no active Curial suspensions, and has not received a Moderation Warning (subsequent to the resignation) within six months of the request. Members who resign their Citizen status are not bound by the obligations of Citizenship whilst on leave, but any misbehaviour prior to a request of reinstatement can be subject to Referral (if the petitioner is readmitted).

## ARTICLE II - THE CONSUL AND CURIAL OFFICERS

Citizens elect and can run for<sup>2</sup> Curial officer positions: Consul, Censors, Praefects, and Magistrates.

The Consul acts as a local moderator of the Curia and is responsible for ensuring the Curia's day-to-day tasks are accomplished. Two Censors, appointed by the Consul, assist with Curial tasks and review referrals from Curial infractions. Magistrates review Moderation actions in the Tribunal. Praefects are the full moderators of the Curia and its related fora. Due to the nature of the Curia, Praefects recognize that off topic and personal references are allowed, within reason.

Consuls and Magistrates are elected for four months from the day of their election. The Primus Praefect are elected for a term of one year while the other two Praefects have six month terms from time of election. The Primus Praefect requires verifiable experience in staff moderation for three months, and/or Tribunal experience either as a Tribune or having served at least two terms as Magistrate. Censors are appointed to serve alongside the same term as the Consul but may be reappointed by future Consuls. Censors are appointed positions and as such the Consul is responsible for overseeing their activities

If the Consul is absent (has not logged into the site) for seven days without giving a notice of absence, is absent for more than fifteen days regardless of notice, resigns, or is subject to a successful Vote of No Confidence (VoNC), they are automatically removed from office along with any appointed censors. Any decisions of the office shall be held over until a replacement is elected. When such a decision is time-limited, time from the moment the office is empty does not count towards the limit until a new Consul is elected. When the office of the Consul is empty, the Primus Praefect will organize the election of a new Consul, and assume day-to-day administration of the Curia.

Undue absence or negligence may lead to an officer's removal from office. Any Curial Officer receiving a Moderation or Curial warning is immediately removed from office.

Praefects are included in these stipulations only when there is such a time period where none of the 3 Praefects are present or have given notice of extended absence, or any absence without notice places undue burden on any remaining praefects.

- REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES FOR SECTION I -

- 1) Subject to the procedures in Section III. Comments which cannot be supported due to either 'Non-Disclosure Agreement,' or existing within restricted forums, are prohibited.
- 2) Subject to the procedure in Section III

## **-- SECTION II – THE CURIA –**

### **ARTICLE I – THE CURIA FORUM**

The Curia is a place for all Citizens of the site to discuss and propose changes to the site and this document as well as for holding elections. It consists of the following sections:

- Curia – For non-binding legislative discussion. Polls concerning specific Amendments, Decisions, and nominations are not permitted in the Curia main.
- Symposium – For general discussion, Citizen debates, and the preservation of Curia and TWC history.<sup>1</sup>
- Quaestiones Perpetuae – For Citizenship applications.
- Prothalmos – For proposing formal resolutions of the Citizenry. Polls are not permitted within the Prothalmos.
- Curia Vote – For all votes on resolutions and elections.
- The Politia – For the Triumvirate's dealings.

Violations of Forum Rules and of the Terms of Service in this forum are considered to be doubly serious.

### **ARTICLE II – ELECTIONS**

For every election the Consul opens a thread for applications to the vacant position and another one for all questions and discussion, which remain open until the conclusion of the vote.

The Administration may veto any applicant.

Once applications are complete, the Consul opens a poll in the Curia Vote forum. The member who receives the highest number of votes is elected to the position. Votes on resolutions last one week, votes on elections last four days.

Should more than six members apply for any position, the Administration may shortlist six members to stand for the election. If there is no applicant, the application period is prolonged and the incumbent will remain in office until a replacement has been elected.

Where more than one of the same position is vacant, the procedure is the same, and the members with the highest votes are elected. In the case of ties, a run off vote is held between the tied members lasting three days. If there is only one applicant, a ratification vote is held with options "Yes", "No", and "Abstain".

If a Curial Officer wins an election for another Curial Office, they are required to immediately resign their original Curial Office. An election for the vacant Curial Office will be held.

Applicants for Curial offices must meet the minimum requirements of the position:

- Consul - citizenship for at least three months; cannot have received a Curial or Moderation Warning for at least one month
- Censor - citizenship for at least one month; cannot have received a Curial Warning for at least one month and must not have any active moderation warnings.
- Primus Praefect - citizenship for at least three months; cannot have received a Curial or Moderation Warning for at least six months. Must have verifiable experience in staff moderation for three months, and/or Tribunal experience either as a Tribune or having served at least two terms as Magistrate.
- Praefect - citizenship for at least three months; cannot have received a Curial or Moderation Warning for at least three months; must not be a current staff moderator or tribune.
- Magistrate - citizenship for at least three months; cannot have received a Curial or Moderation Warning for at least six months; must not be a current staff moderator or tribune.

### ARTICLE III – RESOLUTIONS

Any member can propose a resolution by posting a thread in the Prothalmos. Any Prothalmos threads can be archived by the Consul if they are not posted in for twenty eight days.

Resolutions can be Amendments, making changes to this document; Decisions, suggesting changes to the site; Nominations, proposing a member for a Curial award; or Votes of No Confidence (VoNC) against Curial Officers or Staff Members. A VoNC may only be initiated for neglect of duty or abuse of authority<sup>2</sup> and, if successful against a Curial Officer, results in their immediate removal from office. Any Curial Officer subject to a successful VoNC, or who resigns during the VoNC process, may not run in the replacement or full election for the next open seat of the same position.

For being moved to vote the latest version of a resolution requires at least three Citizens to post in its Prothalmos thread indicating their support. The latest version of the resolution must be debated for at least three days in the Prothalmos before the proposer can request it be moved to vote.

All resolutions are voted on at the proposer's request and pass on the basis of a two-thirds majority of non-abstaining votes in favor. If any resolution fails a vote, no re-vote on a substantially similar resolution will be permitted within twenty-eight days. All Amendments and Decisions are considered to have immediate effect and no retroactive effect unless specifically stated otherwise.

When a resolution is moved to vote, the Prothalmos thread is left open and the Consul posts the latest version of the resolution, and a link to its Prothalmos thread, as a new poll in the Curia Vote forum. Subsequent posts in this thread are limited to the notification of having voted. Messages lobbying to vote for or against, including via signatures and avatars are prohibited; however, posts lobbying to vote for or against are allowed in the original Prothalmos thread and in the Curial Commentary Thread.

The Administration may veto any resolution.

Where a Decision requires the Curia to choose between multiple options, two polls are run



concurrently, the first poll as a normal Decision, the second poll outlining the various options to choose from if the Decision passes. Whichever option receives the plurality of votes is implemented, but only if the Decision passes in the usual manner.

Citizens may not view the results of Curia Votes (unless necessary for the execution of any other duty to the site) until the vote has concluded. After a successful vote the Consul enacts the resolution, or requests the administration to enact it or to give an official reason for not doing so.

The Consul may correct any spelling, grammatical, or formative errors in the Constitution or any Curial resolution. The details of any such changes must be recorded in the Amendments thread of the Tabularium.

The Consul posts the text of all passed Amendments in a stickied Amendments thread in the Tabularium, numbered consecutively in the order they pass. The stickied Constitution thread in the Curia is then edited to reflect the changes made by passed Amendments. When a Section or Article is added or removed, all subsequent Sections and Articles are renumbered by the Consul appropriately.

The Consul posts the text of all passed Decisions in a stickied Decisions thread in the Tabularium, consecutively in the order they pass.

After an election or resolution has been voted on all its threads are archived appropriately by the Consul

#### - REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES FOR SECTION II -

- 1) Subject to the procedures in Section IV, Article I.
- 2) Frivolous use of this procedure shall be considered grounds for Curial disciplinary proceedings as per Section III.

## -- SECTION III – PRAEFECTS, CENSORS, AND MAGISTRATES --

### ARTICLE I – THE TRIUMVIRATE AND REFERRALS

The Triumvirate consists of:

- **The Praefects** - Who discuss and vote on every Referral. The Primus Praefect holds the tiebreaking vote if necessary.
- **The Consul and Censors** - Who may discuss Referrals, hold no vote, except in the case of infractions issued to citizens in the Curia where they will act in place of Praefects.
- **The Hexagon Council** - Who may choose to participate.

Citizens are expected to behave in an exemplary manner and can be referred to the Praefects for a review of their behaviour and possible disciplinary action, though no citizen can be subject to more than one referral for a single post. Such a Referral is initiated automatically by Moderation for infractions incurred, or discretionally by Citizens for behavior considered unbecoming. Praefects may decide if a referral is frivolous. If a referral has merit, the Praefects request a defense from the referred and decides whether and which disciplinary action is to be taken.

The defendant receives an anonymous copy of the accusation from the Praefects. Any defense must be provided within ninety-six hours of the request. At the request of the referred, the Praefects also accept materials provided on behalf of the referred. Such materials shall be posted until the first poll is concluded, and must be considered by the Triumvirate in the second poll, if such a poll is required.

A simple majority of non-abstaining votes is required to pass. Where two options have the same number of votes, the Consul or Praefect breaks the tie. Votes submitted by members of the Triumvirate shall be accompanied by a post stating which option the member selected, along with their reasoning.

Four days after requesting a defense, regardless of whether it has been received, a vote is opened by a Praefects to conclude after four days with the options to dismiss the Referral, take further action, or abstain.

If the Citizens' Triumvirate vote to take further action, a Praefect opens a second poll for four days. The options are:

- Censure
- Suspension of Citizenship for 1 month
- Suspension of Citizenship for 2 months
- Suspension of Citizenship for 4 months
- Suspension of Citizenship for 6 months
- Revocation of Citizenship
- Abstain

If a citizen believes an offense by another citizen is egregious enough to bring before the entire Curia that citizen may initiate an Ostrakon.

A citizen initiates an ostrakon by making a case via private message to one of the Praefects. A majority vote of the prefects determines if an ostrakon has merit. If an ostrakon has merit:

- The Primus Praefect notifies the defendant and requests a defense
- After a defense is provided, or after one week if no defense is provided, the Primus Praefect posts the ostrakon accusation and defense within the Quaestiones Perpetuae
- After three days of discussion a Praefect adds a poll lasting seven days to either Dismiss, Revoke Citizenship, or Abstain. A 2/3rds majority of non-abstaining votes is required for revocation.

All citizen initiated referrals processed as Ostrakons are public. All other referrals are private unless the member referred requests for them to be made public.

Praefects, censors, and the consul must recuse themselves in their own referrals or any case of a non-Curial infraction they may have issued elsewhere as a site moderator.

If a Praefect must recuse themselves, the Consul may step into their voting position. Praefects may recuse themselves from citizen initiated referrals but not from staff initiated referral (except one against themselves or one they were involved in directly as a site moderator). If at any point the majority of Praefects must recuse themselves, the entire process is referred to the Consul and Censors.

If a Citizen is not satisfied with the result of their referral, they may request a public appeal. The appeal will be discussed and decided in the Curia.<sup>8</sup> The result is binding and is not subject to further appeal.

The Consul posts any original private referral and further action threads in the Quaestiones Perpetuae, and opens a new poll thread with the options to keep, overturn or change the ruling, or abstain. The poll lasts four days. If the Citizenry votes to change the punishment, the Consul opens a second poll for four days. The options are all punishments excluding the original punishment, and abstention. A simple majority of non-abstaining votes is required for the first vote. In the case of a vote to either increase or decrease punishment, in the second vote, the option with the highest number of votes is the punishment given. Where two options have the same number of votes, the punishment given is determined by the Multiple Transferable Vote System.

## ARTICLE II – MAGISTRATES AND THE TRIBUNAL

The Tribunal reviews appealed infractions and notes issued by Moderation in order to ensure that the Terms of Service are applied correctly and fairly.

To serve on the Tribunal, a panel of Tribunes is appointed by the Hexagon Council and two Magistrates are elected by the Curia. Magistrates rotate as acting Tribunes, each voting on one of every two cases.

Should a Tribune recuse themselves, or there is a tie between Tribunes, the other Magistrate respectively votes in their stead, or is called to break the tie. Magistrates are terminated by a unanimous vote of the Tribunes.

## -- SECTION IV – COMMUNITY AND AWARDS –

### ARTICLE I – THE SYMPOSIUM

This sub-forum exists as a general meeting place for all Citizens of Total War Center. Within the Symposium, rules are generally more relaxed to allow for more concentrated debates. Breach of the Terms of Service shall still be dealt with accordingly in this sub-forum.

The Symposium also exists as a place where the extensive history of Total War Center may be stored.

### ARTICLE II – TWC'S LIVING HISTORY FORUM

TWC's Living History Forum exists as a place where the extensive history of Total War Center may be catalogued and chronicled. It is overseen by the Curator.

### ARTICLE III – CURIAL AWARDS

The following awards are those among [TWC's awards](#) that are granted by vote<sup>1</sup> of the Curia.

Large Awards are granted for exceptional contributions to an area of the site and awardees may adopt Citizenship. All Large Awards are accompanied by display usergroups. A Large Award is defined visibly by a postbit icon greater than 40 pixels in both dimensions:

- **Divus** - To achieve apotheosis, the nominee must have served as a Hexagon Council member (or previous equivalents), made a clear and distinguished contribution to the community, and provided exceptional service to TWC in their capacity as an administrator. Any former member of Administration is eligible, but they cannot be nominated within three months of resigning. A nominee who fails the vote is not eligible to be nominated again for a six month period. Nominees must also meet the criteria to become a Citizen.
- **Novus** - To qualify for the Novus award, the nominee must have made exceptional contributions to the site in the capacity of a staff member. A current or former member of any branch of Staff is eligible to receive the award. Nominees must also meet the criteria to become a Citizen. A nominee who fails the vote is not eligible to be nominated again for a three month period.
- **Opifex** - To qualify for the Opifex award, the nominee must have made exceptional contributions to the Total War sections of the forum, either by modding or other contributions related to the those sections. Any member is eligible to receive the Opifex award. Nominees must also meet the criteria to become a Citizen. A nominee who fails the vote is not eligible to be nominated again for a three month period.
- **Phalera** - To qualify for the Phalera award, the nominee must have made exceptional contributions to any section of the forum not covered by Opifex. Any member is eligible to

receive the Phalera award. Nominees must also meet the criteria to become a Citizen. A nominee who fails the vote is not eligible to be nominated again for a three month period.

- **Asterix Loincloth** - To qualify for the Asterix Loincloth award, the nominee must have demonstrated purity of mind and spirit on TWC, in the pursuit of humour and good times for all members. Any member is eligible to receive the Asterix Loincloth award. Nominees must also meet the criteria to become a Citizen. A nominee who fails the vote is not eligible to be nominated again for a three month period.

Medium Awards are granted for significant contributions to an area of the site. A Medium Award is defined visibly by a postbit icon greater than 30 pixels, and less than 40 pixels in both dimensions:

- **Curial Service Award** - To qualify for the Curial Service Award, the nominee must have served the Curia with distinction as a Citizen for at least six months.

Small Awards are granted for notable contributions to an area of the site. A Small Award is defined visibly by a postbit icon less than 25 pixels in both dimensions:

- **Man of the Hour Award** - Awarded by the Curia for a remarkable deed that benefited the TWC community.