

# **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.

## **-- 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 be proposed by a Citizen, their Patron.

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.

The second is that of Patrician, which is an honorary class of Citizenship reserved for those who have received a Large Award or have formerly served as an Administrator.

Citizenship allows members to post in the Curia and propose other members for Citizenship.

### **ARTICLE II - THE CONSUL AND CURIAL OFFICERS**

Citizens elect and can run for 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.

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.

## **-- 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.

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

### **ARTICLE II – ELECTIONS**

Elections are organised by the Consul or the most senior Curial officer in his absence.

The Administration may veto any applicant.

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.

### **ARTICLE III – RESOLUTIONS**

Any member can propose a resolution by posting a thread in the Prothalmos.

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 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.

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. All resolutions are considered to have immediate effect and no retroactive effect unless specifically stated otherwise.

The Administration may veto any resolution.

## -- 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 may 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.

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

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. The result is binding and is not subject to further appeal.

### 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.

## -- 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 – CURIAL AWARDS

The following awards are those among TWC's awards that are granted by vote of the Curia.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

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