

Arranging Thrones

Ensuring the thrones are appropriately set up for court is a task that can shift between the event set-up team, the royal and baronial households, and court heralds. Whoever takes on this task is advised to check on royal and baronial preferences, and may wish to keep the following guidance in mind.

Throne Placement

When setting up thrones, be mindful that there must be room behind them for at least one row of people standing, plus passing room. A minimum of one metre is necessary, and preferably a metre and a half or more. If there are obstructions such as pavilion poles to work around, more space may be needed. Items that could be knocked over should be minimised in this space, and any fire-based lighting should be discussed with the royal and baronial households so that it can be managed safely.

Within the limits of the space, try not to crowd the thrones too close together. Everyone sitting on them will need elbow room, and the Crown and any hosting baronage may need a small table or bench to put down cups, notebooks, and other necessary items. This table or bench is usually supplied by the relevant royal or baronial household, and is generally placed between the pair (e.g. between the King and Queen).

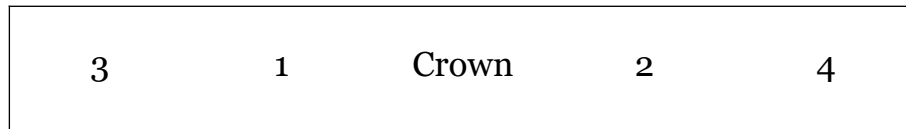
However, remember that people may need to walk around the ends of the row of thrones during court (for example, if an attendant is called forward to receive an award), so make sure there is space at the sides for them to do so.

For outdoor courts, be mindful of the acoustic effects of the roof of a pavilion or canopy. Sound will travel forward and up from the herald at about a thirty degree angle; if it hits an awning, the sound will bounce backwards, rather than continuing out to any of the populace outside the covered area. This may make it preferable to move the thrones forward for court so that they are at the edge of the roofed area.

If most, but not all, of the populace will be under a pavilion, be aware that those outside it will be at a substantial disadvantage.

Throne Order

The thrones should be arranged with the Crown in the centre, then in descending order of precedence, alternating between the Crown's right and left. Facing the Crown, this looks like:



The order of precedence for thrones is:

1. Lochac Crown
2. Visiting Crowns (in order of creation of their kingdoms)
3. Lochac Heirs
4. Hosting Barony
5. Other Lochac Baronies in order of creation:
 - i. Rowany
 - ii. Innilgard
 - iii. River Haven
 - iv. Aneala
 - v. Stormhold
 - vi. Ynys Fawr
 - vii. Politarchopolis
 - viii. Southron Gaard
 - ix. St Florian de la Riviere
 - x. Ildhafn
 - xi. Mordenvale
 - xii. Krae Glas

Mid-Feast Courts

Mid-feast courts can pose a challenge, as the thrones are often used as dining chairs. The options are as follows:

- Move the tables (and everything on them) carefully to the side for court;
- Move all the thrones in front of the tables for court, then back again afterwards;
- Conduct court with the Crown and Baronages standing;
- Use alternative dining chairs and bring the thrones forward from the side of the room for court;
- Use alternative dining chairs and leave the thrones set up somewhere that does not block the Crown's view of the hall.

Which of these options are used depends on the space available, the preference of the Crown, and the royal household; the royal household should work with whoever is setting up the feast hall to make it happen.