

Coronation Event Overview

The courts at Coronation event involve more different groups than any other event, and accordingly, even more communication is necessary to make sure everyone is able to balance their goals. This communication starts before the event, as broad plans and shared ceremonies are agreed on, but everyone should also make time during the event to check in with each other.

Before each court, there should be a private meeting between the Crown/s, the court herald, and a representative of the relevant royal household/s to make sure everyone is on the same page and any questions have been answered.

Some multitasking is generally possible during this meeting (e.g. the Crown may be eating a meal, or royal household members may be helping them dress), but such meetings get less efficient the more trains of thought people are trying to juggle, and this should be taken into account when planning them.

The Incoming Crown in particular will be in high demand throughout the event, but it is entirely appropriate for them to reserve time they are not available to the populace, so that they can prepare themselves for later parts of the event.

Pre-Event Preparation

The **Outgoing Crown** should develop a list of business for their Final Court, and should consider their preferences for any County, Duchy, and/or Rose ceremonies.

The **Incoming Crown** should develop a list of business for their First Court, and should consider their preferences for the Coronation ceremony. (See *Coronation Ceremony: Options*.)

The **Outgoing Crown** and **Incoming Crown** should discuss their preferences and come to an agreement on the Coronation ceremony and any Royal Peerage ceremonies. They should also speak to any local baronage to determine how much baronial business there is, and decide which courts this business should take place in. They should confirm with the steward of the event that enough time has been allocated for court, and appoint a court herald or court heralds if they haven't done so earlier in the process.

The **court herald** should print copies of the agreed-on Coronation ceremony, and make note of any customisation for any County, Duchy, and/or Rose ceremonies. They should also reach out to the Greater Officers to make sure they are prepared for their roles in the coronation ceremony, and make sure someone has contacted the incoming Champion of Lochac to find out whether they will be attending or sending a letter.

Final Court of Outgoing Crown

The Final Court of the Outgoing Crown may include the following:

- Any Kingdom awards that the Crown wishes to give before stepping down (either because they wish to give them personally, or because they are timely to give at this event);
- Local baronial business (if time allows);
- Presentation of personal gifts to the Outgoing Crown (for example, from an attending baronage);
- Royal cyphers and thanks to members of the Royal Household;
- Release of the Royal Household;
- Final personal words from the Outgoing Crown reflecting on their reign.

If the Outgoing Crown has a long list of people to thank at this event, the court herald can help plan the most effective and impactful way to do so, without taking so much time the populace loses focus.

Coronation Court

This court should generally consist only of the Coronation ceremony, or of the Coronation ceremony plus the Royal Peerage ceremonies of the Outgoing Crown.

First Court of Incoming Crown

If the Royal Peerage ceremonies did not take place in Coronation Court, they should be the first item of business in this court. If the Outgoing Consort is becoming a member of the Order of the Rose, that should also be included.

The Champion and Lord/Lady of Lochac should also be announced in this court, whether or not they are present at the event.

Other items of business which may occur in this court include:

- Appointment of Royal Household members;
- Baronial business (if time allows);
- Non-award court business, such as presentations or Kingdom Officer changeovers.

It is uncommon for an Incoming Crown to give awards at their first event, as the assumption is that they will want some time to observe the populace from the perspective of the Crown before making such decisions.

Public Business Outside Court

There are generally a surprising number of unexpected items of non-award court business, requested via the court herald over the course of the event. The Incoming Crown should be aware that they may always courteously refuse a request for time in court. Presentations in particular are something which can be moved out of court if necessary, and simply occur in an appropriately public moment.

A herald can easily call the attention of the populace without formally opening a court. If the populace are already gathered in hearing range (such as during a feast), they could, for example, loudly declare: *“Your Majesties, I understand that [Name] wishes to make a presentation. May they come forward?”*

If a more substantial call is needed, the herald could begin with: *“Oyez, Oyez, my lords, my ladies, good gentles all: pay heed to the Crown!”*

After the item of business, once the herald has called for cheers, if the Crown, herald, and other people involved return to their usual places, this will generally cue the populace that they too may return to other things.