

Crown Tourney: Preparing the Lists

Calling for Letters of Intent

When calling for Letters of Intent, the Crown generally announce any conditions for entrants (e.g. that they must have participated in an archery competition in the past year), any requirements for the tournament (e.g. to have covered all mundane elements of their combat equipment), and/or to announce the format of the tournament. It is also good practice to include a list of the requirements for entrants under Lochac Law (e.g. being over 18, being current members).

The most common tournament formats for Crown Tourney are a round robin (if there a smaller number of entrants), and a single kill, double or triple elimination tourney (if there are a large number). It is common for these both to be presented as options, to be decided once Letters of Intent are received.

Preparing and Announcing the Crown Lists

Once the Letters of Intent have been received, and the Crown has decided which entrants are acceptable to them, they are expected to prepare and announce the Crown List for the tournament. Each pair should be listed in the format “[Preferred Title] [Full Name], fighting for [Preferred Title] [Full Name]”, and the list should be in Order of Precedence.

Order of Precedence is established by Kingdom Law; when considering the precedence of an entrant pair, the pair has the precedence of its higher member. The Order (after the Crown and their Heirs) is as follows:

1. **Landed Baronages** in order of baronial creation (Rowany, Innilgard, River Haven, Aneala, Stormhold, Ynys Fawr, Politarchopolis, Southron Gaard, Saint-Florian-de-la-rivière, Ildhafn, Mordenvale, Krae Glas);
2. **Greater Officers of State** in the following order: Seneschal, Crux Australis Herald, Earl Marshal, Minister of Arts and Sciences, Chancellor of the Exchequer, Chronicler, Chirurgeon, Constable;
3. In order by highest award received, as listed in Canon Lore.

Entries for individuals in Canon Lore (<https://canon.lochac.sca.org>) list their number in the Order of Precedence just below their home group. This number will not take into account whether they are a territorial Baron or Baroness, or whether they are a Greater Officer of State. It also will only take into account awards that have been added to Canon Lore, so if the individual has received an award at a very recent event, this may need to be taken into account.

If you aren't sure about someone's precedence, Crux Australis Herald or another herald should be able to assist you.

Please note that even though the Crown Lists are prepared in advance, the combatants will still need to see the event Lists team on the day, before the tourney begins, to confirm they have been inspected.

Planning the First Round Challenges

It is customary for the Crown to split the entrants into a Sovereign's side and a Consort's side as they present themselves in Invocation Court, and for the Consort's side entrants to each challenge someone on the Sovereign's side, to face in the first round. These challenges typically take place in ascending Order of Precedence, so that the last person to join the Consort's side is the first person to make a challenge. The split between Sovereign's side and Consort's side should be planned by the Crown in advance.

Traditionally, all members of the Order of Chivalry are invited to the Sovereign's side. If less than half of the combatants are members of the Chivalry (which is common), the Crown will need to decide in advance who else to invite to that side. This should take into account the practical considerations of balancing the lists (so people of high prowess should be considered) and the symbolic considerations of asking someone to stand as an honorary knight (so character and membership of other Peerages, especially Martial Orders, should be considered).

If more than half of the combatants are members of the Chivalry (which is very uncommon), the Crown will need to decide who among the Chivalry will be asked to join the Consort's side for the day. While this should not be considered a dishonour, those asked should be approached in advance to be advised of the Crown's wishes, and it is recommended that the Consort make a point in court of asking those members of the Chivalry to join their side to do honour to them personally.