

Holding of The Everglade Sentinels

Herein set forth are the bylaws of The Everglade Sentinels,
A Chapter of Amtgard International, located in Grants Pass, OR,
A subsidiary holding of the Kingdom of Blackspire

ARTICLE 1: Recognition

- 1.1 The Everglade Sentinels shall adhere to all state, local, and federal regulations to which it is subject.
- 1.2 The Everglade Sentinels shall adhere to Article 12 of the Blackspire constitution.
- 1.3 This document shall not contradict any articles set forth in the Blackspire constitution.

ARTICLE 2: Definitions

- 2.1 Definitions of terminology unique to this document is as follows:

MONARCHY shall refer to all members elected to the positions of Holder, Vizier, Chancellor, Guardian, and Sheriff collectively.

OFFICER shall refer to any individual elected to the position of Holder, Vizier, Chancellor, Guardian, Sheriff, or Archivist.

HOLDING shall refer to the chapter of Amtgard also known as The Everglade Sentinels.

MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING refers to a member of The Everglade Sentinels who has paid dues, attended any six Blackspire or subsidiary holding functions, and one Blackspire general assembly meeting, all in the past six months.

SENTINEL shall refer to individual members of The Everglade Sentinels.

TRAVELER shall refer to a member of Amtgard who is not a member of The Everglade Sentinels.

REGULAR PARK DAY shall refer to weekly meetings that host events such as althings, battle games, and tournaments.

FIGHTER PRACTICE shall refer to auxiliary meetings focused on martial exercises.

ARTS AND SCIENCES or **A&S** shall refer to creative efforts and activities related to Amtgard.

ALTHINGS shall refer to general membership meetings of the Everglade Sentinels.

ARTICLE 3: Meeting Location & Schedule

- 3.1 The Everglade Sentinels' home park shall be Reinhart Volunteer Park
 - 3.1.1 Located at 1690 SW Webster Rd, Grants Pass, OR 97526.
- 3.2 Regular Park Days shall occur each Saturday, from 12:00PM to 2:00PM.
 - 3.2.1 Regular Park Days may be extended to run longer than 2:00 at any officer's discretion.
- 3.3 Fighter Practices shall occur weekly at a day and time set by the current Guardian or Holder.
- 3.4 Arts and Science nights shall occur regularly, on a schedule set by the current Vizier.
- 3.5 Althings may be called to order at any time at the discretion of any officer.
 - 3.5.1 Althings called this way shall meet at least one of the following requirements:
 - 3.5.1.1 Notice shall be posted a minimum of two weeks prior in the holding discord server.
 - 3.5.1.2 Voting for althing items must be available on the holding discord server for 48 hours.
 - 3.5.1.3 All members in good standing shall be present and allowed to vote.

ARTICLE 4: Accreditation

- 4.1 One (1) credit shall be granted to each member of Amtgard who attends a public Regular Park Day, Fighter Practice, or Arts and Sciences night.
 - 4.1.1 One (1) additional credit shall be awarded to any Traveler who attends in person.
 - 4.1.2 One (1) additional credit shall be awarded if the distance a player travels to attend an event is greater than 40 miles.
 - 4.1.3 One (1) additional credit may be granted at the discretion of the holder.
- 4.2 By joint agreement of the Holder and any other Monarchy member, or by the Vizier and Chancellor, a regular park day may be deemed a *Virtual Park Day*.
 - 4.2.1 On Virtual Park Days any sentinel may sign in via discord instead of attending park activities in person.
 - 4.2.2 Activities may still be held in person if an officer is present.
 - 4.2.3 Sentinels who sign in virtually are encouraged to share Amtgard related activities, but are not required to do so.
 - 4.2.4 Whether signing in on discord or in person, normal credits shall be awarded.
 - 4.2.4.1 Credits are not available to travelers unless they attend in person.
- 4.3 Scheduled Fighter Practices and A&S (but not regular park days) may be joined remotely by any members of Amtgard, provided either subsection 4.3.1 or 4.3.2 are fulfilled:
 - 4.3.1 They are present in an official holding discord call for the event.
OR
 - 4.3.2 At least two members of Amtgard are present for the related activities,
At least one of the present members is a Sentinel,
And evidence of attendance and participation is provided to the Chancellor.
- 4.4 A Sentinel may reallocate any credits they have earned to a class of their choosing.
 - 4.4.1 This reallocation of credits may only occur one time per sentinel.
 - 4.4.2 Only credits earned at the Sentinels first five events in Amtgard may be reallocated.
 - 4.4.3 This reallocation must be done in the Sentinels first year of play.

ARTICLE 5: Official Communication

- 5.1 Discord shall be used as the official channel of communication for The Everglade Sentinels.
 - 5.1.1 The URL to The Everglade Sentinels discord server is <https://discord.gg/S4rA69vJd>.
 - 5.1.2 The server shall be owned and maintained by the current Archivist.
 - 5.1.3 Each member of the holding Monarchy shall be server Admins.
 - 5.1.4 Additional Admins may be appointed at the Holder's discretion.
 - 5.1.5 The announcements channel shall be used to disseminate holding and kingdom news.
 - 5.1.6 The events feature of the server shall only be used to provide a link to the calendar.
 - 5.1.7 A new server shall be established only if it is necessary for continued communication.
 - 5.1.8 If a new server is created, it must be brought to the next Althing vote to make it official.
- 5.2 A Google Calendar shall be established and maintained as a supplement to the discord server.
 - 5.2.1 The ID of the Everglade Sentinels Calendar is:
534fca465fd258a10f1a038a088f748607cb3d60edb42fb634f7cee6b85f1c8e@group.calendar.google.com
 - 5.2.2 A link to the Calendar shall be stored in the events of the server after each coronation.
 - 5.2.3 The Calendar shall be owned and maintained by the current Archivist.
 - 5.2.4 The Chancellor shall regularly advise the Archivist of events to be added to the calendar.
 - 5.2.5 The Monarchy shall be granted read and write permissions to the calendar.
 - 5.2.6 A new calendar shall only be established if it is necessary for continued scheduling.
 - 5.2.7 If a new calendar is created, it must be brought to an Althing vote to make it official.
- 5.3 A website shall be established and maintained as a supplement to the discord server.
 - 5.3.1 The URL to The Everglade Sentinels Website is <https://www.GrantsPassLARP.com>.
 - 5.3.2 A vote to renew this domain registration shall occur at the summer midreign althing.
 - 5.3.3 If this vote passes, holding funds shall be used to renew or maintain the domain.
 - 5.3.4 The Archivist shall be the designated administrative contact for the domain and shall maintain control of DNS records and registration details on behalf of the Holding.
 - 5.3.5 The website shall include the following content at a minimum:
 - 5.3.5.1 A link to the official holding Discord server.
 - 5.3.5.2 An embedded version of the official Holding Google calendar.
 - 5.3.5.3 A library of applicable holding, kingdom, and Amtgard International documents.
 - 5.3.5.4 Up-to-date information on regular park day times and locations.
 - 5.3.5.5 A list of current holding monarchy with their Discord contact information.
 - 5.3.6 The Archivist shall maintain documentation for website management, including:
 - 5.3.6.1 An overview of the website's structure, technical stack, and purpose.
 - 5.3.6.2 Instructions for performing common updates or changes.
 - 5.3.6.3 A record of any data integrations, tools, or external dependencies.
 - 5.3.6.4 Transfer instructions for onboarding the next Archivist.

ARTICLE 6: Midreign

- 6.1 Midreign shall be a special event day that occurs every six months.
- 6.2 An althing vote and election shall be held on the third Saturdays of May and November.
- 6.3 Midreign shall be held on the fourth Saturdays of May and November.
- 6.4 A midreign feast shall be prepared and shared with the Holding.
 - 6.4.1 The current Vizier shall be responsible for organizing and executing this feast.
 - 6.4.1.1 The Vizier shall have authority to spend up to 10% of Holding funds for the feast.
 - 6.4.1.2 The Vizier shall have authority to charge a set price to receive food or drink.
 - 6.4.1.3 Prices to eat or drink shall be set and published at least one week before midreign.
 - 6.4.1.4 Payments shall be received by the Chancellor before food or drink is distributed.
 - 6.4.1.5 If the Chancellor is unavailable or unable to do so, a delegate appointed by the Holder shall collect these payments.
- 6.5 The Sheriff shall run at least one fighting tournament, designated as the Sentinel's Bracket.
 - 6.5.1 If the Sheriff is unavailable or unable to do so, a delegate appointed by the Holder shall run this tournament.
 - 6.5.2 This tournament shall be open to all members of Amtgard, regardless of the number of ladder-awards a member holds.
 - 6.5.3 The specific rules and bracket sign-up shall be posted on the server in a temporary channel at least one week before the tournament is held.
 - 6.5.4 This tournament shall be a multi-bracketed, single-elimination tournament, consisting of the following brackets:
 - Single Short
 - Two Shorts
 - Short and up to Medium Shield
 - Open Weapon
 - Any additional brackets deemed fit by the event runner
 - 6.5.5 The first place, over all victor shall receive the title of First Sentinel.
- 6.6 Court shall be held at a time after the Sentinel's Bracket tournament is finished.
 - 6.6.1 During Court the following shall take place:
 - 6.6.1.1 Dismissal of the current Chancellor and Archivist, if applicable.
 - 6.6.1.2 Swearing in of the newly elected Chancellor and Archivist.
 - 6.6.1.3 Awards shall be presented.
 - 6.6.1.4 Victors of the Sentinel's Bracket shall be announced
 - 6.6.1.5 The title of First Sentinel shall be granted until the next Midreign.

ARTICLE 7: Coronation

- 7.1 Coronation shall be a special event day that occurs every six months.
- 7.2 An althing vote and election shall be held on the first Saturdays of February and August.
- 7.3 Coronation shall be held on the second Saturdays of February and August.
- 7.4 A Coronation feast shall be prepared and shared with the Holding.
 - 7.4.1 The current Vizier shall be responsible for organizing and executing this feast.
 - 7.4.1.1 The Vizier shall have authority to spend up to 30% of Holding funds for the feast.
 - 7.4.1.2 The Vizier shall have authority to charge a set price to receive food or drink.
 - 7.4.1.3 Prices to eat or drink shall be set and published at least one week before Coronation.
 - 7.4.1.4 Payments shall be received by the Chancellor before food or drink is distributed.
 - 7.4.1.5 If the Chancellor is unavailable or unable to do so, a delegate appointed by the Holder shall collect these payments.
- 7.5 The Vizier shall run an Arts and Sciences event designated as the Dragon's Hoard.
 - 7.5.1 This event shall be a showcase of skill and expertise, not a tournament.
 - 7.5.2 Participants shall present one entry of cultural merit.
 - 7.5.3 Typical entries of cultural merit include, but are not limited to:
 - Flat art, 3D art, heraldry, singing, instrumental music, factual writing, composition, weapon and shield construction, passive construction, court garb, fighting garb, strategic gaming, poetry, brewing and wine-making, etc.
 - 7.5.4 The Dragon's Hoard event shall be a stand-in for a holding level Dragonmaster.
 - 7.5.4.1 Upon such an event that the holding is raised to the level of Barony or higher, a vote shall be held at the next althing to remove this section, 7.5, from this document and implement a Dragonmaster style tournament, and applicable line items, in its place.
- 7.6 The Guardian shall organize and run a fighting tournament, called the Sentinel's Gauntlet.
 - 7.6.1 The format and rules of the Sentinel's Gauntlet shall be established by the Guardian.
 - 7.6.2 At least one team-based event shall be included in this tournament.
 - 7.6.3 The first place, over all victor shall receive the title of Commander.
- 7.7 Court shall be held at a time after the Holding Dragon's Hoard and Sentinel's Gauntlet event have finished.
 - 7.7.1 During Court the following shall take place:
 - 7.7.1.1 Dismissal of the current Holder, Vizier, Guardian, and Sheriff, if applicable.
 - 7.7.1.2 Swearing in of the newly elected Holder, Vizier, Guardian, and Sheriff.
 - 7.7.1.3 Awards shall be presented.
 - 7.7.1.4 Victors of the Sentinel's Gauntlet announced.
 - 7.7.1.5 The title of Commander shall be granted until the next Coronation.

ARTICLE 8: Battle Games

- 8.1 The Guardian shall be responsible for running battle games.
 - 8.1.1 If the Guardian is unavailable or unable to run battle games, they shall be run by a delegate appointed by the Holder.
- 8.2 The holding shall use the current release of Amtgard rules of play at all combat functions.

ARTICLE 9: Bylaw Changes

- 9.1 Clerical errors in this document may be corrected with approval by a majority vote of the monarchy.
 - 9.1.1 This does not include any changes to grammar or any change that could alter the meaning of any line-item.
- 9.2 Material changes, including - but not limited to – grammatical errors, line-item addition, line-item alteration, and line-item removal, shall be approved at a holding althing by a majority vote.
- 9.3 The Archivist shall be responsible for updating this document with material changes that have been approved by an althing vote.
 - 9.3.1 If the Archivist is unavailable or otherwise unable to fulfill this responsibility, a delegate appointed by the Holder shall complete it.
- 9.4 If this document is found to conflict with the Kingdom of Blackspire's corpora, bylaws, or policies, the Amtgard Rules of Play, or laws of the land, the monarchy shall immediately find a suitable fix to bring this document into compliance.
 - 9.4.1 The change must be agreed upon by a majority of the monarchy.
 - 9.4.2 Any changes made this way shall be announced immediately and ratified by a majority vote at the next holding althing.

ARTICLE 10: Monarchy

10.1 The Monarchy of the Everglade Sentinels shall consist of the following elected offices:

- 10.1.1 Holder
- 10.1.2 Vizier
- 10.1.3 Chancellor
- 10.1.4 Guardian
- 10.1.5 Sheriff

10.2 An auxiliary office shall be maintained and supported by the Monarchy, known as:

- 10.2.1 Archivist

10.3 Elections

10.3.1 Only active dues paid Sentinels may vote in holding elections.

10.3.2 Elections for Holder, Vizier, Guardian, and Sheriff shall occur at the Althing immediately preceding each Coronation.

10.3.2.1 These elections shall be administered by the Chancellor.

10.3.3 Elections for Chancellor shall occur at the Althing immediately preceding each Midreign.

10.3.3.1 This election shall be administered by the Holder.

10.3.4 Elections for Archivist shall occur annually at the Althing immediately preceding the summer Midreign event.

10.3.4.1 This election shall be administered by the Holder.

10.3.5 No individual shall hold the office of Holder or the office of Chancellor for two consecutive terms.

10.3.5.1 Partial terms served 'pro tem' to replace an officer shall not be counted as a term for the purpose of term limitations.

10.3.6 All officers shall serve six-month terms, beginning at the time they are sworn in at Coronation or Midreign, except for the Archivist, who shall serve a twelve-month term.

10.4 Eligibility

10.4.1 Only active dues paid Sentinels are eligible to run for any Holding office.

10.4.2 Only Sentinels 18 years of age or older may hold the offices of Holder, Vizier, Chancellor, and Archivist.

10.4.3 Only a Sentinel who has spent six months as Apprentice Archivist or Archivist may run for the office of Archivist.

10.4.3.1 At the current Archivist's sole discretion, this requirement may be waived if the candidate can demonstrate adequate knowledge of the technologies used.

10.4.3.2 If no current Archivist is available to assess a candidate, a former Archivist may waive this requirement instead.

ARTICLE 11: Holder

11.1 The Holder shall act as the executive officer for the Holding.

11.2 Responsibilities of the Holder:

11.2.1 Shall ensure compliance with Amtgard rules for all Holding-level gameplay.

11.2.2 Shall administer elections for Chancellor and Archivist.

11.2.3 Shall organize Fighter Practices if the Guardian is unavailable or unable to do so.

11.2.4 Shall be the default delegate in the absence of other officers.

11.2.5 Shall be referred to by a specific title of office depending on holding status, as follows:

11.2.5.1 Lord for the holding status of Shire.

11.2.5.2 Baron for the holding status of Barony.

11.2.5.3 Duke for the holding status of Duchy.

11.3 Rights of the Holder:

11.3.1 May give the following orders of ladder awards:

11.3.1.1 Battle

11.3.1.2 Crown

11.3.1.3 Dragon

11.3.1.4 Flame

11.3.1.5 Garber

11.3.1.6 Lion

11.3.1.7 Owl

11.3.1.8 Rose

11.3.1.9 Smith

11.3.1.10 Warrior

11.3.1.11 Griffon

11.3.2 May present up to level 8 awards with Monarch approval.

11.3.3 May create new honors and awards that do not conflict with existing standards.

11.3.4 May bestow titles to eligible officers if authority has been delegated by the Monarch for the current reign.

11.3.5 May authorize expenditures up to 10% of the Holding treasury per month.

11.3.6 May appoint delegates to fulfill specific duties if officers are unavailable.

11.3.7 May appoint additional Admins for the official Discord Server.

11.3.8 In agreement with another officer, may authorize a Virtual Park Day.

11.3.9 May stylize the title of office as is suitable for their persona and gender, as follows.

11.3.9.1 Lady, Laird, Liege, Don, Dona, etc. for the holding status of Shire.

11.3.9.2 Baroness, Justiciar, Thane, etc. for the holding status of Barony.

11.3.9.3 Duchess, Dux, Shogun, etc. for the holding status of Duchy.

ARTICLE 12: Vizier

12.1 The Vizier shall act as the assistant executive officer for the Holding.

12.2 Responsibilities of the Vizier:

12.2.1 Shall organize regular Arts and Sciences nights.

12.2.2 Shall organize the Midreign Feast.

12.2.3 Shall organize the Coronation Feast.

12.2.4 Shall organize the Arts and Sciences event at Coronation.

12.2.5 Shall assist the Holder in executing their duties.

12.3 Rights of the Vizier:

12.3.1 May give the following orders of ladder awards:

12.3.1.1 Battle

12.3.1.2 Crown

12.3.1.3 Dragon

12.3.1.4 Garber

12.3.1.5 Lion

12.3.1.6 Owl

12.3.1.7 Rose

12.3.1.8 Smith

12.3.1.9 Warrior

12.3.2 May create new honors and awards that do not conflict with existing standards.

12.3.3 May present up to level 8 awards with Monarch approval.

12.3.4 May use up to 10% of holding funds in organizing and executing the Midreign feast.

12.3.5 May use up to 30% of holding funds in organizing and executing the Coronation feast.

12.3.6 May establish prices for feast attendance.

12.3.7 In agreement with the Holder or Chancellor, may authorize a Virtual Park Day.

ARTICLE 13: Chancellor

13.1 The Chancellor shall act as the financial officer for the Holding.

13.2 Responsibilities of the Chancellor:

13.2.1 Shall collect and manage all Holding fees, dues, and feast costs.

13.2.2 Shall maintain accurate financial records.

13.2.3 Shall provide annual financial updates to the Treasurer.

13.2.4 Shall keep accurate records of all Holding income and expenditures.

13.2.5 Shall keep minutes of Holding-level Althings.

13.2.6 Shall administer elections for Holder, Vizier, Guardian, and Sheriff

13.2.7 Shall record attendance at all Holding functions.

13.2.8 Shall regularly advise Archivist of events to add to the calendar.

13.2.9 Shall review evidence provided under section 4.3.2.

13.3 Rights of the Chancellor:

13.3.1 May authorize expenditures up to 10% of the Holding treasury per month.

13.3.2 May reject insufficient evidence provided under section 4.3.2.

13.3.3 In agreement with the Holder or Vizier, may authorize a Virtual Park Day.

ARTICLE 14: Archivist

14.1 The Archivist shall act as the senior developer for the Holding.

14.2 Responsibilities of the Archivist:

14.2.1 Shall maintain the Holding's official Discord server, Google Calendar, and website.

14.2.2 Shall be listed as an administrative contact for the website domain and DNS records.

14.2.3 Shall ensure monthly updates of website content including event schedules, monarchy contact details, and relevant documents.

14.2.4 Shall develop and maintain technical documentation for website management.

14.2.5 Shall develop and maintain transfer protocols for officer changes.

14.2.6 Shall update this document with changes that have been approved by an althing vote.

14.2.7 Shall defer to the Monarchy for executive decisions.

14.2.8 Shall assess candidates to waive the eligibility requirement set forth in section 10.4.3.

14.3 Rights of the Archivist:

14.3.1 May make material changes to website layout and functions.

14.3.2 May take on an Apprentice Archivist to mentor.

14.3.3 May dismiss an Apprentice Archivist for any reason.

14.3.4 May waive eligibility requirement set forth in section 10.4.3.

14.3.5 In agreement with the Holder, may authorize a Virtual Park Day.

ARTICLE 15: Guardian

15.1 The Guardian shall act as the safety officer for the Holding.

15.2 Responsibilities of the Guardian:

15.2.1 Shall organize Fighter Practices.

15.2.2 Shall organize and run the Sentinel's Gauntlet tournament at Coronation.

15.2.3 Shall organize, explain, and run weekly battle games.

15.2.4 Shall regularly check weapons for safety and legality.

15.2.5 Shall maintain a Lost-and-Found for the holding.

15.3 Rights of the Guardian:

15.3.1 May give the following orders of ladder awards:

15.3.1.1 Battle

15.3.1.2 Smith

15.3.1.3 Warrior

15.3.2 May present up to level 8 awards with Monarch approval.

15.3.3 May remove equipment from play if found to be unsafe or illegal.

15.3.4 May establish format and rules for the Sentinel's Gauntlet tournament.

15.3.4.1 The Guardian is strongly encouraged to come up with fun, challenging, and unique tournament formats.

15.3.5 In agreement with the Holder, may authorize a Virtual Park Day.

ARTICLE 16: Sheriff

16.1 The Sheriff shall act as the rules officer for the Holding.

16.2 Responsibilities of the Sheriff:

16.2.1 Shall organize and run the Weaponmaster tournament at Midreign.

16.2.2 Shall assist the Guardian in regularly checking weapons for safety and legality.

16.2.3 Shall organize reeves for battle games.

16.3 Rights of the Sheriff:

16.3.1 May give the following orders of ladder awards:

16.3.1.1 Battle

16.3.1.2 Warrior

16.3.2 May present up to level 8 awards with Monarch approval.

16.3.3 In agreement with the Holder, may authorize a Virtual Park Day.