

**A Brief Summary
of the Changes to the
Standards for Evaluation
(previously the Rules for Submissions)**

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Organizational Changes

- Use of new numbering system
- Addition of general principles and terms
- Changes to definitions for conflict & presumption
- Changes to style, conflict, & presumption rules for all types of submissions
- Addition of Appendices

New Numbering System

- Letters indicate which section of the Standards for Evaluation you are in:
 - ◆ GP — General Principles
 - ◆ PN — Personal Names
 - ◆ NPN — Non-Personal Names
 - ◆ A — Armory
- Appendices all use “Appendix”

General Principles and Terms

- Expands from the previous version of the standards (aka Rules for Submissions)
- Explains the reasoning behind the standards
- Explains the reasoning behind the organization of the Standards document
- Defines ideas like “period”, “precedent”, and “attested” that are used throughout the standards

SCA vs. Non-SCA Items

SCA Items

- **Definition:** “To avoid undue confusion”
- All listed in the O&A
- Can get permission to conflict
- Only protect the exact item

Non-SCA Items

- **Definition:** “To prevent offense due to obvious usurpation of identity or armory”
- Most armory listed in the O&A, but few names listed
- Cannot get permission to conflict
- Protect names and some armory in multiple forms

Shift in Thinking

- SCA items: Conflict
- Non-SCA items: Presumption

- Relationships: Conflict
- Powers, Rank, Position: Presumption

Why move relationship claims?

- Armory already considered relationship claims to be “conflict” (when counting difference)
- Relationship claims are allowed with permission, unlike any other form of presumption or pretense

SO ...

- A relationship claim is now considered a conflict with an SCA item – now names parallel armory

Why Split Names?

Why Repeat So Much?

- Most common use: *a single submission at a time*
- Personal Names and Non-Personal Names are constructed very differently.
 - ◆ This leads to confusion because they have **usually similar but sometimes very different** applications of the rules.

SO ...

- Personal Names and Non-Personal Names have been broken into separate sections

Changes to Personal Names Style

- Legal name allowance allows middle names that are modern given names to be used as given names
- Appendix A lists known documentable patterns of name construction
- Appendix C groups makes it clearer and simpler for non-experts to determine which language mixes are registerable

Changes to Personal Names Conflict/Presumption

- Conflict now in two parts: identity and relationship
 - ◆ Sound and appearance only
 - ◆ Accumulated changes to the entire name, not just one element
 - ◆ Any changes to two syllables; Substantial change to one syllable; Smaller changes for short, simple words
 - ◆ Addition of any element can contribute
 - ◆ Relationship conflict – claiming to be related to someone else
- Presumption now includes “conflict” with non-SCA people and allows claims of rank that someone permanently has in the SCA

Changes to Non-Personal Names Style

- Explicit discussion of different types of non-personal names
- Grandfather clause allows branches to use parts of branch members' registered names with permission
 - ◆ Change matches current precedent

Changes to Non-Personal Names Conflict/Presumption

- Conflict now in two parts: identity and association
 - ◆ Sound and appearance only
 - ◆ Accumulated changes to the entire name, not just one element
 - ◆ Any changes to two syllables; Substantial change to one syllable; Smaller changes for short, simple words
 - ◆ Addition of any element can contribute
 - ◆ Association conflict – claiming to be owned by or affiliated with someone else
- Presumption now includes “conflict” with non-SCA entities (people, places, orders, titles, etc.)

Changes to Armory Style

- Old Rules did not discuss armory style (but we still cared about it!)
- Allows increasing armory authenticity
 - ◆ Name authenticity has increased over time
 - ◆ New Rules let armory catch up a bit (and let names back off)
- Old Rules avoided charge group theory, causing confusion when senior heralds and LoARs use it regularly now
 - ◆ New Rules make it explicit in an Appendix!
- Two sets of armory style rules
 - ◆ Core Style
 - ◆ Individually Attested Patterns

Two Sets of Style Standards

- Core Style
 - Based on Anglo-Norman armory
 - Described in the Rules with more detail in Appendices, so –
 - Does not usually require further documentation
- Individually Attested Patterns
 - Every part must be documented
 - Multiple independent examples needed (either 3 or 6)
 - Non-European armory usually must use this

Changes to Armory Conflict/Presumption

- Reduced confusion of “s” words: “significant” becomes “distinct” (old CD is new DC)
- Removal of simplicity requirements – new armory style rules replace them
- Explicit discussion of blazons to be considered:
 - ◆ How are charge groups compared
 - ◆ What is “half” of a charge group
- Complete difference for field-primary armory is in its own section

More Armory

Conflict/Presumption

- Complete change of the primary charge group (old X.2 is new A.5.E) expanded and no longer requires “simple” armory:
 - ◆ Number (**limited** cases)
 - ◆ Arrangement (**limited** cases)
 - ◆ Posture and Orientation (**limited** cases)
- Distinct changes are possible for single changes to half of any charge group type
 - ◆ Yes, that includes tertiary charges
- Presumption now includes “conflict” with non-SCA entities

Why Use Appendices?

- Faster updates because new precedents are easier to absorb
 - ◆ Changes to the main standards document require Board approval in advance
 - ◆ Appendices only require notification to the Board after the fact
- Information that we've relied on senior commenters to provide late in the process has been collected
 - ◆ Name construction patterns
 - ◆ Permissible language mixes
 - ◆ Items that are a step from period practice

Appendices are Awesome!

- Appendix A: How to build names
- Appendix C: Mixable name cultures
- Appendix E: Non-personal designators
- Appendix I: Charge Group Theory
- Appendix J: Documentable charge group arrangements
- Appendix M: Resources for conflict checking