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

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<th>SCA Items</th>
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<td><strong>Definition:</strong> “To avoid undue confusion”</td>
<td><strong>Definition:</strong> “To prevent offense due to obvious usurpation of identity or armory”</td>
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<td>All listed in the O&amp;A</td>
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<td>Can get permission to conflict</td>
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<td>Only protect the exact item</td>
<td>Protect names and some armory in multiple forms</td>
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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