

Membership Handbook Change Log

4/1 -Addition - Chapter 1

- Page 3 - Added the Mission & Vision Statement to Chapter 1

4/1 Chapter 3

- Page 11 - Replaced original text: Recruit at least seven other members who live where the new Domain will be formed.
 - New Text: Recruit at least seven other members who satisfy the geographic requirements. Members on the application must:
 - a. Live within 100 miles of the proposed domain boundaries
 - b. Be able to reasonably attend the domain's games.
- Page 11 - Added beneath the domain formation steps: Non-applicant MES members who live within the proposed Domain boundaries are not required to transfer into the new Domain upon its creation. If there are active full members who live within the proposed geographic boundaries of the new domain, and oppose the creation of a domain in territory they reside in, the Coordinators processing the application should consider their concerns in good faith.
- Page 13 - (national online games): Removed: (general prestige with no limiting prestige budget)

4/1 Chapter 4:

- Page 15 - Changed title to Code of Conduct, Events, and Policies
- Page 23 - Added: In Character Sexual Assault Ban (text taken from policy on website)
 - Added: (unwanted contact of a sexual nature)
- Page 24 Added: Social Media Policy (text taken from policy on website)

4/1 Chapter 5:

- Page 30-31 – Removed text: Primary officers award prestige from their prestige budget, which is listed next to their required job duties in the Officers section of the handbook.
- Page 31 - Removed text (from Example 9): which comes from their RST prestige budget.

4/1 Chapter 6

- Multiple Pages -= Removed all text relating to prestige budget. See below for original verbiage.
 - The prestige budget is the total (aggregate) amount of prestige that may be awarded by the primary officer to their appointed assistants and those members who assist them with performing their job responsibilities within a month.

- Prestige budgets - Primary officers use their prestige budgets to reward members for helping them to complete their job duties. These members may or may not hold official assistant titles. They may not exceed their prestige budget in awarding to their assistants. Coordinators do not expend their prestige budget in awarding prestige for other service to the club or approved philanthropies or to other primary officers. Similarly, if an officer assigns a one-time project to a volunteer, they may award outside of their budget within normal caps for the member.
- (Domain Coord): Prestige budget – Unlimited
- (Regional Coord): Prestige budget - Prestige budgets are confirmed by the NC
 - 0-200 members – 250 Regional and Unlimited General
 - 200-400 members – 300 Regional and Unlimited General
 - 400+ members – 350 Regional and Unlimited General
- (National Coord): Prestige budget – 450 National and unlimited General
- (VST): Prestige budget – Unlimited
- (DST): Prestige budget – Unlimited
- (RST): Prestige budget - Prestige budgets are confirmed by the NC
 - 0-200 members – 250 Regional and Unlimited General
 - 200-400 members – 300 Regional and Unlimited General
 - 400+ members – 350 Regional and Unlimited General
- (NST): Prestige budget – 650 National and unlimited General
- (ST Report content): , the total of which cannot exceed the officer’s prestige budget
- (Coord report content): , the total of which may not exceed their prestige budget
- (Assistants): The total prestige recommended or awarded for this service may not exceed the prestige budget for the primary officer. The prestige awarded to the primary officer does not reduce or augment this budget.
- Changed following text
 - Below that, the specific authority, required duties, and prestige budget is listed for each organizational level.
 - New Text: Below that, the specific authority and required duties is listed for each organizational level.
 - (coordinators/storytellers): Award prestige from prestige budget to members assisting with officer duties
 - New text: Award prestige to members assisting with officer duties

4/1 – Chapter 8

- Page 70 - Added text: If the accused member is an elected officer at this point in time, then the members in that officer’s jurisdiction now receive a notification.

- New Text: If the accused member is an elected officer at this point in time, then the members in that officer's jurisdiction now receive a notification. **If the accused was an elected officer during the investigation or appeal process, or the Disciplinary Action is for actions taken while an elected officer, then the members in that officer's jurisdiction still receive a notification.**
- Page 65 – Replaced text: A complete statement describing why the decision is believed to have been inappropriate. This statement must be inclusive, including any and all detailed evidence and documentation. It must cite specifically any rules violations or improprieties. No contact with the appealing member is required, so the appeal must include all appropriate supporting information
 - New Text: A complete statement describing why the decision is believed to have been inappropriate, including all detailed evidence. It must cite specifically any rules violations or improprieties.
All supporting documentation. No contact with the appealing member is required, so the appeal must include all appropriate supporting information. Documentation received after the appeal has been sent may not be considered at the officer's discretion.
- Page 60 - Added: Total punishment for multiple offenses as part of a single incident cannot exceed 1.5x max punishment of 1 Extreme offense. If a more severe punishment is merited, a motion for expulsion is likely appropriate.
- Page 68 - Added: the Board of Directors should be notified of any Extreme offense even if it is mitigated to below Extreme.
- Page 61 – Added text: If a Disciplinary Action is delivered by or amended by the Board of Directors, it may include additional penalties and binding guidance beyond those available in the Penalties section above. If additional penalties and restrictions are not followed, the Board will consider Expulsion for the member. Such penalties may include: restriction from imbibing alcohol at events, exclusion from conventions, exclusion from holding specific positions, "no contact" restrictions with specific members or domains, or suspension for a longer period than available in normal penalties. The Investigating Officer may request up their Officer Chain for addition Penalties from the Board of Directors, which will be considered once all appeals have been resolved. A member may request that ongoing additional penalties or binding guidance be rescinded six months after they are issued, and yearly thereafter
- Page 63 - Added: A Letter of Counseling delivered by or amended by the Board of Directors may include binding guidance to the member. If this binding guidance is not followed, the Board will consider Expulsion for the member. If an officer issuing a Letter of Counseling believes it needs additional binding guidance, they may make a request up their officer chain to the Board for binding guidance. A member may request binding guidance be rescinded six months after it is issued, and yearly thereafter.