

HEARTS OF DEMOCRACY

Community Charter

This Charter hereby defines the responsibilities of the Moderation and their duties, as well as the basic functions and operative processes of the “Hearts of Democracy” Community.

For ease and clarity, a number of terms are hereafter defined for further use within this document and other binding documents of this community.

“In-Game” - Regarding or referring to any affairs that are carried out directly affecting political or otherwise developments within the realm of the “Hearts of Iron 4” game.

“Out-of-Game” - Regarding or referring to any affairs that are carried out within the community that do not directly affect developments within the realm of the “Hearts of Iron 4” game.

“Meta” - The use or reference to/of Out-of-Game information within In-Game contexts

I. Moderation

A. The Moderation shall be comprised of three Persons: the Head Moderator (henceforth abbreviated as “HM”) and two Deputy Moderators (henceforth abbreviated as “DM”) , their duties defined hereafter:

1. Head Moderator:

- a) Who will have the power to appoint the two Deputy Moderators, each of whom shall be given equal precedence with the exception of circumstances invoked in (I.A.1.c.1), and in all official communication listing the members of the Moderation;
- b) Who shall be able to overrule any decisions made by any individual member of the Moderation team (see exception below);
- c) Who will be elected by ranked choice vote for each iteration of the game, or upon the submission of intention of resignation of the incumbent HM(Should the HM be unable or unwilling to carry out the election for a successive HM, the DM first appointed as such will take the role of interim HM and carry out the special election(utilizing procedures defined in (IV.c)), during which whoever occupies the role of interim HM may not run);
- d) The HM may not participate in in-game politics;

2. Deputy Moderators:

- a) The Deputy Moderators shall be the subordinate Moderators. They will have equitable moderation powers and responsibility unless otherwise specified in this document;
- b) The DMs are appointed by the HM;
- c) The DMs may participate in in-game politics;
- d) The DMs, together in consensus, may overrule a decision of the HM;

B. The Moderation’s constituent members shall not occupy any other out-of-game position while serving as a member of the Moderation;

C. The Moderation shall be responsible for the following tasks:

1. Enforcing Community Rules,
2. Running Out-of-Game Elections,
3. Keeping the Member Registry updated,
4. Keeping the Calendar updated,

5. Providing for the upkeep of the Services and Platforms, including the save file for the Game;
- D. The process for the Recall of a Moderator shall be as follows:
 1. The required threshold for a petition shall be 5 registered voters or 15% of the total registered voters, whichever is greater;
 2. If the threshold is met and the Petition is submit to the Protector Council, an official recall vote shall be held, as administered by the Protector Council;
 3. This recall vote will take place within 24 hrs of the submission to the Protector Council;
 4. For removal of a HM, a $\frac{2}{3}+1$ majority is necessary, while for removal of a DM, a $\frac{1}{2}+1$ majority is necessary;

II. The Protector Council

- A. The council of Protectors is hereby established for the following purposes:
 1. Hearing appeals to Moderation punishment as per (VI.E);
 2. Protecting the Community Charter in its most updated form;
 3. Once amended, the Protector Council is responsible for adding the changes to this Document and storing the unamended versions in a separate file for reference;
 4. Hearing petitions submitted for the recall of members of the Moderation;
- B. The Protector Council shall be chosen by the general population at the same time as the initial HM election in a ranked choice voting system as outlined in (IV.B);
- C. The Protector Council shall consist of three voluntary members of the community;
- D. The Protector Council shall have one Ombudsman, chosen from amongst the protectors upon their election, who shall preside over meetings and call them if he/she sees them necessary;
- E. Should any Protector resign or become delinquent (defined by the consensus of all other protectors within 48 hrs after the matter is called to attention to the Ombudsman) in their duties, they shall be replaced in another election following the procedure defined in (IV.B);

III. Platforms

- A. The official Platforms of the HoD shall be the following:
 1. The Discord Server (“Hearts of Democracy”);
 2. The Subreddit (/r/heartsofdemocracy);

IV. Elections

- A. All out-of-game elections are to be carried out by the Moderation;

- B. Elections are to use Ranked Choice Voting procedure as defined as follows:
1. All ballots will give the opportunity to assign each candidate a ranking out of the total number of candidates (e.g. In a race with six candidates, each candidate will be ranked in order of the voter's preference);
 2. Should a candidate receive a majority of first-choice votes, that candidate shall automatically win;
 3. Should no candidate receive a majority of first-choice votes, the candidate(s) receiving the least amount of votes shall be eliminated, and all votes for that candidate transferred to each ballot's second-choice;
 4. The process referred to in (IV.B.3) shall be repeated until a single candidate has a majority (50%+1) of votes;
- C. Should a Special Election be necessary as defined in (I.A.1.c.1), an exception to the rule specified in (IV.B.1) will be invoked as follows:
1. The first-precedent DM, in office as Interim HM will carry out an approval-based HM election, with procedure specified as follows:
 - a) Upon announcement of a special election, candidates for HM have 24 hrs to declare candidacy;
 - b) From that point the interim HM has 6 hrs to set up and release the election;
 - (1) In the election, all candidates will be listed and all ballots will have the option to check any candidates the voter approves in the office;
 - (2) The candidate with the most approvals shall win;
 - (3) Should two candidates tie, a runoff shall be held within 24 hrs while being open for no less than 24 hrs and no greater than 36;
 - c) From the point the election is released onto the subreddit, the election shall be open for a period no greater than 36 hrs and no less than 24;

V. **The Member Registry**

- A. The Moderation shall be tasked with the creation and upkeep of a list of Registered Voters (referred to as "RVs");
- B. The process to register as a voter shall be as follows:
1. He/she must fill out a Google Form provided by the Moderation and fill out the following fields:
 - a) Reddit Username,
 - b) Discord Username (Optional),

- c) Security Feature (to be determined by the Moderation);
- 2. If the Moderation so wishes, they may strike any registration within 24 hours of its submission on the grounds of illegal alt account usage, provided the Moderation can provide ample and indisputable proof that the account in question is indeed alt;
- C. The Registry must be purged after every election cycle according to the following procedure:
 - 1. Any RV that has not voted in the past two elections shall be marked as inactive if they fail to vote in the third election;
 - 2. “Inactive” voters are to still remain on the Registry, but do not count towards the total “Registered Voters” total, nor are they able to vote until they notify the Moderation and declare their intention to be reinstated on the Registry;

VI. **Community Rules**

- A. The Moderation shall be tasked with enforcing the following Rules and posting them in a public, easy-to-access place:
 - 1. Excessive spamming or extremely offensive language is not tolerated;
 - 2. The use of alternate accounts is prohibited;
 - 3. Absolutely no NSFW content in non-NSFW channels;
 - 4. Discussion must be kept in the appropriate channels;
 - 5. Harassing or excessively pinging users is not allowed;
- B. The breach of these rules warrants four potential responses:
 - 1. Warning;
 - 2. Mute (up to 24 hours);
 - 3. Kick;
 - 4. Ban;
- C. First-time offenses must be met with a warning unless any of the following conditions are met:
 - 1. The offense is especially egregious or urgent- in which case a mute or kick may be used;
 - 2. The Moderation determines that the offender is an obvious spam/bot account- in which case a ban may be issued on the first offense;
- D. After the first offense, the Moderation has discretion on which punishment to use;
- E. Kicks and bans may be appealed to the Protector Council due to their serious nature;

VII. Amendments and Upkeep

- A. This Document may be amended through the following procedure:
 - 1. A community member will propose an amendment to the subreddit in google document form;
 - 2. A general referendum will be held within 72 hrs from the submission to the subreddit on approval of the amendment with a simple majority **of all active RVs** to approve the amendment;

VIII. Enactment

- A. This Document will be put into effect for Mark 1 of Hearts of Democracy with a supermajority referendum of all participating voters;
- B. The Head Moderator shall be elected immediately following the ratification of this Document;
- C. The elections specified within (VIII) shall be carried out by DaJuukes as interim Head Moderator;