

Rules Team & Clarification Process

****This policy will go into effect with each Venue reset, starting with Apocalypse on 2/2017*

National Rules Team

- **ANST Rules:**
 - **Role:** Oversees the office
 - **Job Description:** The aNST Rules is the final arbiter of all rules calls and the final editor of the Rules FAQs. All official rules communications must include the ANST and any systemic rules changes (including universally applicable custom mechanics) go through this position. Any and all emails about rules questions should first go to the ANST, who will then add other appropriate staff.
- **AANST Rules WoD & CoD:**
 - **Role:** Works with the ANST Rules, the Think Tanks, and venue ANSTs to maintain the Rules FAQs
 - **Job Description:** The AANSTs are the liaison position with the storytelling staff. They help coordinate rules calls with those teams and the ANST Rules. They are the subject matter experts in their respective systems. They never field independent rules emails, and if they are mistakenly emailed they must immediately copy the ANST Rules. They help coordinate the individual Think Tanks and help, at the ANST's discretion, edit and update the FAQ. These two positions are generally chosen via all-call, at the ANST Rule's discretion. These two positions are considered Administrative jobs.
- **Rules Think Tanks:**
 - **WoD Tank** - Vampire the Masquerade and Werewolf the Apocalypse venues
 - **CoD Tank** - nWoD venues (1.0/Accord and 2.0) and Space the Infinite Edge
 - **Job Descriptions:** The Think Tanks are comprised of subject matter experts of the respective rules sets. Initially, the Think Tank will be chosen by All Call, but individuals may be tapped into the team or removed from the team at the ANST Rules' discretion. Their purpose is to aid the ANST and respective AANST with rules calls by helping identifying problems and presenting possible solutions. The AANST and ANST go through potential feedback and the aNST then makes the final call. Think Tank members never field rules questions with the public, they direct all such questions to the ANST Rules. They may occasionally be tasked with helping write rules documents. Inactivity on the team lists for more than two months will be subject to removal. This is considered a Project-level job. At the discretion of the aNST Rules, one member of the Think Tank may be tapped as 'team foreman' in order to help keep debates organized and provide summaries to the aNST and respective aaNST. This team member has no extra duties or authority beyond this.

Process for Rules Questions and FAQs

How do I get a Rules Question answered?

- Questions are submitted via a Google group email addresses (see below), with an appropriate venue tag in the Subject (example: for a Masquerade question, but VtM in the subject).
- STs with an urgent need should still email the groups below, but may put ST URGENT in the subject. Please use discretion with urgent need, the Rules Team might not be available during the middle of a game session.

- The rules team will respond with clarifications and answers, typically with page reference and notes about ST discretion. If it is a confusing issue, common problem, or balance concern, they may choose to FAQ the issue.
- The FAQ will mostly be used for clarifying rules to maintain consistency in the whole chronicle (IE, a power working one way in one Domain will work that way in every domain). While uncommon, it may include rules changes for ease of play or national structure.
- The FAQ will be updated as needed, at least once a quarter, the date of the last update will be listed on the top of the document. The most recent updates will be color coded.
- Questions not pertaining to the rules (such as setting questions), must be submitted via the process set up by the ANST for that Venue. Please see the appropriate Venue page on www.mindseyesociety.org for more information.

Is this the only way to initiate an official Rules call made by National?

- Yes. All members must follow this process. Off hand comments made on lists, social media, and other sources are not considered official until they are in the FAQ.

Links to Venue FAQs and Rules Question Submission Email

(More links will be added as the Venues and documents come online. Stay tuned!)

World of Darkness Venues:

- [Rules Questions Email](#)
 - Do not submit Settings or VIP questions.
- [Vampire the Masquerade Rules FAQ](#)
- [Werewolf the Apocalypse Rules FAQ](#)

Chronicles of Darkness Venues:

- [Rules Questions Email](#)
 - Do not submit Settings or VIP questions.
- [Space the Infinite Edge Rules Addenda](#)
- [Chronicles of Darkness - X \(CoD-X\) Rules Addenda](#)