

Bylaws of Nexus: Live Action Roleplaying and World Building

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Article I: Organizational Purpose and Scope

Section 1.1: Why We Are Here

Nexus: Live Action Roleplay and World Building (hereafter referred to as "Nexus") exists because great stories should be lived, not just told, and they are always better together. We are a community-driven collective dedicated to crafting unforgettable high-fantasy adventures, dynamic combat, and collaborative world-building.

Our top priority is simple: to create a safe, vibrant, and genuinely welcoming space where every player can test their limits, express their creative spirit, and build lasting friendships. We champion player choice and honor the unique ideas our members bring to the realm. Whether we are hosting events, giving back through charitable initiatives such as food drives, or expanding the lore of our world; Nexus is built on a foundation of mutual respect, transparency, and fun. **Every voice matters here, and every story has a place.**

Section 1.2: Governing Authority and Order of Precedence

These Bylaws shall function in conjunction with the effective edition of the *Nexus: Live Action Roleplaying & World Building Rules of Play*. The Rules of Play shall govern technical gameplay and narrative parameters; provided, however, that these Bylaws retain ultimate operational and organizational authority. In the case of any disagreement between the two documents, these Bylaws shall govern and supersede in all matters of governance, oversight, administration, and participant conduct.

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Article II: Membership and Affiliation

Section 2.1: Eligibility for Membership

A Member is an individual who has met the eligibility requirements of the Club, completed any required agreements, and remains in good standing through payment of dues and adherence to the Bylaws and Rules of Play. Members are entitled to participate in Club activities and exercise the rights and responsibilities afforded under these governing documents.

Membership in Nexus is open to people that are committed to safety, fair play, mutual respect, and creative collaboration. All participants must have a signed Liability Waiver on file prior to taking part in any event; for players under the age of 18, this waiver must be completed by a parent or legal guardian. The minimum age for participating in combat-related activities is 12 years old. Additionally, all minor participants aged 12 to 15 require a parent or guardian to attend events alongside them. If there are any health concerns then we ask that a guardian stays present during the whole event. Also if a guardian does leave they should ensure that they are available to be contacted in

case of an emergency. Minor participants will be considered junior members until they reach 18. They will be expected to follow all bylaws and parents will be contacted if they fail to do so and they will be held to the same consequences as full members. The small council reserves the authority to limit, condition, or deny participation of minors when deemed necessary for safety, liability, or operational reasons.

Section 2.2: Membership Dues

Annual membership dues help provide the financial resources necessary to operate and maintain Nexus. These contributions support event locations, equipment, supplies, insurance, and other costs associated with providing a safe and enjoyable experience for members. By paying dues, members contribute to the continued development and success of Nexus.

- a. **Membership Fee:** Annual membership dues shall be twenty dollars (\$20.00 USD) per calendar year.
- b. **First Event Free:** Individuals interested in joining Nexus may participate in their first event at no cost.
- c. **New Membership:** Individuals who wish to continue participating after their first event must pay their annual membership dues by their second event.
- d. **Membership Renewal:** Existing members are required to renew their membership annually. Dues must be paid no later than their first attended event of each calendar year.
- e. **Active Membership:** Members who have paid their annual dues shall be considered active members for the remainder of that calendar year, subject to all other membership requirements established in the bylaws.

Section 2.3: Rights and Responsibilities

All members in good standing are entitled to creative protection, safety, and community support. In exchange, members must act in accordance with these bylaws and represent Nexus in a manner consistent with its mission to enrich the lives of its participants.

Section 2.4: Termination of Membership

Nexus reserves the authority to revoke membership status should a member's actions be deemed in conflict with the organizational purpose or detrimental to the safety, reputation, or collective welfare of the community in accordance with these bylaws. Also if a member decides they no longer wish to remain a member they may also terminate their membership as well, after termination of membership they will lose all rights that are provided to full members such as voting and membership dues will not be refunded.

Section 2.5: Criminal History Disclosures and Eligibility Restrictions

To protect the safety, well-being, and security of all participants, particularly minor members, Nexus maintains strict membership restrictions regarding certain criminal convictions:

- **Absolute Disqualification:** Any individual who has been convicted of, or pled guilty or no contest to, any felony criminal offense against a child or minor is permanently barred from holding membership, attending events, or participating in any Nexus activities.
- **Conditional Eligibility & Discretionary Review:** Individuals with convictions or guilty pleas for any violent felony or sexual offense (not involving minors) that occurred within seven (7) years from the date of conviction are subject to review. Membership for such individuals may be granted solely at the discretion of community leadership, provided the applicant formally submits a written request for administrative review.

- **Mandatory Disclosure Requirement:** Applicants and active members must fully and truthfully disclose any conviction for a violent felony or non-child sexual offense that occurred within seven (7) years from the date of conviction. Offenses against minors must be disclosed regardless of age.
- **Penalties for Non-Disclosure:** Failure to disclose, deliberate omission, or misrepresentation of a relevant criminal record required to be reported under this section shall result in immediate denial of membership or immediate, permanent, and non-appealable administrative revocation of membership.
- **Right of Denial & Appeals Process:** Leadership reserves the right to deny any membership application to preserve community safety and welfare. Any applicant denied membership under this section maintains the right to submit a written appeal to the club to be reviewed at the next occurring althing. They are allowed to speak and represent themselves at that althing appeal.

Section 2.6 Equal Opportunity and Inclusion

Nexus is committed to maintaining an inclusive and welcoming environment where all individuals are treated with fairness, dignity, and respect. Membership opportunities shall be available to all individuals who meet the eligibility requirements outlined in these bylaws, regardless of race, color, religion, creed, sex, disability, or other protected characteristics. Discrimination in membership decisions or participation shall not be permitted.

Section 2.7 Membership Status

Members who have not paid their annual dues or have failed to renew their membership shall be classified as inactive. Inactive members shall not have voting privileges, be eligible to serve in elected positions, or participate in Nexus activities until their membership dues have been paid in full and their active status is restored.

Section 2.8 Member Conduct

All Nexus members are expected to demonstrate respect, responsibility, and good sportsmanship in their interactions with fellow members, visitors, and the general public. Members must uphold the rules, values, and standards established by Nexus to maintain a safe, fair, and welcoming environment.

Violations of these expectations may result in disciplinary action, including removal from an event, temporary suspension of membership privileges, or permanent termination of membership, in accordance with the disciplinary procedures outlined in these bylaws.

Article III: The Small Council (Administration Board)

Section 3.1: Administrative Authority

The administration of Nexus shall be vested in a collective **small council**. The committee is charged with ensuring that operational policies remain aligned with community goals and is also responsible for helping ensure that the game's bylaws, rules, and established procedures are followed while supporting the smooth and effective operation of the game.

The Small Council works to maintain fairness, consistency, and accountability while helping create an organized, enjoyable, and welcoming experience for all members.

Primary Responsibilities:

- Help ensure bylaws, rules, and procedures are followed.
- Support the day-to-day operations of the game.

- Assist in resolving operational concerns before they become larger issues.
- Promote fairness, consistency, and accountability.
- Work together to improve the overall player experience.
- Maintain Finances and property

When urgent situations arise that are not addressed by existing rules or bylaws, the Small Council may enact temporary decisions necessary to maintain the effective operation of Nexus.

To ensure transparency and accountability, all such decisions must be communicated to the membership through Nexus's official communication channels as soon as they are made.

All temporary decisions made under this authority must automatically be presented at the next Althing for membership review and ratification. Any decision not ratified by the membership shall expire at the conclusion of that Althing.

Section 3.2: Decision-Making Procedures

Major operational decisions, setting adjustments, and policy updates shall be decided by a simple majority vote of the active small council, maintaining transparency and fostering community involvement. All decisions should be reported in minutes that are shared with the club on a regular basis on at least one effective club wide communication forum.

Section 3.3: Small Council Composition and Responsibilities

The Small Council shall consist of five (5) positions: **President, Secretary, Treasurer, Head Marshall, and Monarch.** The terms for these positions will be 6 months with elections at all things. No position can be held for longer than two terms with the exception of being appointed due to no person in that position. If a person leaves a position mid term they will not be eligible for the next term for any position. Their eligibility will return at the next election term.

1. President

The President shall oversee the overall administration and direction of Nexus, ensuring that the organization operates in accordance with its bylaws and the interests of its membership.

Responsibilities include:

- Presiding over Small Council meetings and Althings.
- Ensuring that bylaws, policies, and membership decisions are upheld.
- Encouraging cooperation and communication among Council members.
- Representing Nexus in official matters and external communications.
- Supporting the continued growth, development, and improvement of the organization.

2. Secretary

The Secretary shall maintain the official records of Nexus and promote transparency and communication between leadership and the membership.

Responsibilities include:

- Recording and maintaining minutes of Small Council meetings and Althings.
- Maintaining official documents, bylaws, and membership records.
- Publishing meeting summaries, announcements, and official notices.
- Tracking proposals, votes, and decisions made by the membership.

- Ensuring records are organized and accessible to members when appropriate.

3. Treasurer

The Treasurer shall oversee the financial resources of Nexus and ensure that funds are managed responsibly and transparently.

Responsibilities include:

- Collecting and recording membership dues and other revenue.
- Maintaining accurate financial records of income and expenses.
- Managing organizational funds and tracking approved expenditures.
- Providing regular financial reports to the Small Council and membership.
- Assisting with budgets, event expenses, and financial planning.
- Maintaining accountability for Club-owned financial assets.
- Fundraising

4. Head Marshall

The Head Marshall shall oversee field safety, equipment standards, and the consistent application of combat rules during Nexus activities.

Responsibilities include:

- Coordinating and supervising field Marshalls.
- Ensuring weapons, armor, shields, and other equipment meet safety requirements.
- Overseeing combat safety and addressing unsafe conduct during gameplay.
- Assisting with training and guidance for Marshalls.
- Promoting fair and consistent interpretation of combat rules.
- Working with event staff to maintain safe and organized gameplay.
- Artifact management

5. Monarch (Kings moot election)

The Monarch shall oversee the in-game experience of Nexus, helping guide the realm's development, traditions, and immersive activities.

Responsibilities include:

- Serving as the primary in-game leader and representative of the realm.
- Supporting roleplay, storytelling, quests, and other immersive experiences.
- Working with event organizers to encourage engaging gameplay.
- Promoting participation, sportsmanship, and community involvement.
- Representing the interests of players regarding the in-game experience.
- Helping maintain continuity within the game's lore and traditions.
- Recruitment

Shared Responsibilities of the Small Council

All Small Council members are expected to work collaboratively, uphold the bylaws, and act in the best interests of Nexus and its membership.

Council members shall promote transparency, fairness, accountability, and respectful communication. No individual Council member shall exercise authority beyond the powers granted to their position by these bylaws.

The Small Council shall remain accountable to the membership and shall respect decisions made through the Althing process.

Section 3.4: Composition and Order of Precedence

The Small Council consists of five (5) officers, in order of precedence:

1. President (Appoints Grand Magistrate)
2. Treasurer
3. Secretary
4. Head Marshall (Magistrate appoints the 2nd magistrate)
5. Monarch

Section 3.5: Elections

Only dues paid members are eligible to vote during elections, they will be held in person at events in a written ballot format. The results will be announced by the end of the event.

Elections will be held the event prior to equinox. Transition to new members will begin immediately with added newly elected members and transition be finalized on the event following equinox.

Section 3.6: Candidate Statements

Members running for an elected position must submit a candidate statement outlining their views, goals, and vision for the role. This allows members to make informed decisions and elect candidates they believe will best represent the interests, values, and goals of the community.

Candidate statements must include:

1. **Reason for Running:** Why the candidate is seeking the position.
2. **Goals and Priorities:** What the candidate hopes to accomplish during their term.
3. **Vision for the Game:** How the candidate believes the game should grow, improve, or develop.
4. **Approach to Leadership:** How the candidate plans to fulfill the responsibilities of the position and represent the membership.
5. **Relevant Experience:** Any experience, skills, or contributions that would help the candidate succeed in the role.

Candidate statements must be made available to the membership before voting to encourage transparency, accountability, and informed elections.

4.4 Small Council Meetings and Quorum

a. Regular Meetings: The Small Council shall meet at least once every event to discuss organizational matters, review operations, and address the needs of Nexus. **Meetings via Digital Communication:** When Small Council members are unable to attend an in-person or live virtual meeting, an official meeting may be conducted through an approved group chat or other written digital platform. Minutes must still be taken.

b. Meeting Notice: Regular Small Council meetings must be announced at least seven (7) days in advance to allow members adequate time to prepare and attend.

c. Emergency Meetings: The President may call an emergency Small Council meeting with the support of at least one (1) additional Small Council member when an urgent matter requires attention before the next regularly scheduled meeting.

d. Quorum: A quorum shall consist of three (3) of the five (5) Small Council members. If fewer than five positions are filled, a simple majority of currently seated members shall constitute a quorum.

e. Voting: Decisions of the Small Council shall require a simple majority of votes cast by members present, provided a quorum has been established. In the event of a tie, the President shall cast the deciding vote.

f. Virtual Meetings: Small Council meetings may be conducted in person or through virtual communication platforms. Emergency virtual meetings must provide at least twenty-four (24) hours' notice whenever reasonably possible.

g. Digital Discussions and Voting: Small Council members may communicate and conduct organizational discussions through official digital communication channels. Any motions presented for a vote through these channels must remain open for at least twenty-four (24) hours to provide every Council member an opportunity to participate. Decisions reached digitally must be documented and formally acknowledged in the minutes of the next Small Council meeting.

4.5 Emergency Althing

An Emergency Althing may be called when an urgent matter requires a decision by the general membership that cannot reasonably wait until the next regularly scheduled Althing.

a. Grounds for an Emergency Althing: Circumstances that may justify an Emergency Althing include, but are not limited to:

1. **Immediate Safety Concerns:** Serious threats to member safety or circumstances requiring urgent changes to safety policies.
2. **Financial Emergencies:** Unexpected financial obligations, significant financial losses, or expenditures requiring membership approval to protect Nexus.
3. **Leadership Vacancies or Removal:** Unexpected vacancies, resignations, or serious leadership concerns that require immediate membership action. Leadership concerns should be only brought forward with a violation of rules.
4. **Critical Bylaw Issues:** Conflicts, omissions, or procedural concerns within the bylaws that prevent essential organizational functions.
5. **Legal or Liability Concerns:** Situations involving legal obligations, insurance requirements, or other matters that could significantly affect Nexus.
6. **Threats to Continued Operations:** Loss of event locations, essential resources, or other circumstances that could prevent Nexus from operating.
7. **Urgent Membership Decisions:** Matters requiring membership approval when delaying action would cause substantial harm to the organization or its members.

b. Authorization: An Emergency Althing may be called by the President with the approval of a simple majority of the Small Council. The Grand Magistrate with the second of a council member or magistrate may also call an emergency althing if it meets the requirements set above and constitutes an emergency.

c. Notice to Membership: Notice of an Emergency Althing must be distributed through Nexus's official communication channels at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance whenever possible. The announcement must include the date, time, location or virtual platform, and specific matters requiring membership action.

d. Limited Agenda: Only matters identified in the official Emergency Althing announcement may be brought forward for discussion and voting. Unrelated business shall be reserved for a regularly scheduled Althing.

e. Transparency and Documentation: All motions, votes, and decisions made during an Emergency Althing must be recorded in official meeting minutes and made available to the membership.

f. Protection Against Misuse: Emergency Althings shall not be used to bypass established voting procedures, avoid required membership notice, or expedite matters that can reasonably wait until a regularly scheduled Althing.

Section 3.7: Rules Management

The Grand Magistrate shall serve as the primary official responsible for maintaining, organizing, and updating the Nexus rulebook and bylaws. All approved rule changes and amendments must be accurately incorporated into the official documents in a timely manner.

To assist with these responsibilities, the Grand Magistrate shall be supported by two (2) additional Magistrates:

a. Head Marshall: The Head Marshall shall serve as a Magistrate and act as the official liaison between the Magistrates and the Small Council, ensuring clear communication regarding rule changes, interpretations, and updates.

b. Appointed Magistrate: The Head Marshall shall appoint one (1) additional Magistrate to assist with maintaining and updating the rules and bylaws. Should the Head Marshall fail to make an appointment, the Grand Magistrate shall have the authority to fill the vacant position.

c. Accuracy and Timeliness: All Magistrates shall share responsibility for ensuring that approved changes are recorded accurately, incorporated promptly, and remain consistent with decisions made through the established approval process.

d. Rulebook Integrity: Magistrates shall not independently alter, remove, or introduce rules without proper authorization. Their responsibility is to maintain the accuracy and accessibility of the official rules and bylaws, reflecting only changes approved through Nexus's established procedures.

e. Qualifications: To be eligible for appointment as Grand Magistrate, an individual must be fully qualified and certified as a Marshall under Nexus's established requirements.

f. Appointment and Review: The Grand Magistrate shall be appointed by the President. A newly elected President may review and replace the Grand Magistrate.

g. Term Limits: The Grand Magistrate may serve for a maximum of two (2) years in the position. Upon reaching this limit, a new Grand Magistrate must be appointed.

Article IV: Asset Management and Finances

Section 4.1: Logistical & Property Management

All collective equipment, props, and assets owned by Nexus shall be inventoried and managed by designated members of the small council. Rules for loaning, maintaining, and repairing equipment shall be enforced to ensure asset security for all sanctioned events.

Section 4.2: Financial Operations & Disclosures

Financial oversight and funds management shall be conducted transparently by the small council.

- **Expenditure Limitations:** No single non-routine expenditure shall exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the organization's total available funds without general membership notification.
- **Approval Protocol:** Financial disbursements and major purchases require formal review and consensus within the small council.

Article V: Grievance Procedures and Dispute Resolution

Section 5.1: Internal Resolution Mandate

In the event of a dispute between participants, the policy of Nexus is to seek an amicable, restorative resolution that maintains community cohesion. Internal disagreements should be addressed within the framework of Nexus prior to external escalation.

Section 5.2: Formal Mediation

Should informal resolution prove insufficient, an aggrieved party may petition the small council to initiate formal mediation. Designated impartial facilitators will assist in reaching a resolution that preserves safety and mutual respect.

Section 5.3: Final Adjudication

In instances where disputes involve severe policy violations or threaten community welfare, the small council reserves the right to issue a binding administrative decision up to and including removal from the organization.

Article VI: Membership Standing and Termination

Section 6.1: Maintaining Good Standing

To remain a member in good standing, constituents must adhere to the standards of conduct established by Nexus and comply with event safety policies.

Section 6.2: Grounds for Termination

Membership may be terminated for, but not limited to:

- Engaging in conduct detrimental to the physical or emotional safety of members.
- Severe or repeated violations of the Code of Conduct.
- Deliberate disruption of event operations or willful damage to community property.

Section 6.3: Termination and Appeals

The small council maintains final authority regarding membership revocation. Any member whose standing has been revoked may submit a written appeal to the committee within ten (10) days of notification for a final administrative review.

Article VII: Code of Conduct and Safety Standards

Section 7.1: Standard of Conduct

All constituents must maintain an environment of mutual respect, both in-character and out-of-character. Behavior that constitutes harassment, abuse, discrimination, deliberate toxicity, or unsafe physical play is strictly prohibited.

Section 7.2: Progressive Discipline

To address minor infractions constructively, the small council may utilize progressive discipline:

1. **Verbal Warning:** Formal notification detailing the standard breached.
2. **Censure and Restriction:** Temporary suspension of specific privileges (e.g., equipment access or voting rights).
3. **Probation:** A designated monitoring period where further infractions lead directly to membership review or termination.

Section 7.3: Immediate Administrative Suspension

In cases where a member's actions pose an immediate safety hazard, threat of violence, or severe breach of community trust, the small council maintains absolute authority to issue an immediate suspension pending formal review.

Article VIII: Amendments and Dissolution

Section 8.1: Proposal and Adoption of Amendments

Any member in good standing may submit a petition to amend these bylaws to the small council. Amendments require a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the active small council to be ratified.

Section 8.2: Dissolution and Asset Disposition

Dissolution of Nexus may be initiated by unanimous agreement of the small council or a three-fourths (75%) vote of the general active membership. Upon dissolution, all outstanding liabilities shall be settled, and remaining collective physical assets or funds shall be donated to a non-profit entity or public community group chosen by the final committee.

Section 8.3: Severability Clause

If any provision of these bylaws is found to be invalid or unenforceable under applicable law, such finding shall not affect the remaining provisions, which shall remain in full force and effect.