

INVOCATION OF THE CORONET LISTS

(If it is so desired, there may be a procession consisting of: Banner bearers of the territories represented in the Lists, Entrants in the lists, each with his/her consort (optional), and each with personal banner bearers (also optional).

Their Highnesses will be seated on Their thrones. The Herald shall stand to the Princes right. A Cornet Herald shall be assigned to assist with the placement of the entrants in the Lists, keeping an aisle open before the thrones.

When all is in readiness, (if possible) a trumpet fanfare shall issue forth .)

Herald: Let the following contestants for the Coronet of Oertha come before Their Highnesses. *(Call forth fighters, one by one - names should be on 3x5 cards, with pronunciation 'hints' as needed.)*

(When called, each of the fighters shall come forward, with their entourages (if any). Belted fighters (and others approved by Their Highnesses and/or the Marshall shall stand to the Prince's right, all others shall stand on the left. The fighters consorts shall stand nearby, behind or next to their lord/lady. When all have been called forth, continue.)

Herald: Your Highnesses, these are the fighters who would compete today for the Coronets of Oertha.


 **Prince: Call forth the Marshall of Oertha.**

Herald: Let _____, Marshall of Oertha, come before Their Highnesses.

(The Marshall comes forward, reverences, and stands before the Prince.)

Herald: Let the fighters know which conventions of combat shall be observed in these Lists.

Marshall: *(Gives any conventions agreed upon, for instance:
Double Elimination
Finals best 2 out of 3, deaths forgiven
Double kills re-fought immediately
Anvilling rule applies ...Etc.)*

 **Prince: Thank you, my lord Marshall.**

(Marshall returns to his place.)

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Herald: You have all heard the conventions of combat for this tournament, and you all know the Rules of the Lists. Do you each swear to abide by these Rules and these conventions during these Lists?


Fighters: I so swear.

Herald: And do you each have a consort, whose favor you shall bear in these Lists, who has agreed to reign beside you should you be given victory this day?

Fighters: I do.

Herald: And do you swear that, if you should be given victory today, you and your consort can and will fulfill the obligations of the Prince and Princess of Oertha, and that you can and will swear fealty to the Principality and the people of Oertha, and that you can and will rule over the Principality of Oertha to the best of your ability?

Fighters: I so swear.

 **Prince:** *(Prince takes the Great Axe of State and holds it out, the fighters in front place their hands on the Axe, those farther back place hands on the shoulders of those in front.)*

Herald: And do you swear by this, the Great Axe of the Principality of Oertha, that should you prove victorious, you and your consort will swear fealty to Their Majesties, and to Their Successors to Their Thrones, and will maintain for Them Their lands of Oertha, for as long as you shall reign?

Fighters: I so swear.

Herald: Then upon pain of expulsion from these Lists, let none here present enter these Lists bearing any stone, charm, or herb of virtue by which they hope to gain advantage over their opponents. Let each of you prove, by your skill and strength alone the worth and virtue of those whose favors you bear, either in victory or in honorable defeat.

(At this time, the Prince, the Princess, or both may wish to make an exhortation to the fighters.)

Herald: Now let each of these fighters before the Princess, in order outward from Her Throne, challenge any one of these fighters before the Prince, for the honor of combat in the first round of the Coronet Lists. When your challenge is accepted, come forward together and present yourselves to the Mistress of the Lists that your challenges may be recorded. The lists will commence one-half hour after this Court is ended.

(Invocation of the Coronet List, Cont.)

(The fighters now make their challenges.)

Herald: This concludes the court of _____ and _____, Prince and Princess of Oertha. Their Highnesses give you leave to depart and prepare.
Long live the Prince! (populace echos)
Long live the Princess! (populace echos)
Long live the King and Queen of the West! Hip, hip ...

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