

# Baronial A&S Championship Rules for AS 41

The following are the rules and criteria for the next baronial A&S competition. There are two categories for adult entrants, those who can compete in earnest to be the next baronial champion and those who can not.

There is also a youth category for citizens aged 16 and under, youth are welcome to choose to enter the adult competition.

The baronial category in the competition is for those who may become the next champion. To qualify, one must be a resident of the barony, not the current baronial A&S champion, not a judge in the competition, and not the territorial baron or baroness.

The open category in the competition is for which those who can not stand as a baronial champion (for example gentles from outside the barony, their excellencies, or laurels who feels it is not appropriate to enter A&S championships; the current champions and judges may not compete at this level either though). This open category is being provided to encourage the display of works from those whose works we don't often get to view.

Candidates are asked to limit themselves to no more than five entries.

Entries are to be finished projects which can be:

- Items
- Performance pieces
- Research papers

(Note that if the competitor has entries that support each other, they can be entered both individually and as a group, provided documentation is produced for the individual elements and the ensemble. The individual entries would count toward the five-entry limit, but the group would not count as an extra entry.)

Entries can't be:

- Projects that have won a previous baronial championship, or any higher level of competition (regional or kingdom level)
- Completed more than five years ago
- Assembled from some sort of pre-made kit
- A group project

The judging style will be open and face-to-face. This means that entrants will be expected to speak with the judges once they have had a chance to peruse their documentation and answer any questions. The populous is welcome in the area, but is asked not to disturb a candidate who is being judged, and can otherwise freely converse with the candidates.

## Documentation

Documentation is expected to inform the observer of what historical thing you are recreating or studying; its purpose and/or use in period; historical evidence, and in the case of an item or performance how you have realized this (materials, methods, shortcuts, etc.). It must also provide a bibliography of your sources.

There are several articles on writing documentation which can be found from the East Kingdom A&A Competition and Display page, <http://www.eastkingdom.org/artsci/cdr.html>

Items and performance pieces must be accompanied by documentation in the neighbourhood of three pages, obviously some documentation will be shorter, but we ask that it be no longer than five pages. (Note that a 3" by 5" card is not acceptable documentation.)

Research papers are obviously entirely documentation, and must be at least five pages long but no more than twenty. Because research papers stand alone of an item or performance, they are expected to be more thorough, and extensive than the documentation of other types of entries.

## Submission

Items and the documentation for performance pieces will be due at a time to be announced on the day of the competition.

Performances will be scheduled during the judging period on the day of the competition. Note that the populous is free to attend the performance unless the entrant specifically requests for a private performance.

Research papers will be due one month prior to the competition, to be submitted to one of the baronial champions. If the paper can be submitted in an electronic format, this would facilitate the distribution to judges. In the case of an electronic submission, we ask the entrant to bring a single hard copy for display and reference for the day of the competition.

## Prizes

The winner of the baronial category will become the new baronial champion.

The winner of the open category will receive a something or other. (Vague? Naturally!)

The winner of the youth category will receive a token, and may be able choose a prize from a special list of youth prizes (depending on budgeting).

## Help From the Current Champions

If you would like advice or feedback on an entry prior to the competition, we are more than happy to help up to one month before submission. (So one month before the competition for items and performances, and two months prior for research papers.)

Examples of the help and support you can get depending of course on mundane commitments:

- Reading your documentation and recommending improvements
- Scanning images for documentation
- Providing a sounding board for ideas
- Suggestions for places to look for additional sources
- Providing articles off the internet for internet deprived
- Pointing out that small detail which is staring you in the face and yet you can't find it

We will provide additional detail and clarification as time and circumstance dictate. We wish a productive year to all of those who reside and visit our fair barony.

Your Baronial A&S Champions,

Anneke and Gilbert