

Middle Kingdom Commentary Policy

The following are the rules set forth by the Dragon Principal Herald for establishing commenting privileges both within the Middle Kingdom College of Heraldry (internal submissions of the Middle Kingdom) and Society College of Arms (external submissions of all Kingdoms). Those wishing to discuss issues with these policies may contact Dragon at herald@midrealm.org.

Commentary on internal heraldic submissions is now done via OSCAR, at <https://oscar.sca.org/kingdom/middle.php>. Anyone may read letters there and follow submissions without the need for an account.

Anyone who wishes to comment on internal submissions may make an account for that purpose. Dragon should be notified of the new account and will establish probationary commenting rights for you. Commenters are reminded that being able to comment is a privilege, and as such should utilize tact and diplomacy. Anyone may read commentary there and all commenters are reminded that commentary is entirely public. If after a period of commenting on at least three consecutive letters or 4 of the last 6 letters you have demonstrated your ability to comment with reasonable knowledge and accuracy then your commenting privileges will be cleared from a probationary status. Additionally, anyone who fails to comment for a period of six consecutive published letters, without first notifying Dragon of extenuating circumstances, will have their privileges revoked. They may petition for those commenting privileges again at Dragon's discretion. Exceptions may be granted on an individual basis, as in the case of a specialist commenter (i.e. – Norse, Jewish, Oriental cultures, etc)

Dragon has the final authority on who may or may not comment internally on OSCAR. Failure to adhere to these rules will result in that commenter having their privileges revoked for a period of at least six (6) months. At that time they may petition for commenting privileges again.

The Dragon Principal Herald is responsible for authorizing access for heralds in the Middle Kingdom who want to comment for the College of Arms (CoA) on OSCAR. Currently, those who hold the office of Rouge Scarpe [External Submissions] will have automatic access. If any herald wants to gain CoA access to OSCAR, they must contact Dragon for authorization. In general, the herald wanting CoA commenting access to OSCAR needs to present a consistent history (minimum of 6 months) of commenting at the Kingdom level with a good record of accurate information or needs to demonstrate a considerable knowledge in a specific area of commentary.

Laurel Sovereign at Arms has final authority on who does and who does not have CoA access to OSCAR, and will make all final decisions on that, or related issues. Any appeals to Dragon's decision shall be escalated to Laurel.