

Cities in Darkness Constitution

1. Preliminary

1.1 The name of the Society shall be 'Cities in Darkness' (hereinafter referred to as 'the Society').

1.2 The objects of the Society shall be:

1.2.1 The association in a social club composed of persons with a common interest in Roleplaying Games of Urban Horror, and the encouragement of social intercourse between such persons.

1.2.2 The promotion of excellence within Roleplaying of the Horror, Supernatural and related fields genre (hereinafter referred to as 'the game').

1.2.3 The collection, assimilation and distribution to its members of news, information, property (whether real, personal or intellectual), and all other matters howsoever pertaining to the game.

1.2.4 The Constitution is the servant of the game, sometimes common sense decisions are made, and the officer's decisions are final.

1.2.5 If you have any disabilities please let us know. It is our policy to assist with any and all disabilities to the full extent that it is reasonable and within the power and scope of the society to do so.

2. Membership

2.1 Membership of the Society is open to any person over 18 who agree to abide by the constitution and code of conduct.

2.2 A member may resign their membership at any time by letter or email addressed to the Secretary and their details will be removed and destroyed from membership lists.

2.3 Members will be asked to renew their commitment to the code of conduct on an annual basis. Any member who fails to do this within 2 months will be contacted to see if they wish to remain a member of the society. If that contact is unsuccessful, they will be deemed to have resigned from their society and their details will be removed from the membership lists

2.4 Attempts will be made to contact any Member who remains absent from either public forum or games for more than 6 months without prior notification. If that contact is unsuccessful, they will be deemed to have resigned from the society.

2.5 Each member shall keep their local Game Support informed of their contact details (email, phone and / or address as preferred).

3. Executives and Officers

3.1 The following officers are selected from the membership of the Society. They will have the following duties and responsibilities in addition to those listed elsewhere in the Constitution.

3.1.1 Storyteller "ST"

One of these posts will exist per domain and they will be a largely responsible for the

development of the storylines and plotlines of their local city as well as the overall story of the area in conjunction with the other city ST's. They shall also be responsible for the training and development of AST's. They will also act as primary referee for their city.

3.1.2 Game Support "GS"

Responsible for booking games, handling money, signing off XP expenditure, and managing all other out of character issues. They are responsible for the maintenance of a Central XP log, a list of approved items and for keeping character sheets updated and regularly circulated to players. They will also take responsibility for keeping accurate financial accounts which will be compiled into a yearly annual report.

3.1.3 Public relations coordinator (PRC) and PRC - IT

the Public Relations coordinator is a centralized post who can also act as an independent arbitrator in events of disputes with the committee and can cast a tie-breaking vote at AGM's. They will also take responsibility for managing publicity for the society and events, maintaining the website and acting as a public representative to organizations external to the society.

3.1.4 Assistant Storyteller "AST"

One or more of these may be found in a city, They act as a support to the ST and referee under the guidance of the ST.

3.1.5 Assistant Game Support "AGS"

One or more of these may be found in a city, They act as an additional referee and assistant to the GS under the guidance of the GS.

4. The Committee

4.1 The Committee shall consist of each city's ST and GS along with the PRCs. No Officer may represent more than one domain in one post at committee and accordingly must delegate their vote to the AST or AGS as appropriate to act in their stead. The majority of Committee members must be residents of the United Kingdom - no more than two members of the Committee may be non-resident in the United Kingdom.

4.2 A quorum of the Committee shall be four (4) members with no less than 1 member from 60% of the constituent cities.

4.3 The Committee individually or as a whole may stand down at any time although will hold their post(s) until any forced re-election.

4.4 If Any 3 Members in one domain approach the PRCs in any one month with a written vote of no confidence in an officer, then this will trigger an election for that post.

4.5 In the event of an election all members in the city will be canvassed for nominees for one week after the announcement of the election.

4.6 Voting will be held via the Forum and, in the event of a tie, the election will be restaged with the tying candidates as the only candidates. In the further event of a tie, the decision will fall to the PRC.

4.7 No elected officer can be challenged within the first 3 months of election.

4.8 A vote of no confidence in either of the PRCs is made as in the case of any other officer. However, written votes of no confidence can be passed to any officer within the society.

4.8 Election of the PRCs is voted on by the committee, although all cities will be canvassed for Nominees.

5 The Committee Meeting

5.1 Once in every three month period, a meeting of the full committee will be held.

5.2 At the Meeting All ST's and GS's (or their deputized assistants) shall give a verbal progress report, The GS shall also bring up to date accounts. These meetings shall be for the discussion of plot and storylines, society developments, issues and to address any disciplinary issues.

The Meeting shall be quorum as described in 4.2 above.

6 Finances

6.1 The finances of the society are to be kept in the form of Cash, therefore every domain must have a secured cash box.

6.2 The GS shall provide Income/ Expenditures Accounts on Excel spreadsheets for audit in the committee meetings

6.3 An inventory of Props shall be kept for access by all committee members.

6.4 Expenditure approval amount will be £10 before checking with GS.

6.5 Accounts will be collated yearly and an annual report for the society will be published and available to all members on request.

7 Out of Character Nights

7.1 The Society shall organize irregular meetings subject to availability and interest. The aim of these society nights will be to encourage both members and non-members of the Society to meet in a friendly setting. The social nights will be strictly out of character.

8 Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Proceedings

8.1 The Society will rely upon the Society Code of Conduct 1st Edition

8.2 Disciplinary proceedings will be carried out in accordance with the code of conduct. Any decisions to ban, severely penalize or expel members shall be taken to a committee meeting for full discussion. Members will be informed of the outcome of that discussion as soon as is possible,

8.3 Any Amendments to either the code of conduct or disciplinary procedures require council approval and are to be raised in the same manner as a constitutional change.

8.4 All changes will change the version name of the Code of Conduct to reflect the implementation date and it will automatically be assumed that the constitution is to have been updated to reflect said changes to use the most recent versions

8.5 All members agree to abide by the judgment of the Society in all disciplinary and conduct matters.

8.6 The Society retains full right to use its own discretion in all matters relation to Conduct and discipline,

9 House Rules

9.1 House rules (rules regarding the game mechanics) are all agreed variations of and deviations from the rules as printed in the source rule book(s) used.

9.2 The Society will rely upon the House Rules 1st Edition

9.3 Any Amendments to house rules will require Committee approval but can be raised for discussion by the general membership.

9.4 All elected changes will change the version name of the House Rules to reflect the

implementation date and it will automatically be assumed that the constitution is to have been updated to reflect said changes to use the most recent version.

9.5 All members agree to abide by all house rules.

10. General

10.1 Proposed Amendments to the Constitution should be put in writing and forwarded to the Committee. Provided that such amendments are endorsed by at least two members of the Society, (Committee members can suggest changes without the need for endorsement). The proposal shall be submitted for voting after discussion at the next committee meeting.

10.2 Acceptance and adherence to these rules and the most recent version of the code of conduct is a condition of membership of the Society.

10.3 This Constitution shall replace and substitute all previous Constitutions, revisions and supplements.

10.4 The Committee shall hold business meetings at the committee meetings, and at other times during the year as appropriate (but not less than four times including the committee meetings). Committee meetings held “on line” will be deemed as suitable alternative arrangements.