

ROAD TO INTERNATIONAL JEDI FEDERATION KNIGHTHOOD

I. OBJECTIVE

To provide the International Jedi Federation (IJF) with a standard for reviewing a Jedi Apprentice seeking knighthood.

II. PURPOSE

This document is intended to serve as a guide for evaluating a Jedi Candidate for Knighthood.

III. CANDIDATE ELIGIBILITY

To be considered eligible for Knighthood with the IJF, a candidate must:

- A. Be a member of the IJF.
- B. Have attained at least twenty-two (22) years of age.
- C. Complete an approved Basic Jedi Training program and Apprenticeship.
- D. Demonstrate understanding of the Jedi Compass.
- E. Compile a Candidate's Packet which include:
 - 1. A minimum of two (2) letters of reference, one of which is to be from an existing IJF Knight.
 - 2. A sampling of assignments from Basic Jedi Training overseen by the Director of Education.
 - 3. Anything that the Candidate or candidate's mentor deems appropriate (e.g. training journal, certificates, etc.)
- F. Undergo a Background Check overseen by the Director of Education.
- G. Undertake the Labyrinth of Trials.
- H. Sit before a Knighting Panel.

IV. STAFF RESPONSIBILITIES

A. The Director of Education will be responsible for ensuring all the following requirements are met at least one (1) full month before a scheduled Knighting Panel:

1. That the Candidate has at least two (2) letters of recommendation (one of which is from an existing IJF Knight) speaking to the candidate's role of knight.
2. A Candidate has completed the Seeker Path training to reach the minimum requirements of a Jedi Apprentice.
3. Gathering a sampling of assignments from the training program to create a portfolio.
4. Ensuring all Knighting Panelists receive a copy of the Candidate's packet.
5. Creating an exercise whereby a Candidate demonstrates the ability to use the Jedi Compass in decision-making scenarios

B. The Director Of Education will be responsible for:

1. Ensuring an age and background check have been completed.
 - a. Any sexual or violent offence found against a candidate will be reported to the Board of Directors for review and to be discussed with the Candidate before a Knighting Panel is approved.
 - i. Besides the Director(s) on a Knighting Panel, no other Knighting Panelists will be apprised of a Candidate's criminal history without the explicit approval of the Candidate.
 - ii. A Candidate's refusal to not allow for disclosure will not disqualify him/her/them for a Knighthood.
2. Investigating a Candidate's social presence to ensure they are not engaging in activities which go against the Code of Conduct or the Jedi Path nor would reflect negatively on IJF.
3. The Director of Education will report their findings to the Council.

4. The Director of Administration will communicate the results of the background check to the Panelists.

C. The Director of Mystics will be responsible for the oversight of the Labyrinth of Trials.

1. The Labyrinth should occur no more than two (2) months prior to the Candidate's Panel.
2. The Director of the Mystics may assign the performance of the Labyrinth of Trials to a qualified Jedi Mystic(s).
 - a. Up to two (2) Jedi Mystics may be assigned to one candidate per Labyrinth.
 - b. The Assigned Mystic(s) may not be a Sponsor or mentor to the candidate.
 - c. The Assigned Mystic(s) may not be on probation.
 - d. The Assigned Mystic(s) will not be allowed to serve on the Candidate's Knighting Panel.
3. The assigned Mystic(s) will be responsible for reviewing Jedi Compass areas concerning "Self-Awareness" and "Overcome".
4. The assigned Mystic(s) will give an assessment to the Director of Mystics on whether a Candidate passed or failed the Labyrinth of Trials.
 - a. If the Candidate failed, the assigned Mystic will need to communicate to the Director of the Mystics what they feel was a demonstration of failure.
5. The Director of the Mystics will communicate the general information to the Interviewers as the section it falls under in the Jedi Compass (Self-Awareness Interior, Self-Awareness Exterior, Overcome Aggression, Overcome Recklessness, and/or Overcome Attachments), but will not disclose any specific details to the Interviewers.

D. The President will be responsible for assembling Knights for the Knighting Panel.

1. The President may assign this task to the Vice President.
2. The assigned "President" will recommend knights to sit on the Candidate's Knighting Panel, and ensure the recommended Knights are willing to sit in. The President will review the Knighting Panel for a Jedi Candidate to ensure they do not have a major bias in favor of or against a Jedi Candidate.

- a. Any Jedi Federation Knight may be eligible to sit on the Panel with the following exceptions:
 - i. A Candidate's Mentor or sponsor may not participate in their panel.
 - ii. An IJF Knight on Probation will not be allowed to sit on the panel.
 - b. There must be a minimum of three (3) Knights, but not to exceed four (4) on the Panel.
 - c. At least one (1) Knight must have observed and evaluated the Candidate's ability to use the Jedi Compass in the exercise created by the Director of Education.
3. After Knighting Panelists have been approved, the "President" will give each member one of the following sections of the Jedi Compass (Ineffable, Core Ethics, Virtues, and Prowess) to review:
- a. If only three (3) members are on the Knighting Panel, "Prowess" will be given to the Knight that oversees "Ineffable"

V. THE KNIGHTING PANEL

- A. The Candidate and the Sponsor shall come before the Panel with the Candidate stating his/her/their name and Jedi name
- B. The Candidate shall be asked if s/he/they are prepared to accept the guidelines/process of the Panel as the status of the knighting which would be recognized by this organization and its affiliates.
 1. If the Candidate does NOT accept, then s/he/they must leave the room. The process will then end here.
 2. If the Candidate DOES accept, then ask the Sponsor to present his/her/their reasons for recommendation and/or why the Candidate should be recognized as a Knight. The Sponsor will be given at least two minutes for an opening statement. Then ask the Sponsor to please leave the room so that the Panel may interview the Candidate.
- C. Each Knight will be allowed to ask up to five (5) questions.
- D. A minimum of three (3) questions must pertain to the section (Ineffable, Core Ethics, Virtues, and Prowess) the Knight has been given to use for review of the Candidate.

- E. The last two (2) questions may be personal questions, but must be based on the information they received in the Candidate's Packet or presented by the Candidate during the interview itself.
- F. The Candidate will then be given at least two (2) minutes for a closing statement on why they feel they should be Knighted. The Candidate will then be asked to exit the room so that the Panel may deliberate.
- G. The Knighting Panelists will deliberate on the information in the Candidate's Packet, results of the Labyrinth, demonstration of the Jedi Compass, and the interview itself to determine if the Candidate is ready for Knighthood.
1. One minute of silence is observed for reflection/meditation.
 2. The Panelists will take an initial poll that will be anonymous. If it is shown that the panel is unanimous in either passing or failing a candidate, then that poll will be taken as the final vote and no further action is required.
 3. If the Panel is not unanimous, then the Panel must go around the "table" getting thoughts and impressions as to the Knighthood fitness of the Candidate. Each Panelist must be given a chance to express one's view and opinion.
 4. The Panel may request the Sponsor to return to clarify any lingering questions/comments as well as offer a final summation regarding the Candidate. The Panel will then ask the Sponsor to leave so that they may continue their discussion
 5. This deliberation shall not exceed one hour. With one additional minute at the end for silence and reflection so that members may digest said opinions.
 6. After their silent and reflective meditation, the Panel must vote. Each Panelist will get one vote of "Pass" or "Fail" with the Chair voting last. Majority Vote will be accepted.
- H. After the decision, they will call the Candidate back in to communicate their constructive findings and final decision.