

REINSTATEMENT OF IJF KNIGHTHOOD

I. Objective

To provide the International Jedi Federation with a standard for reviewing a former Jedi Knight, of whom has left their knighthood in good standing, seeking reinstatement.

II. Reinstatement Eligibility

To be considered for reinstatement of Knighthood with the International Jedi Federation, a candidate must:

1. Be a member of the International Jedi Federation.
2. Have previously been Knighted with the IJF.
3. Submit a formal request to the Board of Directors for reinstatement.
 - a. A candidate may also provide letter(s) of recommendation.
4. Undergo a Background Check by the Council.
5. Undertake the Labyrinth of Trials by the Council of Mystics.
6. Sit before a Panel of Knights.

III. Staff Responsibilities

1. The Council will be responsible for:
 - a. Ensuring a background check has been completed.
 - i. Any sexual or violent offence found against a former Knight will be reported to the Board of Directors for review and to be discussed with the former Knight before a Reinstatement Panel is approved.
 1. Besides the Director(s) on a Reinstatement Panel, no other Panelists will be apprised of a former Knight's criminal history without the explicit approval of the former Knight.
 2. A former Knight's refusal to allow disclosure will not disqualify him/her for Reinstatement.
 - b. Investigating a former Knight's social presence to ensure they has not been engaging in activities which go against the Code of Conduct or the Jedi Path nor would reflect negatively on the Jedi Federation.
 - c. Vetting Knights serving on a Reinstatement Panel for a former Knight to ensure they do not have a major bias in favor of or against a former Knight.
 - i. The Council may assign this task to a qualified Knight or Master to do this.
 1. The qualified Knight/Master may not be a sponsor or Master to the former Knight.
 2. The qualified Knight/Master may not be on probation.
 - d. The assigned Knight/Master will report their findings to the Council.

- e. The Council will communicate the results of the background check to the Panelists.
- 2. The Council of Mystics will be responsible for the oversight of the Labyrinth of Trials.
 - a. The Director of the Mystics may assign the performance of the Labyrinth of Trials to a qualified Jedi Mystic(s).
 - i. The Assigned Mystic(s) may not be a Sponsor or Master to the former Knight.
 - ii. The Assigned Mystic(s) may not be on probation.
 - iii. The Assigned Mystic(s) will not be allowed to serve on the Reinstatement Panel.
 - b. The assigned Mystic(s) will give an assessment to the Director of Mystics on whether a Candidate passed or failed the Labyrinth of Trials.
 - i. 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.
 - c. The Director of the Mystics will communicate the general information to the Panelists but will not disclose any specific details.
- 3. The President will be responsible for assembling Knights for the Reinstatement Panel.
 - a. The President may assign this task to the Vice President.
 - b. The assigned "President" will recommend knights to sit on the former Knight's Reinstatement Panel, and ensure the recommended Knights are willing to sit in.
 - i. Any Jedi Federation Knight may be eligible to sit on the Panel with the following exceptions:
 - 1. A former Knight's Master or sponsor may not participate in their panel.
 - 2. A Jedi Federation Knight on Probation will not be allowed to sit on the panel.
 - c. There must be a minimum of three (3) Knights on the Panel.
 - i. At least one (1) Knight on the Panel must be a member of the Board of Directors who will chair the panel.
 - ii. At least one (1) Knight must have been present at the time of departure of the former Knight.
 - iii. At least one (1) Knight must not have been present at the time of departure of the former Knight.

IV. The Reinstatement Panel

1. The former Knight shall come before the Panel stating his/her name and Jedi name.
2. The former Knight shall be asked if s/he is prepared to accept the decision of the Panel as the status of knighthood would be recognized by this organization and its affiliates.
 - a. If the former Knight does NOT accept, then s/he must leave the room. The process will then end here.
 - b. If the former Knight DOES accept, then ask the former Knight to present his/her reasons for reinstatement.
3. Each Knight will be allowed to ask questions to probe into the reason for departure, what the former Knight has done since, and what s/he plans to do after the reinstatement.
4. The former Knight will then be given time for a closing statement on why they feel they should be reinstated. The former Knight will then be asked to exit the room so that the Panel may deliberate.
5. The Knighting Panelists will deliberate to determine if the former Knight is fit for Reinstatement.
 - a. One minute of silence is observed for reflection/meditation.
 - b. The Panelists will take an initial poll stating whether they "Accept" or "Accept with Conditions" or "Reject" the request for reinstatement with the Chair speaking last.
 - i. Conditions for acceptance may include but are not limited to: take courses, perform a certain kind/amount of service, undergo the Labyrinth of Trials, have an accountability partner, etc.
 - c. The Panel must go around the table getting thoughts and impressions as to the fitness of the former Knight. Each Panelist must be given a chance to express one's view and opinion.
 - d. The Panel may request the former Knight to return to clarify any lingering questions/comments. The Panel will then ask the former Knight to leave so that they may continue their deliberation
 - e. The Panel must reach a consensus.
 - i. If the Panel is unable to reach a consensus after one (1) hour of discussion, the request will be considered "rejected."
6. After the decision, they will call the former Knight back in to communicate the constructive findings and final decision
 - a. If the reinstatement request by the former Knight is accepted with/out conditions, s/he must reaffirm the Knighthood Oath.
 - b. If the reinstatement request by the former Knight is rejected, s/he may seek knighthood