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# Rules for Membership at Kadanzer Weyr

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*The Kadanzer Weyr is not a static organization. New members are always joining, new tools are developed for our website to enhance the membership experience, and new questions and requests for clarification of club rules and regs come up in the day-to-day pursuit of operating a very large and very active club like Kadanzer. Because of this, the club's policies are always in a case of slow evolution, as the club's management grows and changes, and as the club's management learns from past problems, successes, and mistakes. As the club grows and the needs of members change, so must the club's rules, regulations, and managerial policies.*

## **Kadanzer Weyr Membership Rules:**

These are the rules for all club members to follow. Before you decide to join, please be aware of the following; If you have decided to join Kadanzer Weyr, we understand that you have agreed to respect these rules.

- We expect all members in this club to have read the two trilogies of Anne McCaffrey's Pern books. If you haven't yet, please do so. These books are [Dragon Flight](#), [Dragon Quest](#), and [The White Dragon](#), and [Dragon Song](#), [Dragon Singer](#), and [Dragon Drums](#).
- We only accept the events of [DragonFlight](#), [DragonQuest](#), [The White Dragon](#), the Harper Hall trilogy, [Moreta](#), and some of the events of [All The Weyrs of Pern](#) as precedent-setting for the continuity of this club. Events in later books (such as increasingly spectacular draconic abilities) are not accepted as part of our club's established continuity. (This is simply to protect us from having to constantly rewrite our club's 'reality' after each new Pern book is published.)
- All members of the club are subscribed to the club's general email list. Any member may post to the list provided the message is club-related. Periodically, messages will be posted to this list that require a reply from each member. We must have a valid email address for each member; if an email address goes bad and no substitution is made, a member will find their membership cancelled. Messages and warnings will be sent to the email address you have listed as your primary contact. You are responsible to check this address at least once a week, unless you have given prior notification of absence to the BOD. If the primary address is not reachable, we will attempt to contact you at your secondary address (if any has been given); if all email addresses we have for you are unreachable for over a week, and you have not given prior warning to the BOD, your membership may be terminated immediately. Exceptions may be made for family emergencies, medical emergencies, natural disasters, illness, military service, etc., but you must make a good-faith effort to contact the club's BOD and let them know about such circumstances.
- All members of the club are expected to read the club handbook. This is simply common sense. Please do it. The handbook is available via our website.
- All members of the club are strongly encouraged to read the stories printed by the club, past, present and future. You won't understand half of what goes on if you don't, so please be prepared to do so.
- Members are expected to be polite to one another, and to follow directions given to them by the club's Board Of Directors (BOD), the club's Persona Approval Team (PAT), and the club's Story Approval Team (SAT).
- Members must visit the website at least once a quarter. Members who fail to stay current with the club will have their memberships revoked and all personas made into NPCs. (Adequate warning will be given to members before such drastic steps are taken.)
- Members are expected to use the Message Boards and visit them periodically, since this is where club news and information is shared.
- As of 06/02, Kadanzer Weyr does not allow anyone younger than 15 years of age to join the club. The club accepts and prints PG-13 material for all members to access. NC-17 material is posted in an area accessible only to members at least 17 years old. Adult themes are sometimes raised at RPs. If you are 14 or younger, please do not join this club.
- Anyone found falsifying their age or using a false identity (even borrowing someone else's identity with permission) will be immediately removed from the club. Note that aliases or handles are allowed, provided you inform the club BOD of your real identity.
- Members who leave the club have two choices for each persona they created -- the character can either die, or become an NPC for adoption by a new member or future Threadfodder. The Weyr will no longer accept "character transfers away" as a method for dealing with personas of members who are leaving the club. Characters adopted by a departing member during their time at Kadanzer always revert to being adoptable NPCs, unless the BOD agrees to their deaths. The BOD of

Kadanzer Weyr refuses to rewrite club continuity on behalf of departing members, although we will be as accommodating as possible.

- Kadanzer Weyr retains reprint rights to any materials submitted to the club.
- Plagiarism of stories or artwork is grounds for automatic membership cancellation. All submissions are expected to be a member's own original work.
- All persona characters must be updated on an annual basis. During the months of November & December, all members will be reminded to update their persona CISs. The deadline to do so will be January 1 of the new year. Character sheet updates are mandatory between November 1 and December 31 of each year; characters who CISs are not updated will automatically become NPCs as of January 1.
- All of Anne McCaffrey's rules for fandom will be respected and adhered to. The following rules are from Anne McCaffrey (AM) herself for fandom to follow. No argument or exceptions to these rules will be considered:
  - No use of AM's own characters is allowed. This include the use of their names, and the citing of these individuals as personal persona ancestors. Likewise, you may never use a storyline that includes Benden Weyr, Ruatha Hold, or the main Northern Harper Hall. The only exception to this is that you may have a persona born at these locations, or possibly transferring to Kadanzer Weyr from these locations.
  - No odd colored dragons are allowed. No white dragons, black dragons, purple dragons, red dragons, copper dragons, plaid dragons, etc. Only golds, bronzes, browns, blues, and greens. No sports like Ruth are ever going to be accepted.
  - The practice of religion on Pern is not allowed.
  - No forms of magic are allowed. Magic does not exist on Pern. Likewise, no forms of ESP or similar mental abilities are allowed. All riders can "hear" their own dragons, and a very few rare individuals can hear all dragons. But telekinesis, teleportation without a dragon, empathy and other forms of ESP are not allowed.
  - Golds may only be Impressed by women; only men can Impress bronzes.



## **Earning Persona Characters:**

As of January 1, 2006, all newly created personas or adopted NPCs must be earned. The first character (adopted NPC or newly created persona) requires a new member to first leave 15 substantial comments in our story comment feature on the website. Additional personas another 15 comments until such a time as you have submitted four pieces of art, or have been an equal contributor to a story which has been to have been approved by the SAT.

“Substantial comments” means that a member leaves a solid piece of feedback. “I liked it. It was a good.” isn’t considered a substantial comment; detailing what you liked and why you liked it would be considered a substantial comment.

Members who wish to be considered for future ranking characters (including goldriders) should understand that the BOD expects to see continued evidence of interest and engagement in the club. This can include writing stories, submitting artwork, and continuing to post story comments. Leaving comments on stories is the best way to show the club’s BOD that you are interested and involved, and other club members will thrive on your continued feedback on new stories as well on the wealth of stories already in our archive.



## **Ranking Persona Ownership Requirements:**

The following annual submissions are required for the following ranking persona types. We use the term "major submission" in regards to ranking persona requirements. A major submission means one or more of the following, and text submissions should involve your ranking persona in some fashion:

- One story, at least 2,500 words in length.
- One handbook article, at least 2,500 words in length.
- Four points worth of art, in any combination of sketch, finished art, or showcase effort (see below for definitions).

Goldriders and the Weyrleader require two major submissions per year; of those two major submissions, at least one must be a story. If both are stories, at least one story must be a collaboration effort with other writers, and the goldrider/Weyrleader’s owner must be shouldering their full share of the effort.

### **Weyrleader:**

- Must submit at least TWO major submissions year, one of which must be a story being at least 2,500 words in length, which

features the Weyrleader. The required story can be collaborative effort, provided that the Weyrleader's owner has shouldered at least half of the story-writing burden.

➤ Must be willing to allow your persona to be used by other members. You will have final approval on how your persona is used, of course; however, story approval requests MUST be answered within two weeks, or approval is granted by default.

**Weyrwoman:**

➤ Must submit at least TWO major submissions year, one of which must be a story being at least 2,500 words in length, which features the Weyrwoman. The required story can be collaborative effort, provided that the Weyrwoman's owner has shouldered at least half of the story-writing burden.

➤ Must be willing to allow your persona to be used by other members. You will have final approval on how your persona is used, of course; however, story approval requests MUST be answered within two weeks, or approval is granted by default.

**Junior Goldrider:**

➤ Must submit at least TWO major submissions year, one of which must be a story being at least 2,500 words in length, which features the junior goldrider. The required story can be collaborative effort, provided that the junior goldrider's owner has shouldered at least half of the story-writing burden.

➤ Must be willing to allow your persona to be used by other members. You will have final approval on how your persona is used, of course.

**Wingleader or Weyrlingmaster:**

➤ Must submit at least ONE major submission per year; mystery art is not applicable.

➤ If a wingleader, must be a bronzerider.

➤ Must be willing to allow your persona to be used by other members. You will have final approval on how your persona is used, of course.

**Lord Holder:**

➤ Update your Hold Summary (or create one if needed)

➤ Submit at least ONE major submission a year; mystery art is not applicable.

➤ Must be willing to allow your persona to be used by other members. You will have final approval on how your persona is used, of course.

**Mastercraftsman:**

➤ Develop a detailed Craft Summary if one does not already exist, or update it if it does.

➤ Submit at least ONE major submission a year; ; mystery art is not applicable.

➤ Must be willing to allow your persona to be used by other members. You will have final approval on how your persona is used, of course.

**Craftmaster or Weyrcrafter (the Weyrcrafter being an individual in charge of a craft's operations at the Weyr):**

➤ Submit ONE major submission a year; mystery art is applicable.

➤ Must be willing to allow your persona to be used by other members. You will have final approval on how your persona is used, of course.

**Bronzeriders/Female Brownriders:**

➤ While not always ranking personas per se, all bronzeriders and all female brownriders are nonetheless personas that MUST be supported. We require at least ONE major submission a year concerning your bronzerider or female brownrider. Mystery art is applicable.

**Earning weyrling bronzeriders/female brownriders:**

➤ All weyrling bronzeriders or weyrling female brownriders must be earned prior to a hatching, through the submission of a candidate-related major submission. (This major submission will also be applied toward that ranking persona's annual ranking requirements.)

Members have a full calendar year to support their ranking personas, and it is the responsibility of the members to see the requirements fulfilled. Ranking personas who have not been supported during a calendar year will be considered forfeit after January 1 of the following year. This holds true for ALL ranking personas. Members may adopt back their ranking personas after that point, upon the judgment of the club's BOD. Ranking personas who come into a member's ownership after October 1, through hatching, adoption, or creation, are exempt from that calendar year's upkeep.

Mystery art can be used to meet the annual requirements for non-ranking bronzeriders, female brownriders, Weyrcrafters, and general craftmaster personas. It cannot be used to earn Weyrleaders, Weyrwomen, junior goldriders, Mastercrafters, Lord Holders, or wingleader personas.



## **EARNING A GOLDRIDER AT KADANZER [as of 10/01/01]**

Members who want a gold dragon at Kadanzer Weyr must meet these standards in order to be considered. Prospective goldriders for Kadanzer must to be members who are active participants in the creative life of the club. Likewise, they must be members who have shown both an interest in working with other members collaboratively, and leadership and initiative in doing so.

To qualify for consideration as a goldrider for Kadanzer Weyr, the following requirements must also be met:

- Earn more than 100 rank points (weyrling and/or wingrider) in finalized submissions (materials concerning non-dragonriders apply equally, although rank points for these persona types are not tracked).
- Develop a positive record of working interactively with other club members through collaborative stories and RP sessions.
- Serve for four months or more as an active participant in club management (i.e. through volunteer projects, the SAT or PAT, the Weyrling Wing staff, actively running RP events in the chat room or on the message boards, tackling and completing special managerial projects, etc.). Some form of proof of participation is required (i.e: results), as is self-motivation.

Candidates who meet these requirements have earned the privilege to be considered for a gold dragon; the BOD must then review the members' record of behavior. Individuals who have then been approved as goldriders by the BOD will be awarded a gold egg at Kadanzer Weyr. Gold eggs will not be added to our clutch chart schedule without a candidate having met these requirements, nor will a gold egg be awarded to a member without them having already achieved these requirements.

The same qualifications are necessary in order to have a Weyrleader or Weyrwoman persona.



## **Firelizard Ownership**

Firelizards are considered rare on the Pern of Kadanzer. As a result, a member can have a green, blue, brown, or bronze firelizard for his or her persona only if they are willing to create a submission with which to earn that firelizard. A single piece of artwork, a poem, an article, a story, or other types of submissions will be considered enough to earn that firelizard egg. A single member can have up to five firelizards, spread out among their personas as they desire (although more than two firelizards per single character is considered excessive). A member may only have one gold firelizard at a time, in the possession of their persona of choice.

Gold firelizards are reserved to be given to members as rewards for their activity in the club. The following are what members need to do in order to earn a gold firelizard.

- Member must have been with the club for at least 6 months
- Member must have submitted at least 50 pages of material (stories, art, poetry, etc.)