

The Constitution of Nasicournia, 2005

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Preamble

We, the nations of Nasicournia, are gathered here to strive for a common goal and strength in democracy and peace. Nasicournia values national and regional sovereignty above all other engagements, and reserves the right to protect our sovereignty in all forms.

Nasicournia serves as an open and free region. We recruit specifically for nations likeminded in peace while also searching for diversity in government persuasions, and we protect our borders with the utmost level of security. We are both a defender region and a RP region. All military and intelligence operatives are in said departments on a voluntary basis, and no involvement in any aspect of Nasicournian life is to ever be forced upon our residents.

Nasicournia believes in the truth of democracy, and therefore we vote democratically on all aspects of policy and election in the region. Herein follow the guidelines of Nasicournia.

Article I

Regional Democracy

Every nation in Nasicournia is accorded one vote in every election, alliance or policy vote, and appointment confirmation.

Section 1. Regional Delegate Elections and Responsibilities

a. Calling for a Delegate Election

Nasicournians reserve the right to call for a delegate election at any time. We do not have set elections, for we believe in the right of the people to call for their own election. Challengers are welcomed and encouraged.

- Candidates for the delegate position must be active participants of the Nasicournia Forum for at least three months before declaring intent to run.
- The delegate will serve a term of at least one month before another election can be held, except in extreme circumstances, such as delegate abuse of the position.
- The delegate must acknowledge a challenge at any time, and allow elections to proceed.

b. Delegate Election Procedures

- Once an election has been called for by an eligible candidate, the Founder of Nasicournia will lead the election procedures in a neutral and technical fashion unless otherwise determined by the whole of Nasicournia.
- Candidates must receive an endorsement for their campaign by at least one other resident of the region that has been active in Nasicournia for at least three months.
- Candidates are expected to campaign actively in a respectful fashion during delegate elections.
- Campaigning will take place for at least two weeks before the election may proceed. The Founder of Nasicournia and the residents will decide whether or not the date of election should be later than two weeks, depending on the circumstances of each individual election.

c. Endorsement Guidelines During Election Time

- All members of Nasicournia are expected to endorse the standing delegate of Nasicournia until the election date.
- At the time of the election date, members must cast their vote on the forum. Ingame endorsement votes will not be counted.
- The vote for delegate shall take place during a period of one week, unless more time is needed and agreed upon by the residents of Nasicournia.
- At the end of election time, all WA nations are expected to endorse the newly elected delegate, as indicated in Nasicournia's endorsement guidelines.
- In the event that inactive nations are not around to remove their endorsements of the delegate, therefore rendering the change in delegacy impossible, the delegate may be asked to leave for update and return upon the rightful change of delegate, or temporarily resign from the WA.

- All endorsements given to members other than the delegate may remain unless such an endorsement pushes another nation over the endorsement limit.

d. Delegate Responsibilities

- The Delegate of Nasicournia serves to represent the collective nations of Nasicournia. The delegate does not command the residents of this region in any way.
- The Delegate must remain active in the World Assembly, and vote based on the majority of votes received by WA nations in Nasicournia. The delegate's vote on WA proposals counts the same as every other resident of this region. However, should there be a tie, the Delegate may vote as Delegate to break the tie.
- The Delegate shall have no access to Regional Controls unless otherwise decided by Nasicournia under special circumstances.
- The Delegate must endorse every WA nation in the region, unless that endorsement pushes a nation over the endorsement limit.
- In conjunction with the Founder and the NSC, the Delegate is responsible for helping to maintain regional security, make sure that regional guidelines are being followed, etc.
- The Delegate is expected to remain active on the offsite forum and the regional board of Nasicournia.
- The Delegate works in conjunction with the Founder and the Foreign Affairs Department to develop and monitor diplomatic interactions with nations of other regions and organizations, including alliances.
- The Delegate should also help recruit.

Section 2. Officer Elections and Appointments

Every nation of this region has the right to serve for the good of the region. Officer elections take place in much the same way as the Delegate elections. A new election can be called at any time, by either a challenger or a concerned nation of Nasicournia. These elections are held by simple majority vote. Appointments are done in much the same way. Every nation in Nasicournia has the right to run for any position up for election. If there is no challenger, the Delegate of Nasicournia can choose to appoint the only person in the running; however, this appointment must be confirmed by a simple majority vote of the region.

Every nation with an idea for a new position has the right to ask for the creation of said position. If the region agrees that the position is of benefit for

the region, an election or appointment vote will be held as per normal elections. Current positions and Departments will be kept updated in Article 2 of this Constitution, and will not require an Amendment with each update.

Section 3. Delegate of the Nasicournian Borderlands

The delegate of the Nasicournian Borderlands is an appointed position. The nations of Nasicournia hold an election or appointment confirmation to decide who will serve as the delegate of Nasicournian Borderlands.

a. Nasicournian Borderlands Delegate Qualifications

- The Delegate of the Nasicournian Borderlands must be an active native of Nasicournia proper for at least three months, or an active native of the Nasicournian Borderlands for three months.
- The Delegate must be well versed in Nasicournian guidelines.
- The Delegate must join the recruitment team, and actively recruit new members.
- The Delegate must follow all Nasicournian guidelines.
- The Delegate should not use Regional Controls to the Nasicournian Borderlands without first asking permission of the Elected Officials of Nasicournia, or in case of emergency.

b. Delegate Removal

- The residents of Nasicournia reserve the right to appoint a new Delegate of the Nasicournian Borderlands in the event of inactivity or indiscretion of Borderland guidelines.

c. Delegate Responsibilities

- The Delegate of the Borderlands serves two purposes. First and foremost, the Delegate must represent those collective nations which have chosen to take up permanent residency in the Borderlands as natives. The Delegate does not command the residents of this region in any way, though s/he may directly instruct recruits to follow guidelines.
- The Delegate must remain active in the World Assembly, and vote based on the majority of votes received by WA nations in Nasicournian Borderlands. The delegate's vote on WA proposals counts the same as every other resident of this region.

- The Delegate must endorse every WA nation in the region, unless that endorsement pushes a nation over the endorsement limit.
- In conjunction with the Founder and the NSC, the Delegate is responsible for helping to maintain regional security, make sure that regional guidelines are being followed, etc.
- The Delegate is expected to remain active on the offsite forum and the regional board of the Nasicournian Borderlands.
- The Delegate is responsible for instructing recruits on Nasicournian guidelines and life, by way of the regional board of the Nasicournian Borderlands and by telegram correspondence.
- The Delegate is also required to help recruit qualified nations into Nasicournia.

Section 4. Election of Founder and Responsibilities

Nasicournia is one of the very few regions in the international community to have had the honor of electing a native to the Founder position. A detailed account of this can be found in the Historical Society of Nasicournia. This is unique to our region, and also gives us a special edge in creating a region of complete and utter democratic nature (except for some of our national governments, of course).

a. How the Founder was Elected

- Nasicournia was once left founderless. The delegate at the time recruited the region to over a hundred nations and helped defend the region from invaders several times, then held council with the rest of the region. A decision was made to petition the NationStates Game Staff to appoint Pope Hope as Founder of Nasicournia. All Nasicournian nations sent letters in to the Game Staff, and posted an election of support on the Nasicournian regional board.
- The voices of Nasicournians were heard, and Pope Hope was appointed Founder of Nasicournia early in the 21st Century (2003).

b. Responsibilities of the Founder

- The Founder of Nasicournia serves as the first primary defense against invaders, spammers, and gross flammers. It is the responsibility of the Founder to look after the security of Nasicournia in conjunction with the Regional Delegate, Nasicournian Intelligence Agency, and Nasicournian Security Council.

- The Founder of Nasicournia must also be the Founder of all Nasicournian territories, be it through the main founding nation or a province of the main founding nation. An exception may be made in the event that another region asks to become a protectorate or province of Nasicournia or if the residents of Nasicournia allow an exception of foundership rights to a resident by democratic vote. The Founder must strive to help protect all of these territories as the Founder protects the homeland.
- The Founder of Nasicournia is expected to remain active in regional politics, and work directly with the delegate whenever possible on all delegate duties that do not involve WA votes.
- The Founder must maintain access to regional controls, and use the eject and ban functions only in case of emergency, or if otherwise decided by the Nasicournian Security Council, Nasicournian Intelligence Agency, or residents of Nasicournia.

Article II

Departments of Nasicournia and Description of Positions

Nasicournia reserves the right to update this article of the Constitution without the necessity of going through an amendment process.

Section 1. Nasicournian Security Council

The Nasicournian Security Council, hereafter referred to as the NSC, serves to protect the nations of Nasicournia and its citizenry. The NSC is in charge of maintaining regional security in conjunction with the Founder and Delegate, and responsible for monitoring and enforcing the following of regional guidelines. Membership is completely voluntary, and any nation of Nasicournia is welcome to join. NSC members are referred to as "NSC Board Members."

- Nasicournians are asked, but not required, to donate troops, equipment, funding, and other resources to the NSC roleplay military.
- The NSC reserves the right to use these resources to protect member nations of Nasicournia that ask for assistance in war, as noted in NSC By-Law 2547A, the Andreherbian Defense Clause.
- The NSC has the right to recommend ejection of a nation from the region if the nation is found in serious violation of Nasicournian guidelines.

- The NSC may give out official warnings on behalf of Nasicournia and our regional guidelines.
- The nations of Nasicournia have the right to appeal and correct any action taken by the NSC by way of discussion and a democratic vote.
- NSC Board Members are expected to maintain a high level of secrecy, respect the NS rules, and follow the orders of the NSC Director/s.
- All participation in NSC missions is voluntary.
- The Director of the NSC, the Nasicournian Government, our security departments, and the residents of Nasicournia may terminate the NSC membership of an agent at any time.

a. NSC Director

- The Director of the NSC is elected and/or appointed and voted into office.
- The NSC Director commands the roleplay army of Nasicournia and oversees all Nasicournian military activities, including NasiCorps.
- The Director is expected to coordinate the department, recruit new members, and maintain a high level of productivity and organization.
- There may be more than one Director of the NSC.
- The Director may appoint a Deputy Director and other staff with the approval of Nasicournian residents.

Section 2. Nasicournian Intelligence Agency (NIA)

The Nasicournian Intelligency Agency, hereafter referred to as the NIA, is the intelligence branch of Nasicournia. Covert ops, general intelligence, and regional security is monitored by this department. The NIA maintains a high level of quality and integrity of agents.

- The Director of the NIA will be elected by the residents of Nasicournia or appointed by the Delegate and Founder and voted into official office, depending on the number of interested candidates.
- The NIA serves to protect Nasicournia as our Intelligence Agency, Internal Affairs Department, and Covert Ops Division.
- NIA Agents may request a forum of their own and specify who has access for deep covert operations missions.
- The School of NasiRock will serve as Nasicournia's Intelligence Training Program.

- The NIA works directly with the NSC to enforce regional guidelines and maintain the high level of regional security that Nasicournia maintains.
- NIA agents are expected to maintain a high level of secrecy, respect the NationStates rules, and follow the orders of the NIA Director/s.
- All participation in NIA missions is voluntary.

a. NIA Director

- The Director of the NIA is elected and/or appointed and voted into office.
- The NIA Director is in charge of Nasicournia's Intelligence Agency and is expected to maintain a level of utmost secrecy.
- The Director is expected to coordinate the department, recruit new members, and maintain a high level of productivity and organization.
- There may be more than one Director of this Department.
- The Director may appoint a Deputy Director and other staff with the approval of Nasicournian residents.
- The Director of the NIA, the Nasicournian Government, our security departments, and the residents of Nasicournia may terminate the NIA membership of an agent at any time.

Section 3. Nasicournian Foreign Affairs Department (NFAD)

The Nasicournian Foreign Affairs Department, hereafter referred to as the NFAD, serves as the diplomatic outreach department of Nasicournia. Ambassadors and residents of Nasicournia shall be able to interact with residents of the international community and develop friendships and alliances through this department.

- The NFAD maintains diplomatic relations with all regions outside of Nasicournia.
- Ambassadors will be appointed to serve at the discretion of the NFAD in representation of Nasicournia.
- Ambassadors are expected to post regular updates on Nasicournian happenings to the region/s they are assigned to, and converse with the residents of said region/s to gain a further understanding of culture and strengthen foreign relations with the region/s.
- The NFAD houses all embassies to Nasicournia.

- Any foreign region requesting an embassy in Nasicournia shall be granted one unless otherwise advised by the NSC, NIA, Delegate, or Founder, at which time the residents of Nasicournia will decide on the building or rejection of the requested embassy.
- NFAD members are expected to frequent the NFAD and get to know our friends from other regions through embassy diplomacy.

a. NFAD Director

- The Director of the NFAD is elected and/or appointed and voted into office.
- The Director is expected to coordinate the department, recruit new members, and maintain a high level of productivity and organization.
- There may be more than one Director of this Department.
- The Director may appoint a Deputy Director and other staff with the approval of Nasicournian residents.

b. Embassy, Consulate, and Representative Office Establishment

- An Embassy shall be reserved for allies. When an alliance between Nasicournia and another region, they will automatically be granted an Embassy.
- A Consulate will be given to any non-allied region whose government we recognize and approve by majority vote within Nasicournia.
- A Representative Office can be given to regions whose government we don't recognize and/or do not approve giving a Consulate or opening an alliance with.
- A region with a Rep Office can make a request to be upgraded to Consulate no more than once every thirty days. This would bring us into a discussion and vote, and if the majority of Nasicournia approves, the upgrade takes place.
- The Nasicournian Officers upon consensus, reserve the right to upgrade, downgrade, or close any embassy, consulate, or rep office at any time if they deem it appropriate to do so.
- The nations of Nasicournia may reverse this decision at any time by way of a discussion and democratic vote.

c. Regional Alliance Procedures

- Any resident of Nasicournia may propose an alliance with a region.
- An investigation will be carried out by individual nations and the appropriate departments.
- A vote by simple majority will be held to determine if Nasicournia should proceed with alliance talks.
- If the vote passes, Nasicournia will send a copy of our established alliance contract to the region for their revision and approval.
- If/when both sides agree with the contract, the alliance is considered finalized and official.
- The residents of Nasicournia reserve the right to review or terminate an alliance at any time.

d. Organizational Alliance Procedures

- Any resident of Nasicournia may propose an alliance or membership with/in an organization.
- An investigation will be carried out by individual nations and the appropriate departments.
- A vote by simple majority will be held to determine if Nasicournia should proceed with alliance talks.
- If the vote passes, Nasicournia will send a copy of our established alliance contract to the organization for their revision and approval, unless this does not apply in the individual situation.
- If/when both sides agree with the contract/terms of membership/alliance, the alliance/membership is considered finalized and official.
- The residents of Nasicournia reserve the right to review or terminate an alliance or membership at any time.
- No organizational alliance or membership shall interfere with the national and regional sovereignty of nations residing in Nasicournia or her territories.
- The Nasicournian residents who serve as active participants and members in said organization will vote on all important matters of business, unless the business may affect the entire region of Nasicournia, at which time the whole of the region will vote.

Section 4. NasiCorps

- NasiCorps serves as the WA military wing of Nasicournia.
- Any member of Nasicournia may serve in NasiCorps provided they follow the NS rules and Nasicournia's defender guidelines.
- While the Director of the NSC oversees NasiCorps, a Commander/s will be appointed to remain in control of all NasiCorps operations.
- Nations need not be a resident of NasiCorps to serve in the WA army, though residency is encouraged.
- Nations may join NasiCorps regardless of their past affiliations in NS.
- The Commanders of NasiCorps, the Nasicournian Government, our security departments, and the residents of Nasicournia may terminate the NasiCorps membership of a soldier at any time.
- NasiCorps members are expected to maintain a high level of secrecy, respect the NS rules, and follow the orders of the NasiCorps Commanders.
- All participation in NasiCorps and on individual missions is voluntary.

a. NasiCorps Commander

- The NasiCorps Commander is elected and/or appointed and voted into office.
- The NasiCorps Commander is expected to coordinate the department, recruit new members, and maintain a high level of productivity and organization.
- There may be more than one Commander of the military branch of Nasicournia.
- The Commander may appoint a Deputy Commander and other staff with the approval of Nasicournian residents.

Section 5. Nasicournian Immigration Department

Nasicournia employs extremely high security and selectiveness in recruiting. Our immigration Department is headed by a Recruitment Team and Director.

a. Selecting Recruits

- Recruiters will strive to recruit nations that exhibit qualities indicating they will make a good addition in Nasicournia. This includes creativity, intelligence, diplomacy, role play skills, and diversity.
- Nasicournia strives to maintain a diverse selection of national government types in order to assure democratic balance and diversity in our region.
- Recruiters are encouraged, but not required, to use the "Recruitment Kit" located in the Immigration Department.

b. Accepting Recruits into the Nasicournian Borderlands

- If a recruiter is impressed by the responses of a recruit, they may choose to invite them into the Nasicournian Borderlands, Nasi's recruit region.
- The appropriate information must be sent to all recruits before they are invited to move to the Nasicournian Borderlands, to assure that the region is a good match for their aspirations and vice versa.

c. Accepting Recruits into Nasicournia

- Once the recruiters have assisted recruits into moving to the Nasicournian Borderlands, the recruits are expected to follow regional guidelines in order to receive the electric contract and welcome letter into Nasicournia
- The delegate or founder will send the recruit the contract once the recruit has satisfied the following guidelines:
 1. Registered on the Nasicournia forum.
 2. Received and given out no more than five endorsements, one of which must be an endorsement of the Delegate.
- Once the above requirements have been satisfied, the contract will be sent. The recruit signs this contract by moving into Nasicournia, pledging an oath not to give out the regional password in the process.
- Once the contract has been sent, whether the recruit stays in the Nasicournian Borderlands or moves on to Nasicournia, the nation becomes a full Nasicournian citizen.

d. Recruitment Advisor

- The Recruitment Advisor is elected and/or appointed and voted into office.
- The Recruitment Advisor is expected to coordinate the department, recruit new members, and maintain a high level of productivity and organization.

- There may be more than one Recruitment Advisor of the Immigration Department of Nasicournia.
- The Recruitment Advisor may appoint a Deputy Advisor and other staff with the approval of Nasicournian residents.

e. Recruitment Staff

- Any member of Nasicournia may serve in the Immigration Department provided they follow the NS rules and Nasicournia’s defender guidelines when recruiting.
- The Recruitment Advisor, the Nasicournian Government, our security departments, and the residents of Nasicournia may terminate the Immigration Department membership of a recruiter at any time.
- Immigration Department members are expected to maintain a high level of diplomacy, respect the NationStates rules, and follow the orders of the Recruitment Advisor.
- All participation in the Immigration Department is voluntary.

Article III

Defender Status

Having been founderless and tormented by the evils of invaders, Nasicournia is steadfast in her dedication as a defender region. We are not sympathetic to invader organizations and will fight against them in the international community to protect neutral regions from imperialism and conquest.

Section 1. Nasicournia is a Defender Region

- Nasicournia declares itself as a "defender region." By definition, we are against invading and reserve the right to fight against invader aggression at every turn.
- All recruits will be informed that Nasicournia is a defender region and the region may be publicly described as such.
- Nasicournia accepts requests from foreign leaders to protect their regions from imperialism and invader destruction.
- NasiCorps serves as the Defender Army of Nasicournia.

Section 2. Invader Nations in a Defender Region

- Nasicournia reserves the right to allow invader nations into our region on exception of interest, most notably role play with a non-WA nation.
- Invader nations must declare their outside involvements should they wish to be allowed a special citizenship right into Nasicournia.
- Invader nations who do not declare their invader involvements will be classified as spies and may face expulsion from the region.
- Invader nations will not have access to the Nasicournians Only section of the forum, nor may they serve in the regional government.

Section 3. National Sovereignty in Defending

a. Defending

- Nations of Nasicournia are in no way, shape, or form expected or required to become defender nations.
- Nasicournians may separate themselves from all defender activities at any time.
- Participation in any defender activities is entirely voluntary.

b. Invading

- Nasicournian nations shall not invade neutral regions, unless and except as a part of authorized NIA or Alliance Intelligence Agency undercover activities involving invader regions, provided, however, that such invasion activity shall have been preauthorized by the appropriate Nasicournian authority. In all other cases, if a Nasicournian nation wishes to invade, they must vacate Nasicournia or face expulsion.
- Nasicournia reserves the right to terminate alliances should regions begin invading or ally with invader regions.

Article IV

Role Play Status

Nasicournia is also a Role Play region. We strive to create and carry out diverse roleplays in which all residents, allies, and friends are encouraged to participate.

- Any nation of Nasicournia is welcome to start a roleplay at any time.

- No participation in role play is required.
- Normal roleplaying guidelines are expected to be followed.
- The NSC commands Nasicournia's roleplay army for international defense purposes. Participation and donation of troops, money, and supplies is entirely voluntary.