

The Constitution of the
Third Republic of
Icenia



I. Preamble

We the People of this Third Republic of Icenia hereby establish this Constitution as a means to preserve and extend our culture, history, laws, and community. It is the design of the framers of this Constitution to provide the Citizens of Icenia opportunity and protection so that we may prosper and grow as players. Within Icenia's [borders](#), this Constitution shall reign supreme to any other law, agreement, or treaty.

II. Citizenship

There will be six tiers of citizenry / residency in Icenia. Citizenship can be stripped from a player via an Enhanced Senate Motion or a unanimous vote between the President, Secretary of the Interior, and Secretary of Defense. Each tier of citizenship will have the following rights and requirements in addition to any right or requirement of the tier below it:

(a) Resident

Rights: [Property](#) ownership. Access to the public factory building.

Requirements: Must be approved by a Government official. Players are ineligible for residency if they have been found guilty of treason, are currently exiled from Icenia, are considered persona-non-grata, or are attached to a nation that Icenia is currently at war with or has embargoed. The Speaker of the Senate, President, or the Secretary of Defense may also bar anyone from residency.

(b) Citizen

Rights: Eligible to vote in elections. Eligible to serve in the armed forces. Access to the national farms. Eligible to own a small bunker (the bunker must be approved by the Secretary of the Interior prior to construction).

Requirements: Must hold the Resident title. Must have completed a [small public works project](#). The Speaker of the Senate, President or the Secretary of Defense may also bar anyone from citizenship.

(c) Patrician

Rights: Eligible to run in elections. Eligible to own a medium sized bunker (the bunker must be approved by the Secretary of the Interior prior to construction).

Requirements: Must hold the Citizen title. Must have completed a [medium public works project](#).

(d) Equestrian

Rights: Eligible to own a large bunker or skybunker (the bunker must be approved by the Secretary of the Interior prior to construction).

Requirements: Must hold the Patrician title. Must have completed a [large public works project](#). Must have served as either a Senator or Secretary for at least one term.

(e) Consul

Rights: Eligible to own a private vault within Icenia (location must be approved by the Secretary of Defense, Secretary of the Interior, and President). They are also permitted access to the Senate.

Requirements: Must hold the title of Equestrian. Must complete a second [large public works project](#). Must be approved via an Enhanced Senate Motion. Must be approved by the President and the Secretary of Defense. Must have served as either a Senator or Secretary for at least three terms. Must renounce all foreign citizenships or attachments.

(f) Princeps

Rights: Holds the title of President and all associated powers.

Requirements: Must be ChrisChrispie.

III. Bill of Rights

The Icenian Bill of Rights applies to all Icenians of the Citizen rank or higher. No law or edict may be created that infringes upon these inalienable rights. These rights may be suspended as part of punishment for a crime that a citizen has been convicted of.

1. Citizens are guaranteed the right to free and fair elections, exempt from bribery or intimidation.
2. In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall be entitled to a speedy, fair, and public trial. Furthermore, they are guaranteed the right to legal counsel either selected by the accused or provided by the state. The accused may be tried for each crime once and must be notified of what crimes they are being accused of.
3. Citizens are free to peacefully assemble in public spaces or on private properties with the consent of the owner.
4. Citizens shall enjoy the right to practice religion, free of persecution from the state so long as said religion does not infringe upon the rights and wellbeing of others.
5. Citizens are guaranteed freedom from slavery, indentured servitude, or involuntary servitude.

IV. Government

The Government will serve the People of Icenia until either the end of the server, a new constitution is ratified, or the active population drops below six players of Citizen rank or higher. Should the population drop to these levels, this constitution may be disregarded until such a time as the population has recovered. All government officials have the right to access the Senate and its appropriate channels.

(a) The Senate

The Senate shall be empowered to create, amend, repeal, and improve the law of Icenia, a power that cannot be transferred, only shared. Leading the Senate will be the Speaker of the Senate. Prior to each election, the President and Speaker of the Senate may, if both agree, alter the size of the Senate based on the active population of Icenia. Senators may be removed from their position via impeachment by a unanimous vote between the Speaker of the Senate, President, and Minister of Defense.

Senators may submit a proposal (hereby known as a "Bill") to the Senate which triggers a voting period no shorter than 48 hours, ending thereafter at the discretion of the Speaker of the Senate, or when the Senate term ends. During that time, each Senator may vote to approve or reject the Bill, or abstain. Should the Bill receive majority approval (>50%) and receive Presidential Assent, it passes and, if applicable, becomes law. Bills that do not require Presidential Assent should be referred to as "Motions". Bills and Motions that require supermajority approval (>=66.6%) or unanimous approval should be prefixed as "Enhanced" or "Unanimous" respectively.

Speaker of the Senate: The Speaker will be chosen from the pool of sitting Senators after each election via a Senate Bill. The Speaker may be impeached via an Enhanced Senate Motion. The Speaker shall be responsible for: leading the Senate; ensuring Senatorial procedure is followed; liaising between the Senate and the People, their President and Secretaries, and foreign entities.

(b) Secretary Positions

The Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of the Interior will act as the administrative branch of Icenia and will be composed of Icenians holding the Patrician, Equestrian, or Consul titles.

Secretary of Defense: The Secretary of Defense will be appointed by the President and will serve until resignation or replacement. The Secretary shall be responsible for: military recruitment and training; coordinating the construction and maintenance of defensive infrastructure; leading defensive, offensive, and intelligence operations; and accumulating and maintaining munitions and military hardware.

Secretary of the Interior: The Secretary of the Interior will be appointed from amongst the citizenry via a Senate Motion and will serve for a two month term. The Secretary can be impeached by the President or an Enhanced Senate Motion. If the Senate impeaches the

Secretary, the Senate must appoint a replacement within 48 hours. The Secretary shall be responsible for: approving new developments within the city; approving public works projects; decreeing zoning regulations; organizing public transport; maintaining and improving the factory room; constructing any new farms; and managing derelictions.

(c) The President

The President is the Head of State and the final check on the legislative, administrative, and judicial branches and shall serve until they are either impeached, resign, go inactive for three or more months, or dies in real life. If any of these happen, the Secretary of Defense will become President. The Senate can choose to impeach the President via a Unanimous Motion. The President shall be responsible for: assenting to or vetoing Senate Bills; appointing the Secretary of Defense; and decreeing national holidays.

(d) Elections

Senate elections (aka “General Elections”) will begin at the start of each calendar month with a voting period no shorter than 24 hours, ending shortly thereafter at the discretion of the President. Should the election result in a tie, the President, with the advice of the Senate and the tied candidates, is empowered to decide how the tie will be resolved. Following the President’s certification of the final results, any subsequent appointments (Speaker of the Senate, Secretary of the Interior) should be held as soon as possible.

Voting: Each citizen may cast one ballot for each Senate position being filled; if the Senate is composed of five Senators, each citizen may vote for up to five different candidates. Citizens may not vote for the same candidate twice. The President will certify the election and will fill the Senate with the candidates who received the most votes.

V. Judiciary System

Trials should be completed in a reasonable amount of time and be conducted in a fair and organized manner. The Icenian legal code should strive to be simple and direct; the spirit of the law should take precedence over the exact letter of the law. ~~Pearls that are to be tried under Icenian law must be transferred to government control as soon as possible.~~

(a) Pre-Trial Proceedings

Players may request a redress of grievances in the #trial-requests channel in the Icenia Discord, stating as clearly as possible which people and or entities they are suing and on what grounds. If the plaintiff has been banned from the Icenia Discord they must find a legal representative that is not banned to represent them.

Once the trial request has been posted, the Speaker of the Senate must include whether the plaintiff has standing and whether their allegations, if true, would rise to a claim which relief can be granted - in their decision to either dismiss the case or allow it to go to trial. Once the Speaker makes their decision, they must notify the plaintiff and the defense by responding in the

#trial-requests channel and pinging both parties. If the decision was to move forward with the trial, the court proceedings must begin.

At the start of a trial, the Speaker of the Senate must assign an impartial Senator to oversee the proceedings. Additionally, if any Senators are involved with either the plaintiff or the defense they must recuse themselves. The Senator overseeing the proceeding should maintain order in the court and ensure that procedure is followed. Additionally, If either the defense or the plaintiff wish to do a trial via voice chat they must notify the Court so that arrangements can be made.

(b) Trial Proceedings

Opening Statements and Evidence: Once a Senator has been assigned to oversee the trials and any Senators with conflicts of interest have been recused, the plaintiff may make their opening statement. The opening statement should list what crimes they believe have been committed, any accompanying evidence, and witness testimony.

The defense may then provide a counter statement which should include a rebuttal to any evidence or witness testimony the plaintiff provided. The defense may then provide their own evidence or witness testimony.

Cross Examination: Next, a period of cross examination will begin. The plaintiff may cross examine the defense's witnesses and make counter arguments to any evidence or statements the defense has made.

Following this, the defense will have an opportunity to cross examine the plaintiff's witnesses and make counter arguments to any evidence or statements the plaintiff has made.

If any new evidence or witnesses are provided after the opening statement, the cross examination process must be restarted.

Closing Remarks, Verdict, and Sentencing: Finally, the plaintiff, then the defense will make closing remarks.

Once the closing remarks have been made, the Senate will enter deliberations. Once the Speaker feels that the trial has been sufficiently discussed they will call upon the Senate to vote either "guilty" or "not guilty" for each crime the plaintiff listed. Once the Senate completes their vote or a 24-hour window has passed, the Speaker will post the result in the trial channel. All Senators who have been recused from the proceedings may not vote. Both the Speaker and the Senator overseeing the trial are eligible to vote.

The Speaker will then assign sentences for each crime the defendant has been convicted of and post the results in the trial channel. If the Speaker has been recused, then the President will assign the sentences and post the results.

(c) Military Tribunal

Prisoners captured in war or in military operations will be subject to a military tribunal. Any Icenian who is citizen rank or higher is exempt from Military Tribunals unless they have been found guilty of treason.

Prisoners subject to a military tribunal may be held until the end of the war or conflict or until the Secretary of Defense chooses to release them (an example being a prisoner exchange).

Once the conflict has ended, the Secretary of Defense, President, and Speaker of the Senate will deliberate, then vote on a sentence for each prisoner.

(d) Pearls

Pearls of involuntarily held persons that are being kept in Icenia, were captured in Icenia, or were captured in a pursuit that began in Icenia (unless exempted by a relevant treaty) must be surrendered to the Government as soon as possible to be tried under Icenian law and, unless duly sentenced to pearl time, shall be released. The President however may, with the advice of the Secretary of Defense, extradite the pearl to a foreign entity.

VI. Land Claims

The territory of Icenia shall be defined by law. ~~Icenia shall claim jurisdiction over all pearls from pursuits beginning within Icenian territory unless otherwise stated in relevant extradition treaties.~~

VII. Property

(a) Definition of Property

Property in Icenia can be owned by either a player, the Government, or a state government. Property is defined as:

1. Any item that can be placed within a player's inventory
2. A reinforced structure
3. A clearly demarcated plot of land
4. A road, canal, railway, or ice road

Property can not be modified, removed, or destroyed by anyone but the owner of the name layer group or item unless consent has been given or the procedures in [Forfeiture of Property](#) have been followed.

(b) Forfeiture of Property

Property may be seized via the following means:

Dereliction: Property may be derelicted if the property owner has not logged in for two weeks, or has voluntarily left the Icenian Discord for more than one week, and has not been granted an exception by the President. To begin a dereliction, the following steps must be completed:

1. A citizen must place a sign in clear view on the property with the following information: “Dereliction notice”, the current date, and the discord handle of the citizen performing the dereliction.
2. The citizen performing the dereliction must ping the property owner in the Icenian discord and state that they are derelicting the property.
3. The Secretary of the Interior must then approve the dereliction.
4. The property owner may contest the dereliction by responding in the discord or by removing the sign on the property. The property owner will have one week to contest a dereliction.
5. If this does not happen, the citizen performing the dereliction assumes ownership of the property.

Seizure of assets: If an Icenian is found guilty of treason or belongs to a nation at war with Icenia, the Government is permitted to seize all of their property.

Eminent Domain: The Secretary of the Interior may submit an Enhanced Motion to the Senate to utilize eminent domain to secure land owned by a private citizen or resident. If passed, the Government must provide reasonable time for the former property owner to collect their items and move. Additionally, the Government must provide compensation for the land.

VIII. States Within Icenia

States are administrative sub-territories allowing for unique towns and cultures to exist within Icenia while maintaining a unitary state and a unified national identity.

(a) States Rights

States are permitted to govern and manage the following limited subjects within their borders: building codes, permits, zoning, and derelictions of non-federally owned properties; non-military public transportation (roads, rails, canals, etc); industrial facilities (farms, factories, wealth storage, etc); taxes; and public holidays.

States are permitted to appoint a non-voting representative to the Senate. The Senate may permit a State to govern and manage additional subjects via a Senate Bill. The Senate may only revoke granted additional subjects via an Enhanced Senate Bill.

(b) Restrictions on States

States are not permitted to declare independence from Icenia; engage in foreign relations (declaring war, signing treaties, etc); keep custody of pearls **or give pearl-time as a sentence** unless otherwise given leave by the Government; grant membership (state citizenship) to non-Icenians; or claim new territory.

(c) Formation and Dissolution of States

To form a state, the citizen wishing to be the founder must develop and negotiate a plan with the Government to determine: its borders; its members; its primary settlement; and its form of local government. Once a final draft has been agreed, it shall be submitted as an Enhanced Senate Bill which, if passed, will establish the State.

States can likewise be dissolved via an Enhanced Senate Bill.

IX. Amendments

This Constitution can be amended via an Enhanced Senate Bill. Amendments should not be written as sections, articles, or passages unto themselves, but should instead add, amend, repeal, and improve the original text of this Constitution. New Amendments should be posted at the bottom of the Constitution for future reference.

X. Ratification

This Constitution may be ratified with a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority vote of the members of the Third Republic Planning Committee in the Icenian discord. The voting period will last 48 hours, once this period has elapsed, any player who has not voted will be counted as an abstention.

Upon ratification, this Constitution will immediately go into effect and all signatories will receive the rank of patrician and ChrisChrispie shall receive the rank of [Princeps](#). Furthermore, an election will immediately be triggered with voting occurring within two days.

Signatories:

Yutaka

Xcios

Vordhosbnn

TylerHagen

Torrio

tomy789

TheFoxofNines

TheDavvis

Slushhi

specificlanguage

somethinbetter

Shadno

Shadiest

Seared

Rinvincible3

Rainbow Extract

Quanton_Biscuit

Diabolical Fries

poncho_cat

PhyscicsGamer

Panda Pandel

Paddington_Bear

Mr JeremyFisher

MotokoKusanagi

lordchieftain

Iagiacrus

BlorbesGaloshes

bitwyz

Tolsty

aldries

Jeza

Jakub_Tyrell

ChrisChrispie

Charlie Cheese

iHate2Craft

IAM_SHAMAN

Hendry_Draton

griffin

Gjum

TruckMan

Freestyle Jr

Enforcer15

Eliminate

Disobeyedtoast

CHEDDAR GOBLIN

Brandon.
Diet_Cola
The Moon

Alador

Adawee

Appendix

All definitions listed within the Appendix section are not considered part of the Constitution and as such can be amended via a Senate Bill.

Public Works Projects

A public works project is a form of civil service that enhances the State and the People of Icenia, aims to improve community interaction, develops national infrastructure and provides opportunities for citizens to gain experience in various aspects of CivCraft and nation building. These projects vary in size and can be assigned by any government member. While there is no hard definition for what constitutes a small, medium or large project, Senators and Secretaries assigning these projects should attempt to follow precedent and work together to keep the projects similar in scope and effort. Additionally, citizens desiring advancement should develop their own projects and propose them to a member of the government. When there is disagreement about the size of a project, the Senate may vote to approve or reject the project. Projects completed for States within Icenia shall count towards Public Works Projects. A non-exhaustive list of possible options for each size of public work projects is available below:

(a) Small Project

1. Construction of roads
2. Building a new park or monument
3. Assisting in the construction of a rail line or iceroad
4. Building a bunker for the armed forces
5. Drafting and passing a bill (need to get a Senator to sponsor the bill)
6. Demolishing a derelict building
7. Restocking military supplies

(b) Medium Project

1. Designing and developing a major public building
2. Constructing a rail line or iceroad
3. Drafting and passing a series of reform bills (need to get a Senator to sponsor the bills)
4. Constructing a military base or bunker network
5. Constructing an auto brewer for a military site
6. Building a mega farm

(c) Large Project

For a citizen to undertake a Large Project, the citizen must make a proposal to the Senate and be approved via a majority vote.

1. Building and maintaining an exp exchange
2. Constructing a major portion of a vault
3. Constructing a mega farm complex

4. Writing and passing a massive constitutional reform (need to get a Senator to sponsor the bills)
5. Revitalize or greatly enhance a district of Icenia City
6. Plan and build a major iceroad, trap, or bunker network

Constitutional Amendments

Amendment I

Section II

During the proceedings of a trial, the defendant, prosecution, and the representation of each are to refrain from discussing the trial in private or in public during the trial proceedings aside from designated channels such as the courtroom or #trial-deliberation, and Senators are not to discuss the trial in channels aside from those designated channels until the trial has concluded.

Section IV

In the event that the Speaker of the Senate must recuse themselves from trial proceedings due to a conflict of interest, they shall appoint a Senator to act on their behalf for the purposes of that trial. The appointment is made via Senate Motion excluding all Senators who have been recused from the trial.

Section V

In the event that all Senators must recuse themselves from a trial due to conflict of interest, an individual from outside the Senate must be selected to act as the judge for the trial, organizing trial proceedings, determining guilt and liability as applicable, and determining punishments for any crimes for which the defendant is found guilty or any damages for which the defendant is found liable.

When this circumstance occurs, individuals will be contacted based on their position in the government of Icenia. When an individual is contacted, they must declare if they have a conflict of interest in the trial. If the individual has a conflict of interest, the next individual in the list is contacted. If no members of the list are able to act without conflict of interest, the Senate will proceed with the trial, ignoring recusal of Senate members from the trial. The list of individuals, in order of contact is as follows:

1. Secretary of the Interior
2. Secretary of the Defense
3. President of Icenia

Section VI

Constitutional and Judicial precedent in Icenia may be used in trials for crimes which occurred prior to Icenia's occupation of the territory where the crime occurred only when those crimes directly and intentionally caused harm to another individual protected under pre-existing Icenian law.

Amendment II

Section I

In violations of state law within the jurisdiction of that state as defined by agreement of land claims between Icenia and that state, the state reserves the right to hold trials for violations of the laws of that state, with trial proceedings and verdicts for such trials being at the discretion of that state.

Section II

A.) In trials held within the state, that state ~~is disallowed from enforcing pearling, but~~ may require that reparations or barring from that states' territory is allowed, provided it does not interfere with the security of Icenia. Verdicts made by a state are to be enforced by that state through whatever means they are capable of, ~~excluding pearling, which may only be invoked by Icenia as a whole.~~

B.) Any sentencing performed by a state may only be enforced within that state's borders, and enforcement within Icenia at large must be directly approved by petitioning the Senate for a vote.

Section III

A.) In the case of a verdict which the defendant feels is incorrect, they may attempt to bring the trial to the national level by request in the #trial-requests channel of the main Icenia discord server. Such a trial must be confirmed to have been completed at the state level and accepted by the Speaker of the Senate to be heard, and otherwise follows typical proceedings.

B.) This trial is to be held based on state laws of the state which initially held a trial, and may include such verdicts as pearling the defendant of the original trial, requiring additional reparations, requiring less reparations than initially sentenced, and otherwise overturning the decision of a state-level court, as the trial has been brought to the national level, if it is deemed a fair outcome for the original crime which prompted the trial.

Amendment III

This amendment aims to establish a more independent Judicial Branch of the Icenian Government.

Section 1: The Supreme Court

The Court as defined by Article V shall become the Supreme Court, which going forward shall solely handle appeals from the Magistrates' Court and from State courts, or any other special case with extenuating circumstances.

Section 2: The Magistrates' Court

The Magistrates' Court shall be established to handle applications for remedy of grievances as described by Paragraph 1 of Article V (a). Each case before the Court shall be presided over and decided by an individual Magistrates' Judge from the Magistrates' Bench. The Bench shall consist of at least two Icenians whose citizenship status is "Citizen" or higher, appointed by the Senate after each Senate General Election.

Section 3: Application of Procedures

The procedures defined in Article V and Amendment 1 are to apply to the Magistrates' Court, reinterpreting the roles for their relevant counterparts as applicable, unless defined otherwise, or until a separate case procedure law is passed.

Amendment IV

Section I: Identity

1. To acquire residency or citizenship, the applicant must disclose their in-game-name to the Government as part of their application, which cannot be approved until their identity has been confirmed. Any existing residents and citizens who have yet to have their identity confirmed must do so as soon as possible.
3. Failure to comply with all requirements laid out in this bill shall result in removal of all roles and associated rights.
4. If an individual has roles removed for failure to comply, they may regain their roles and all associated rights if they comply and the Secretary of Defense determines that they are not a threat to the Security of Icenia based on the information.

Section II: Confirmation

1. Assertions of identity in-game made by any Discord account must be confirmed by one of the following ways before being assumed to be true:
 - a. Upon the next log on of the in-game account being claimed to be possessed by the discord user where a member of government is active, they must confirm to that government member that the associated discord user is them. Due diligence for this on the part of the party to be verified requires that the government member acknowledge the assertion in chat or in Discord, with a lack of acknowledgement being assumed to mean they are inactive.
 - b. An existing and trusted Icenian citizen must confirm the in-game name of the individual.

- i. If the person being verified is determined later to not be the individual using the in-game account, or the verified person is found to be intentionally destructive towards Icenia, a trial is to be held for the sponsoring citizen to determine if there is any fault on their part, at the discretion of the individual presiding over the trial and the sentencing body of the trial.

Section III: Citizenship

1. The Secretary of the Interior is to be responsible for conferring appropriate citizenship roles upon meeting these requirements, and removing appropriate citizenship roles for non-compliance, documenting the removed roles in the Department of the Interior for future reference as needed.
2. Individuals other than the Secretary of the Interior are only to grant citizenship tiers with the approval of the Speaker of the Senate and the President of Icenia on the basis that the Secretary of the Interior has become inactive.

Amendment V

See the full Amendment [here](#).