

Society Seneschal's Corpora interpretation regarding the ability of Principality rulers to issue sanctions, upheld by the Board of Directors, July 18, 2021:

I was asked for a Corpora interpretation on whether the rulers of a principality can sanction their subjects, and what sanctions were available to them.

My interpretation is that, in accordance with Corpora IV.E.3, Royalty-Limitations, and Corpora IV.H.8, Royalty-The Coronet, the rulers of a principality may issue certain sanctions, if and only if they receive prior approval from their Crown. They may issue a Banishment from their Presence or an Exile from their own principality.

An Exile issued by principality royalty only applies within the principality, not the entire kingdom; a Banishment from the Presence applies wherever the principality royalty are, as it is simply a requirement to avoid being near them or interacting with them. Since higher sanctions have historically carried with them the prohibitions of lower sanctions, an Exile from the Principality would also prevent the sanctioned individual from coming into the Coronet's presence at events outside the principality, though it does not preclude their attendance at any events. It might, therefore, require them to avoid attending royal courts or kingdom order meetings if the Coronet could normally be expected to be present. Any sanctions issued by the Coronet will last for the duration of the issuing Coronet's reign. If the Crown of the kingdom changes during the principality reign, it is not necessary for the principality royalty to get permission from the new Crown for the sanction to remain valid.

Principality royalty may not issue a Temporary Removal from Participation, because that enacts a ban on all Society participation everywhere. If a TRP is considered necessary, it must be issued by the Crown and Kingdom Seneschal, per the instructions in the Sanctions Guide.

Just as with an Exile issued by a Crown, an Exile issued by a Principality Coronet is subject to review by the Board of Directors. A Banishment from the Presence is not routinely reviewed by the Board.