

Society Seneschal's interpretation of the Sanctions Manual regarding the effect of a Banishment from the Royal Presence on an officer warrant, upheld by the Board July 24, 2022

I was asked if a Banishment from the Royal Presence means that someone cannot act as a warranted marshal (or by extension other warranted officer) during the banishment.

A Banishment from the Royal Presence is defined in the Sanctions Manual as follows: "A Banishment from the Royal Presence, at any function, activity or event which the Sovereign or Consort attend, precludes the sanctioned individual from attending any Royal Court, any meetings where the Crown is present including Peerage or officer meetings, entry into the Royal Encampment, contacting the Crown in any manner, or otherwise being within 50 feet of the Crown."

This does not prevent someone from serving as a local or regional officer while under such a banishment. However, it does mean that the banished person could not act as a marshal or other hands-on activity coordinator at an event where the issuing royalty is in attendance, because the royalty have an interest in viewing or overseeing any event activity. The burden is on the sanctioned individual to make sure they are following the terms of the sanction.

The royalty may suspend a warrant for the duration of their reign, but that is a separate action from issuing a Banishment from the Royal Presence.