

# Armory 103 – Conflict Rules

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# Prerequisites

- The conflict rules are based on charge group theory
- Students are encouraged to review the charge group portion of Armory 102 and SENA Appendix I prior to this class



# Basics

- Based on the idea of cadency
  - Change in arms from one generation to the next or from main branch to cadet branches
  - SENA A5A has a summary of the general principles
  - “Heraldic Cadency” by Robert Gayre has lots of details
- We require two pieces of armory to be more than one cadency step apart

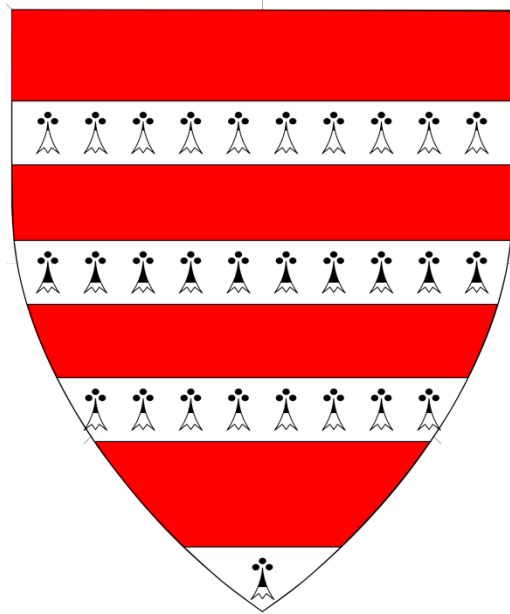
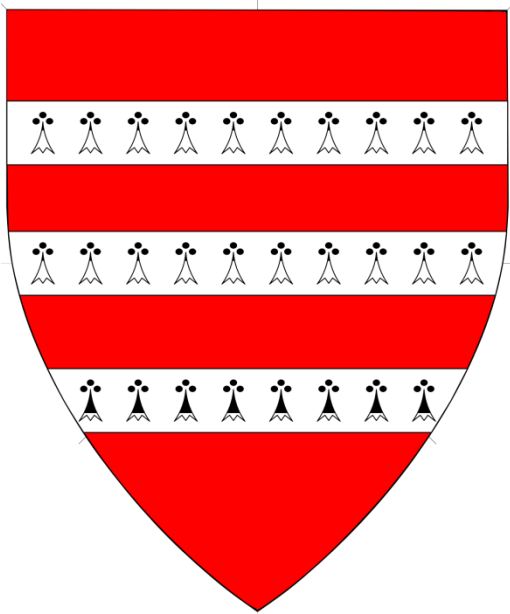


# Basics

- We conflict check emblazons, not blazons
  - All valid blazons must be considered
  - You can't "blazon your way out" of conflict
  - Need not conflict check against invalid or improbable blazons

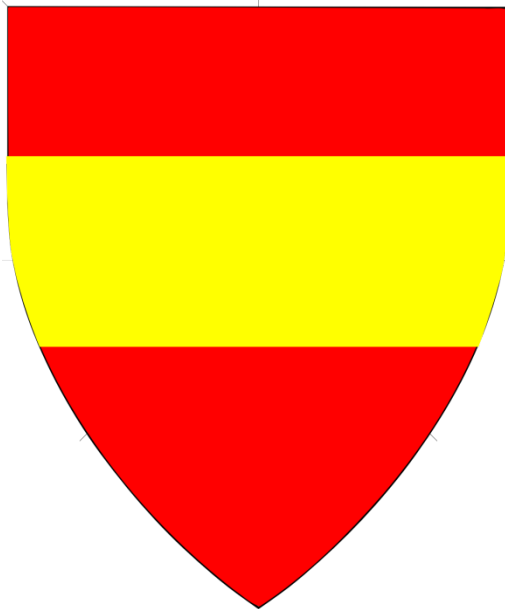
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# Definitions

- Distinct Change (DC)
  - A change equivalent to a single cadency step
  - Two DCs are required to clear conflict
  - In older precedents, may be called “significant difference”, “clear difference” (CD), or “clear visual difference” (CVD)



# Definitions

- Substantial Change (SC)
  - A single change greater than a single cadency step
  - One SC is enough to clear conflict
  - In older precedents, may be called “substantial difference” or “X.2”
- Changes smaller than a single cadency step
  - Don’t contribute to clearing conflict
  - Often called “artistic variations”

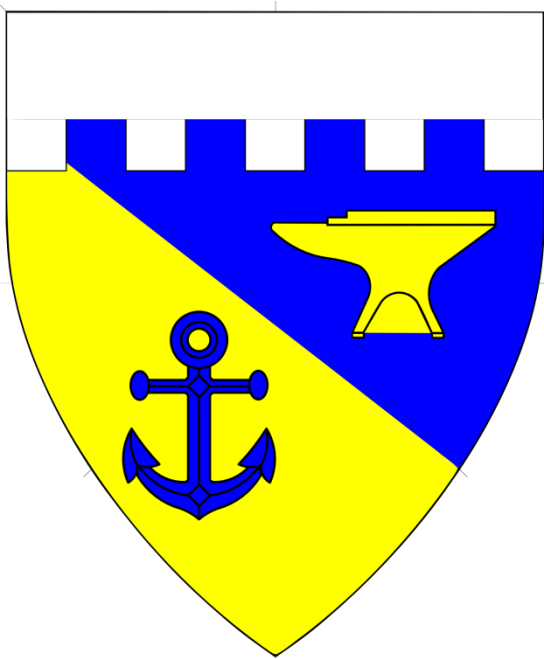


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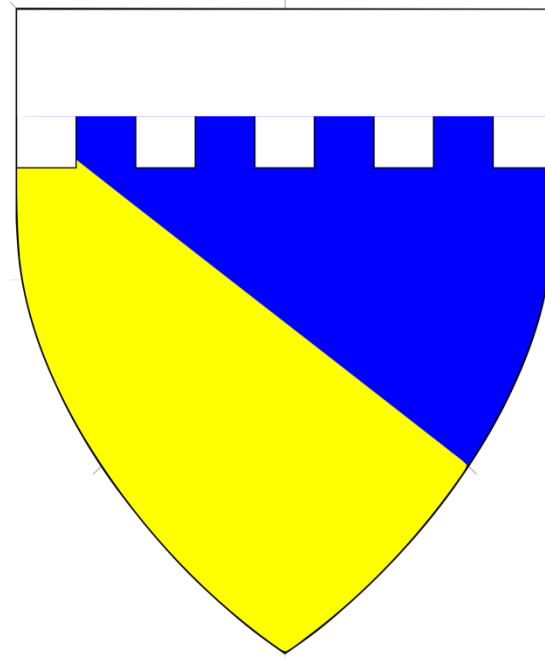
- A single Substantial Change is enough to clear conflict between two pieces of armory
- Substantial Changes generally apply only to the primary charge group
  - Except field-primary armory
- When conflict checking, always look for a Substantial Change first!

# Substantial Change (A5E)

- Adding or removing a primary charge group (A5E1)

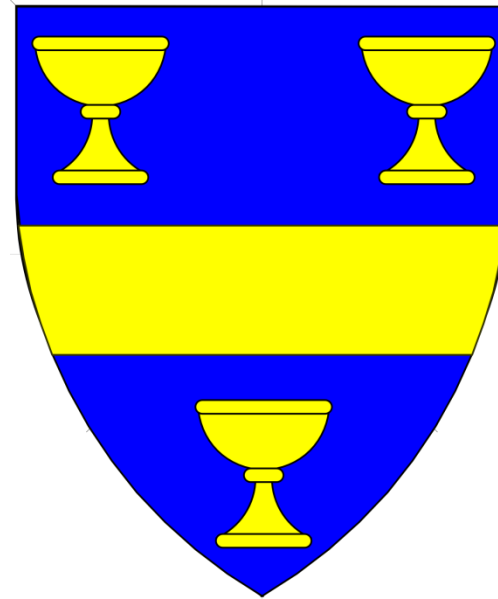
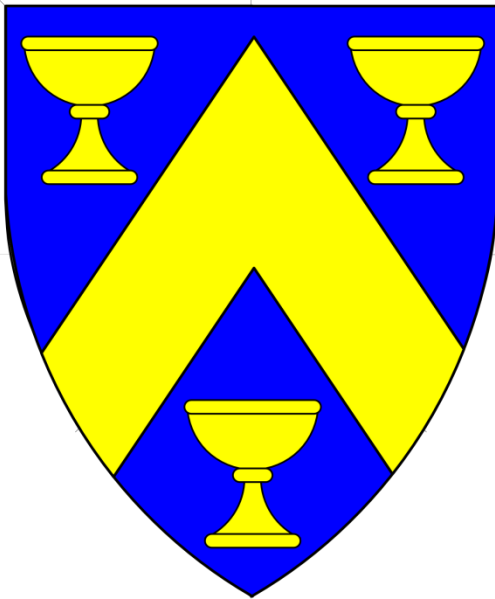


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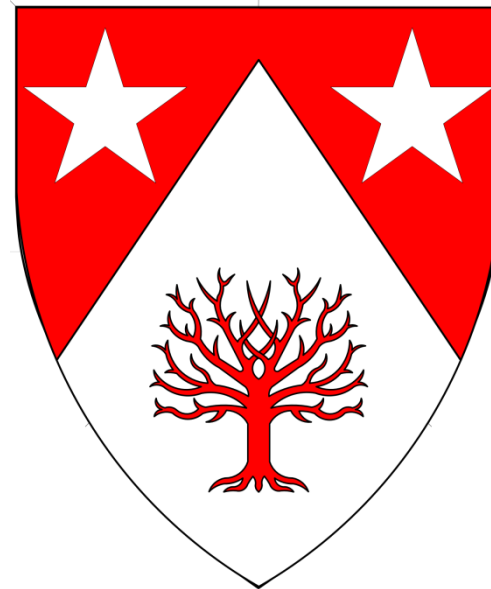
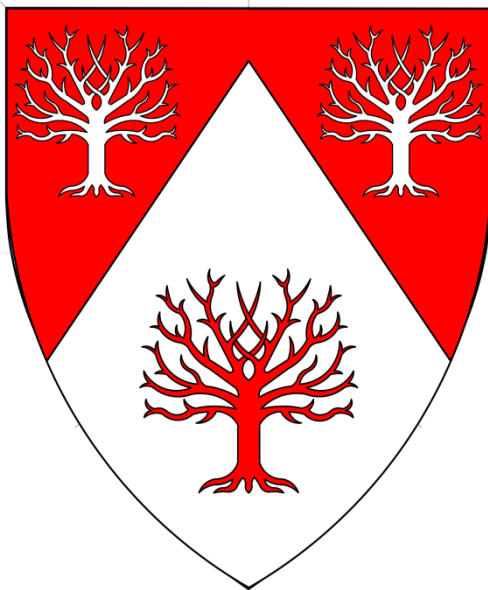
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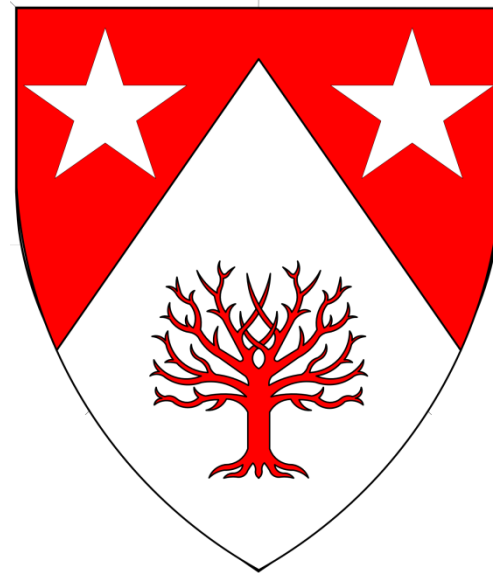
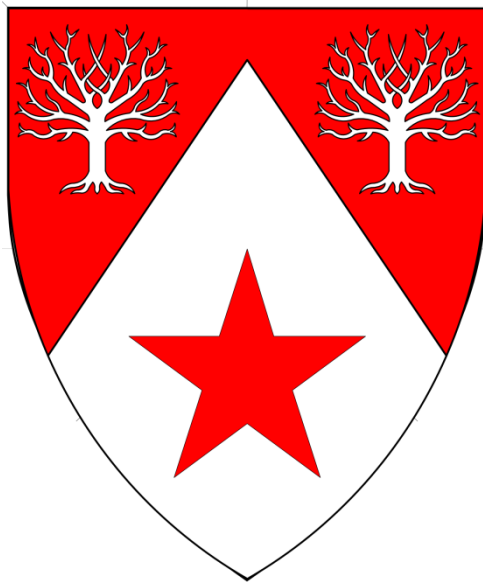
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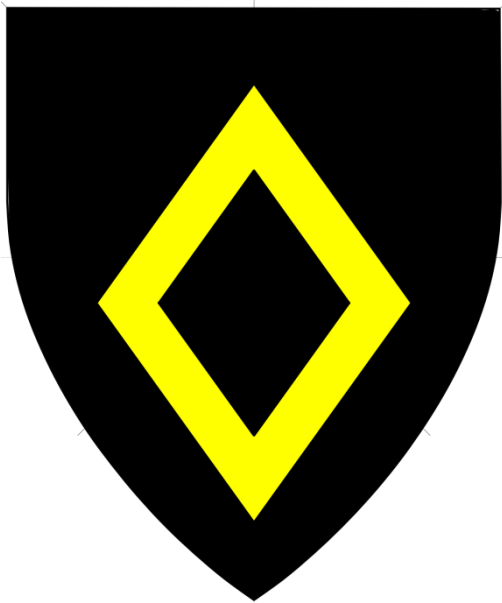
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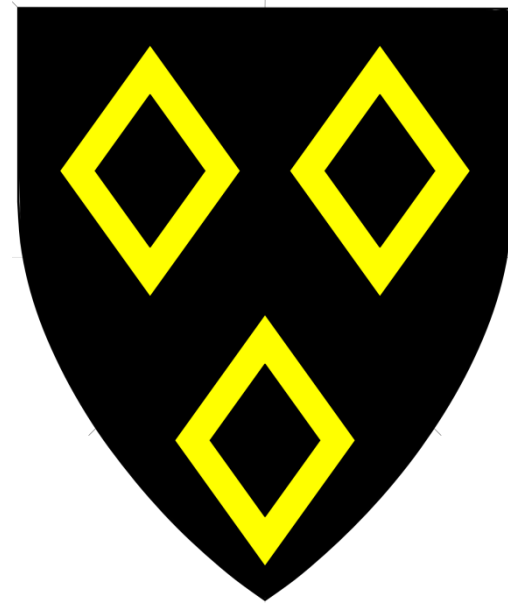
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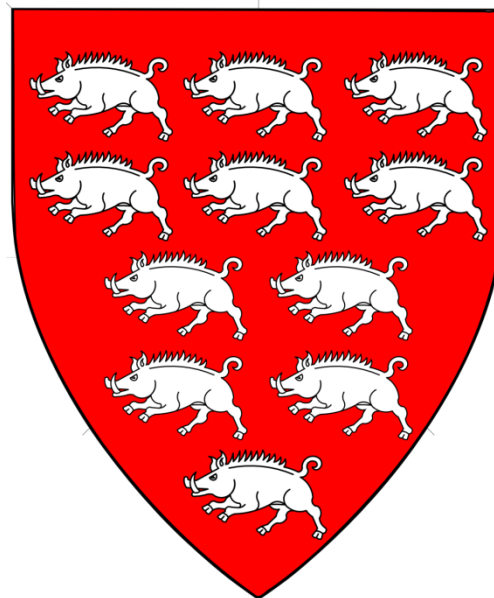
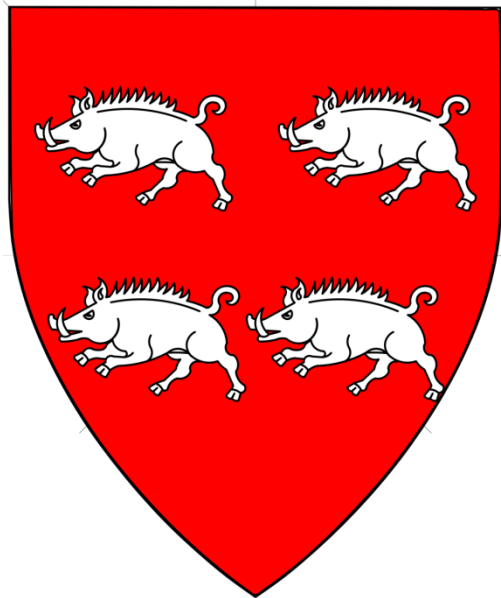


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# Substantial Change (A5E)

- Substantial change of arrangement of the primary charge group (A5E4)
  - SC between the following arrangements:
    - In pale
    - In fess
    - In bend
    - In bend sinister
    - In saltire; two and two; crossed in saltire
    - In cross
    - Two and one; three, two, and one
    - In orle; in annulo

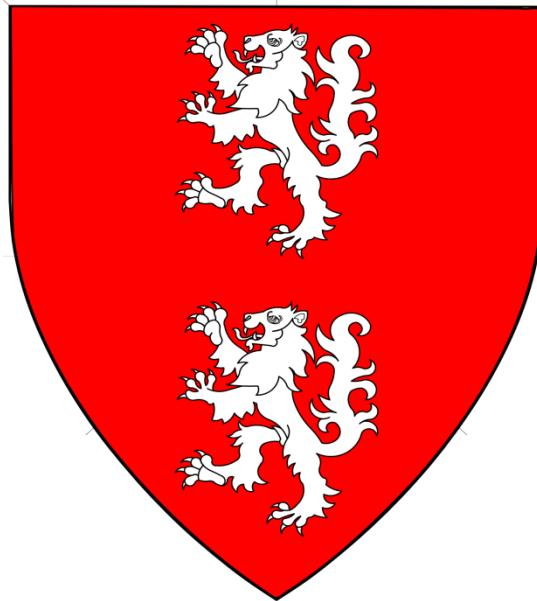
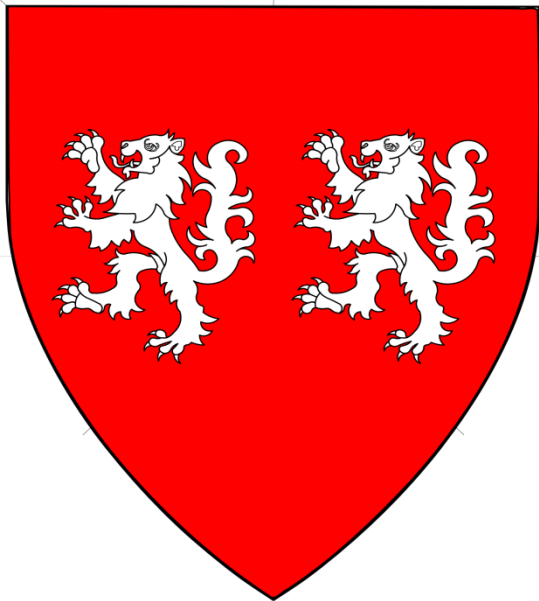


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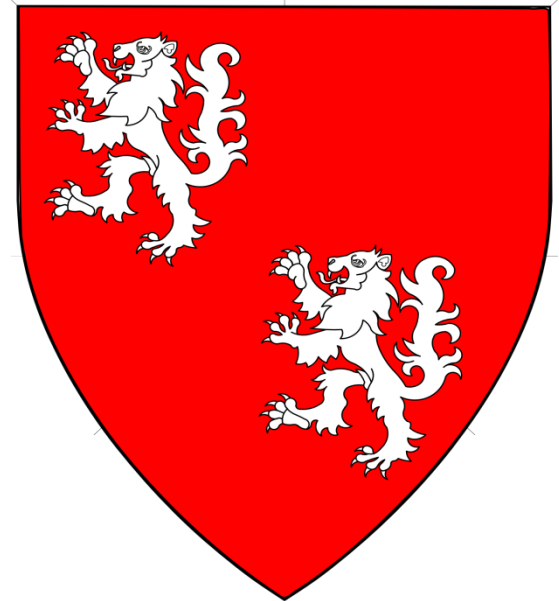
- Substantial change of arrangement of the primary charge group (A5E4)
  - SC between specific arrangements
  - No SC if either device has a non-specified arrangement
  - No SC if the change in arrangement is forced by the field

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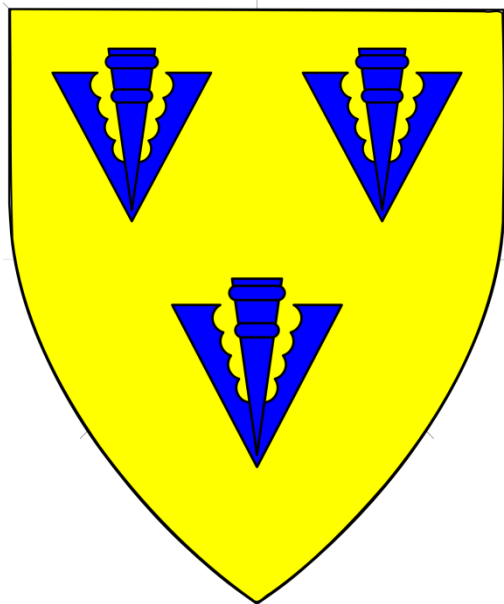


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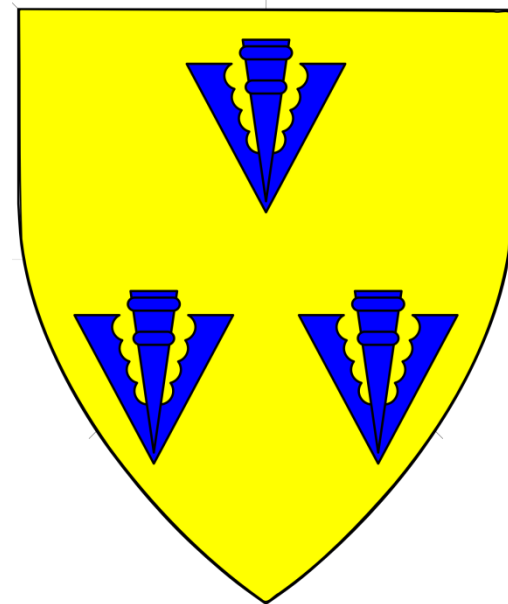
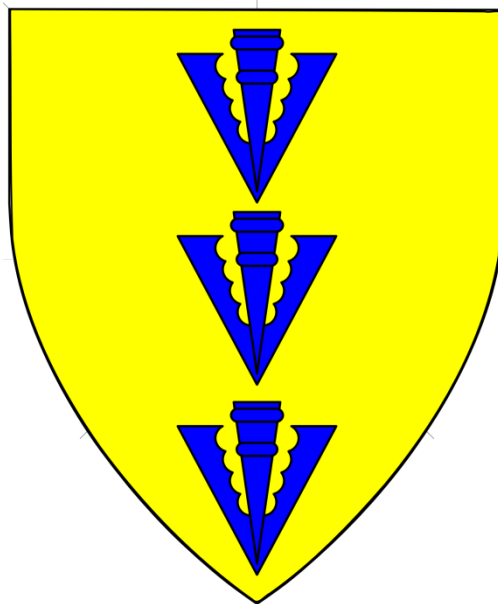


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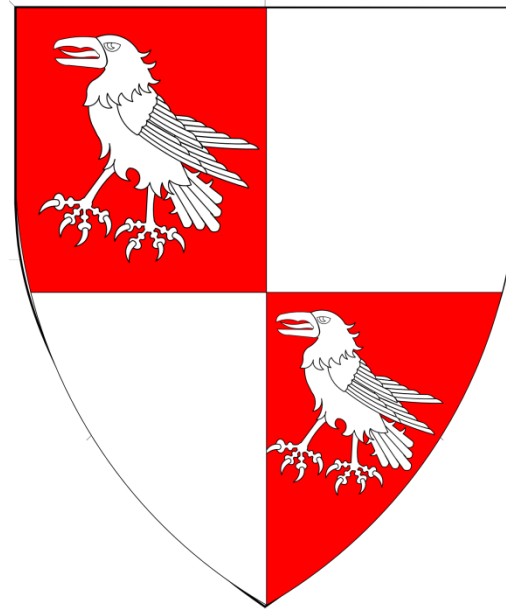
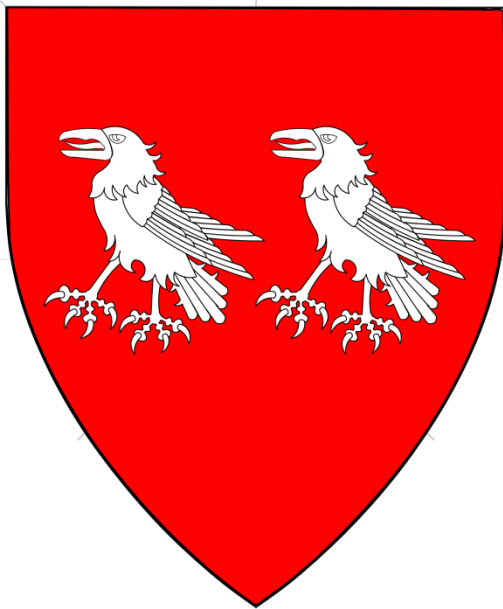
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# Substantial Change (A5E)

- Substantial change of arrangement of the primary charge group (A5E4)
  - Forced Move



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# Substantial Change (A5E)

- Substantial change of posture/orientation of the primary charge group (A5E5)
  - SC if all charges in primary group have changed posture or orientation
  - To get SC, charges must have comparable postures/orientations
  - Only postures/orientations listed in A5E5 get an SC

# Substantial Change (A5E)

- Substantial change of posture/orientation of the primary charge group (A5E5)
  - Charges are divided as follows:
    - Animate
    - Inanimate
  - Animate charges never have comparable postures/orientations with inanimate ones

# Substantial Change (A5E)

- Substantial change of posture/orientation of the primary charge group (A5E5)
  - Animate charges are broken up as follows:
    - Quadrupeds
    - Birds
    - Fish
    - Insects
    - Other
  - Charges in different categories don't have comparable postures

# Substantial Change (A5E)

- Substantial change of posture/orientation of the primary charge group (A5E5)
  - Inanimate charges are divided as follows:
    - Compact – do not have an orientation for purposes of A5E5
    - Long – have orientations, but those orientations are not comparable with compact charges

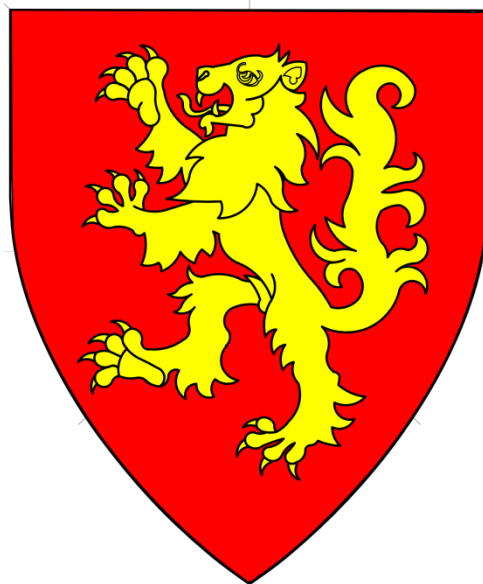
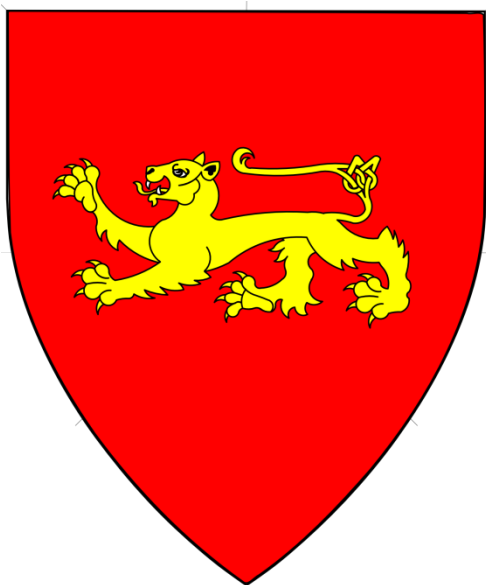


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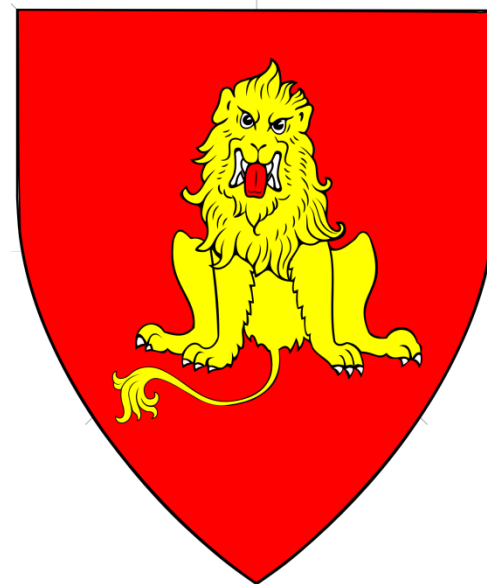
- Substantial change of posture/orientation of the primary charge group (A5E5)
  - Quadrupeds
    - Rampant; segreant; salient; sejant erect; sejant; and the contourny versions of these
      - Upright body
    - Courant; passant; statant; couchant; dormant, and the contourny versions of these
      - Horizontal body
    - Affronty; sejant affronty; sejant erect affronty
      - Affronty upright body
  - Note that flipping the charge doesn't produce an SC

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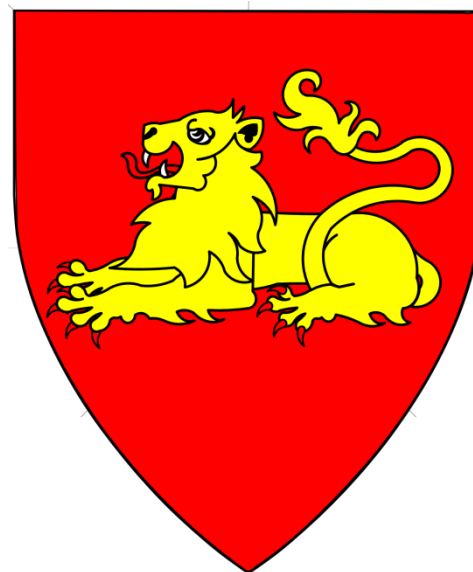
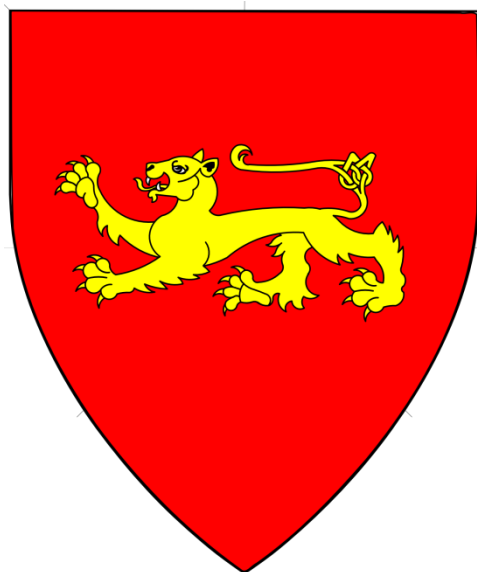


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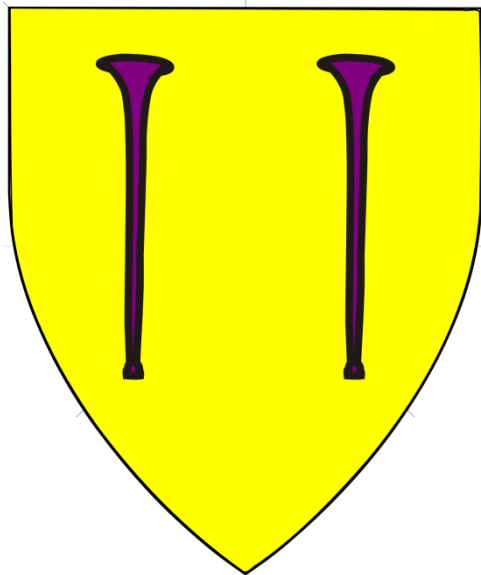
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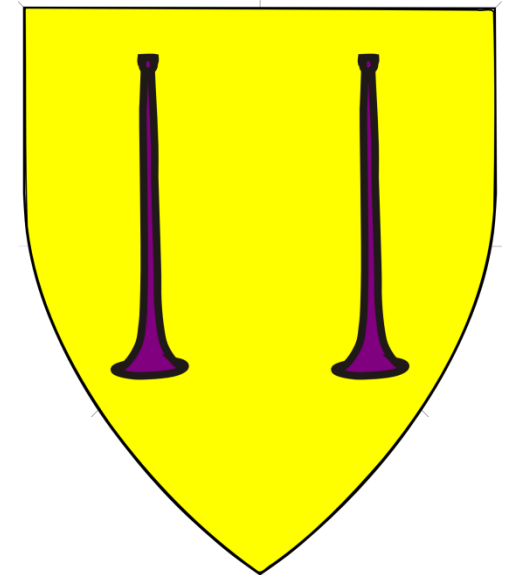
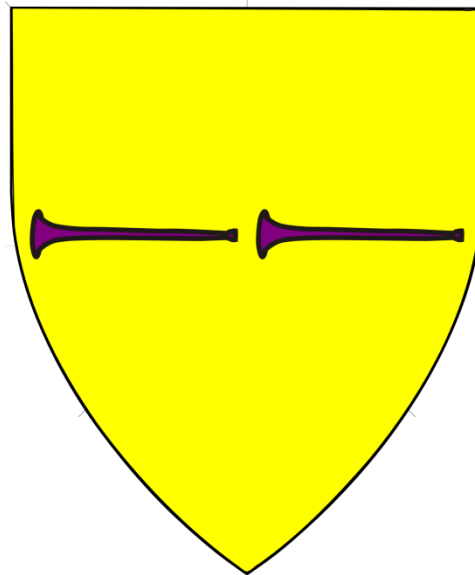
- Substantial change of posture/orientation of the primary charge group (A5E5)
  - Long inanimate charges
    - palewise; palewise inverted
    - fesswise; fesswise reversed
    - bendwise; bendwise inverted/reversed
    - bendwise sinister; bendwise sinister inverted/reversed
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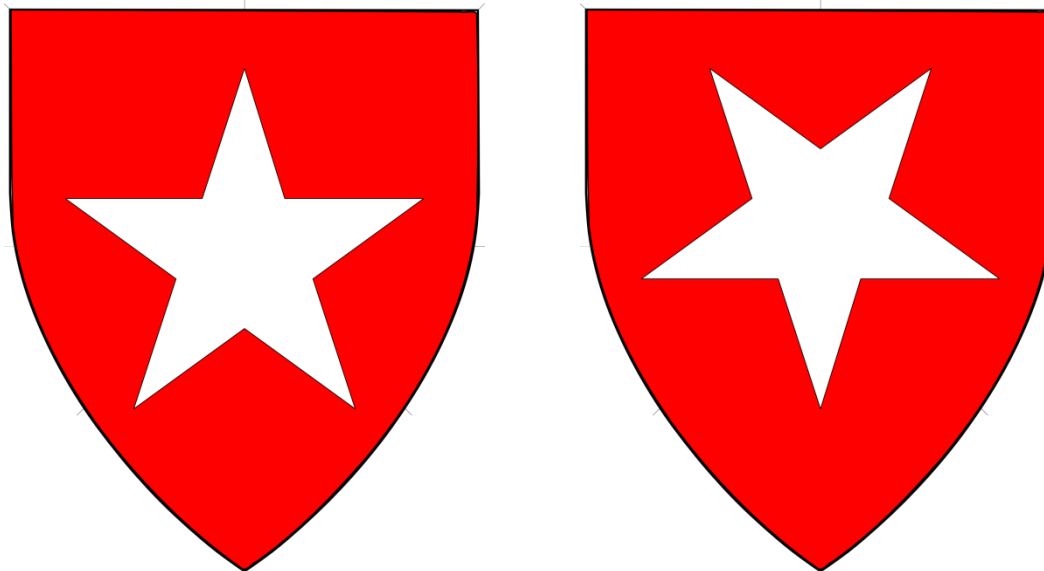
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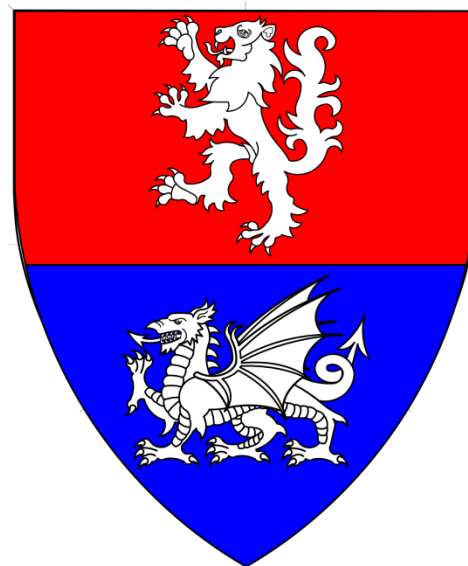
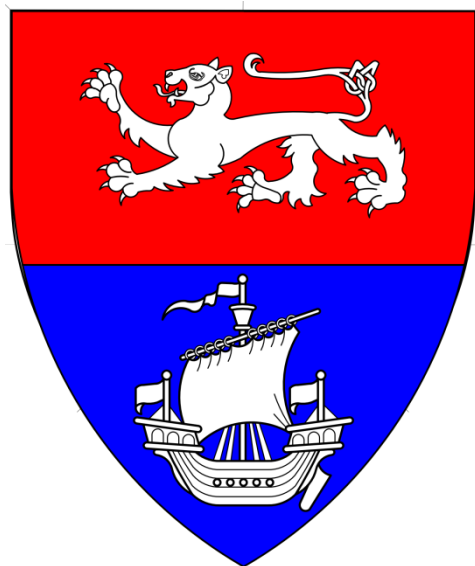
- Substantial change of posture/orientation of the primary charge group (A5E5)
  - Compact charges



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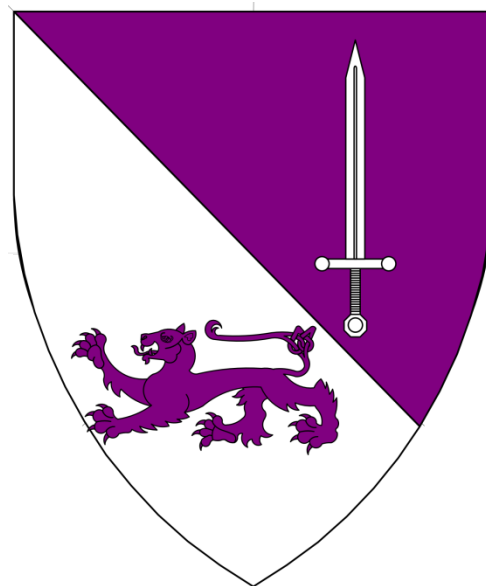
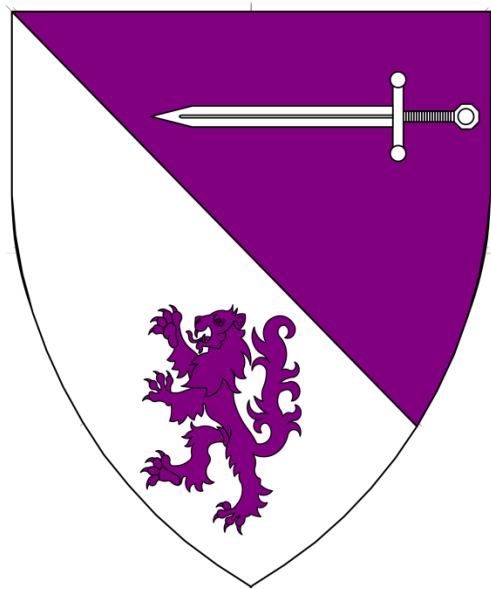
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No SC

# Substantial Change (A5E)

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Clear



# Substantial Change (A5E)

- Remember to always look for SCs first, before counting DCs!
- Any one SC will clear the device
  - Type
  - Number
  - Arrangement
  - Posture
  - (Adding/removing a primary charge group)

# Distinct Change (A5G)

- If there are no SCs, we look to DCs.
- Two DCs are necessary to clear conflict
- Many DCs are similar to SCs, but require less difference
  - Usually, only half or more of the charge group needs to be affected for a DC, not the whole group as for an SC
  - The field, as well as secondary, tertiary, and overall groups can generate DCs
  - Changes in tinctures can generate DCs

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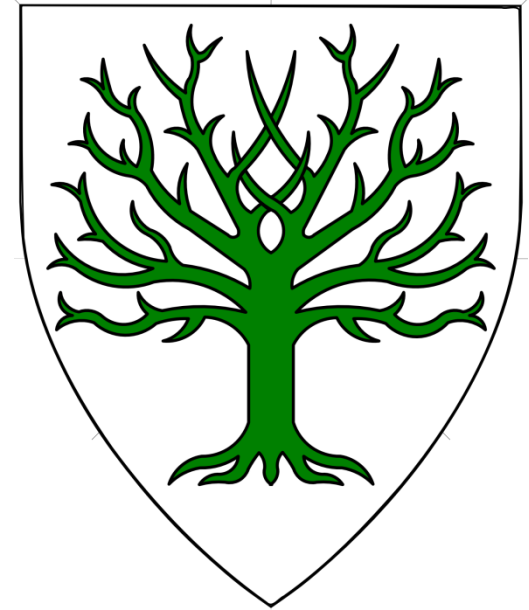
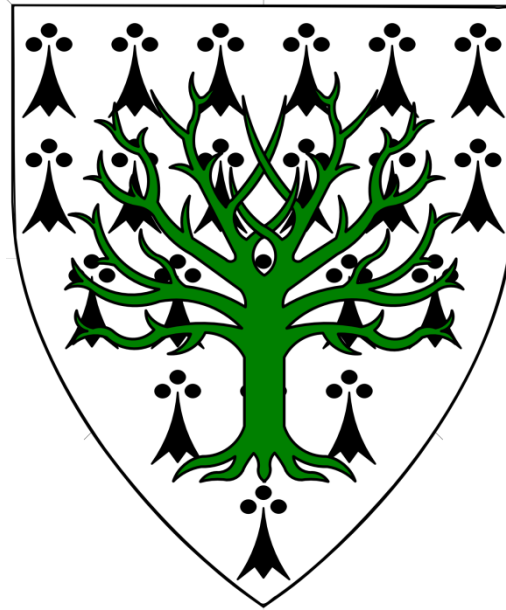
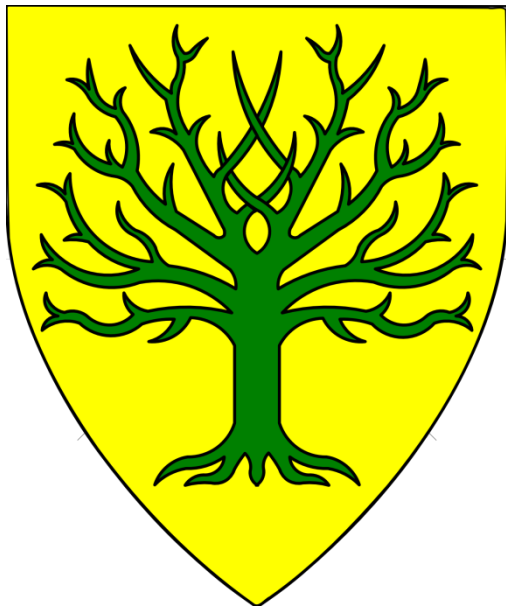
- Changes to the field (A5G1)
  - Several ways to get a DC for changes to the field, however
  - Maximum of one DC for the field, no matter how many changes to it

# Distinct Change (A5G)

- Changes to the field (A5G1)
  - Change of tincture (A5G1a)
    - Changing the tincture of at least  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the field is a DC
    - Swapping or rotating tinctures of a field divided into 2, 3, or 4 parts is a DC
      - But not for more than 4 parts
    - Furs are considered separate tinctures from their underlying tinctures

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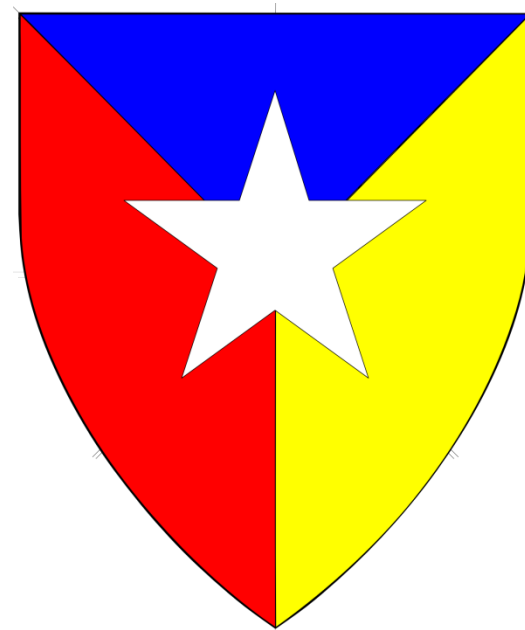
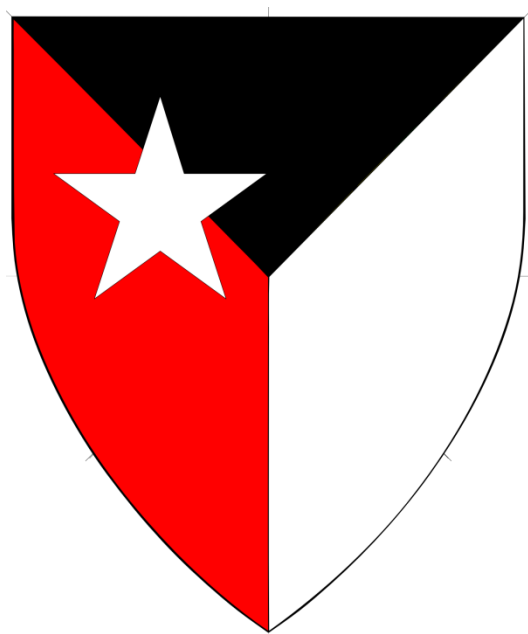
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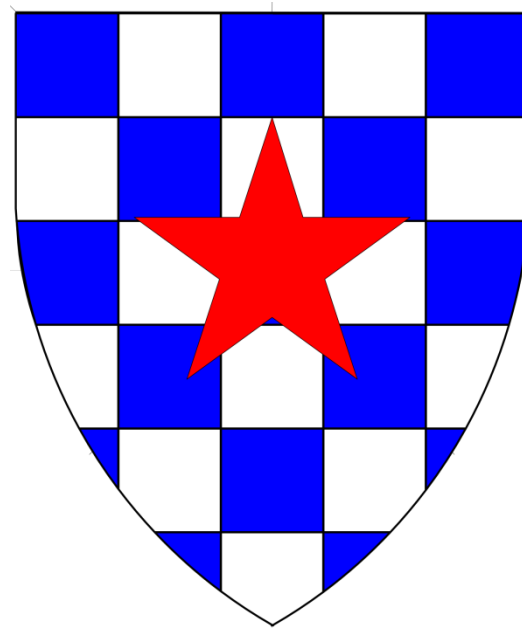
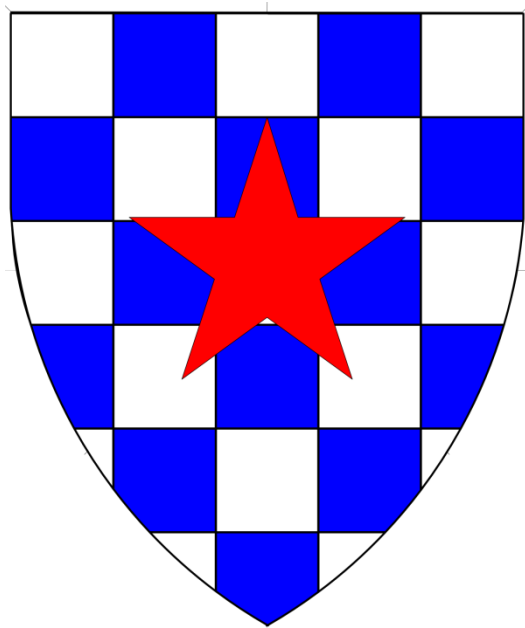
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No DC

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- Changes to the field (A5G1)
  - Change of direction of partition line (A5G1b)
    - DC between any of the following:

Per bend

Per bend sinister

Per pale

Per fess

Per chevron

Per chevron inverted

Per saltire

Quarterly

Gyronny (of any number of pieces)

Per pall,

Per pall inverted

Checky

Lozengy

- Change in direction must include at least half of the lines of division
- Includes multiple lines like barry or paly



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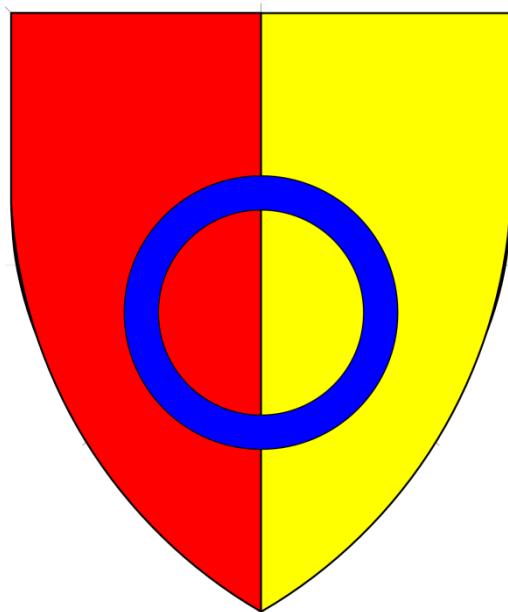
- Changes to the field (A5G1)
  - Change of style of partition line (A5G1c)
    - Changing between a plain line of partition and a complex line is a DC
    - DCs between some, but not all, complex lines
      - See SENA Appendix M for list of conflicting and non-conflicting complex lines

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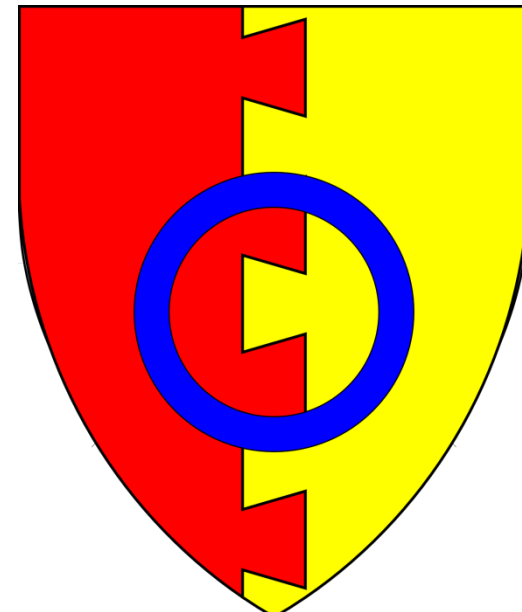
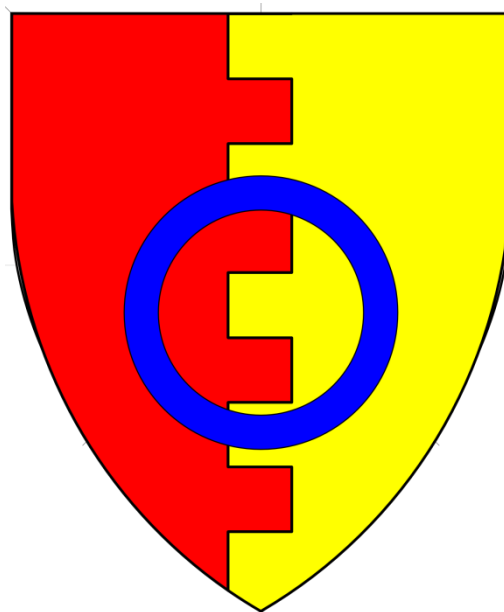
- Changes to the field (A5G1)
  - Change of style of partition line (A5G1c)
    - Appendix M gives DC between following families:
      - Straight line variants: plain, ployé enarched, arrondi (for divisions greater than four)
      - Square: embattled, dovetailed, bretessed, embattled counterembattled, raguly, denticulada
      - Wavy: Wavy, nebuly, urdy
      - Long: Rayonny
      - Jagged: indented, engrailed, invected, dancetty, lozengy
      - Other: bevilled, potency, flory-counterflory, indented fleury at the points, left step/right step, rompu, triangular
    - Note: all lines in Jagged and Other families have DC from each other

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DC vs. other two



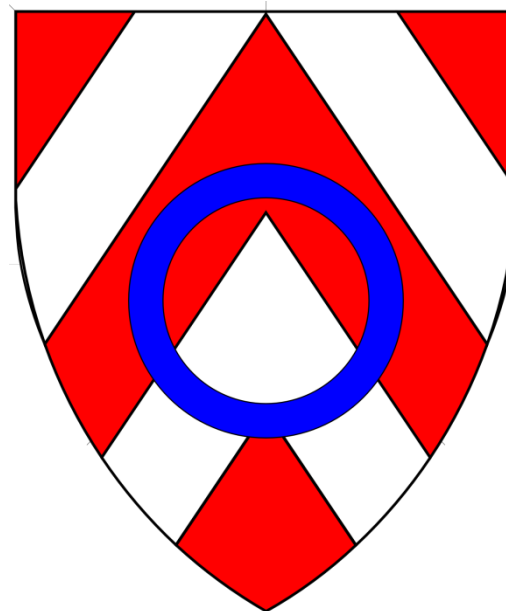
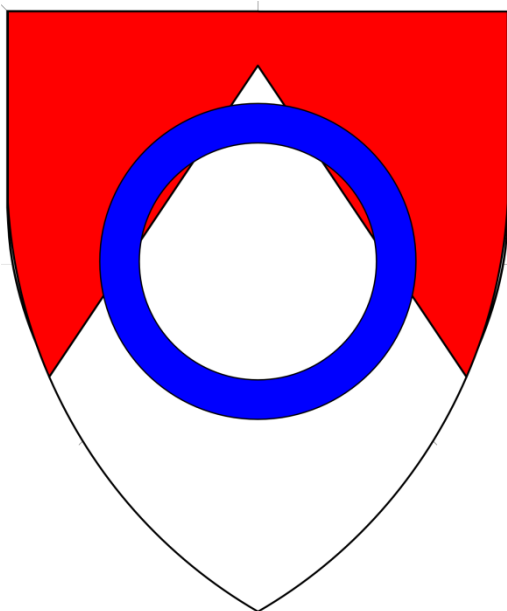
No DC vs each other

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- Changes to the field (A5G1)
  - Change of number of pieces (A5G1d)
    - Changing the number of pieces into which the field is divided
    - DC only for difference between 1, 2, 3, 4, and any other number
      - So DC between 3 and 5, but not between 5 and 6
      - Special rule for Party of Six

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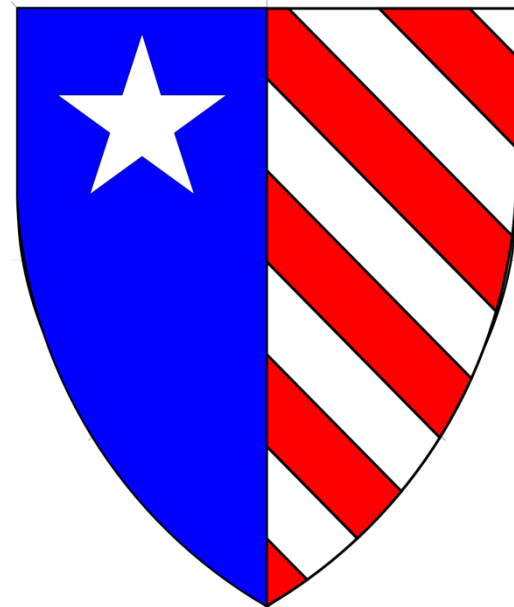
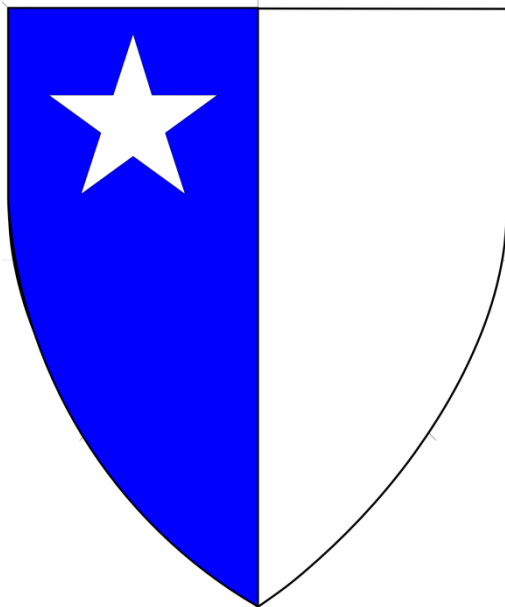
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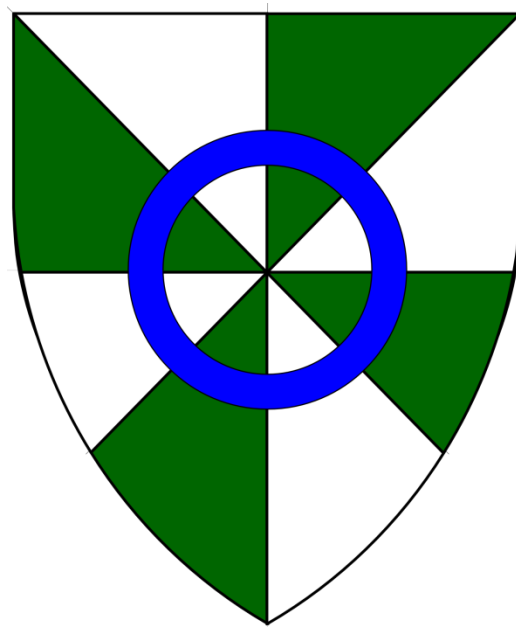
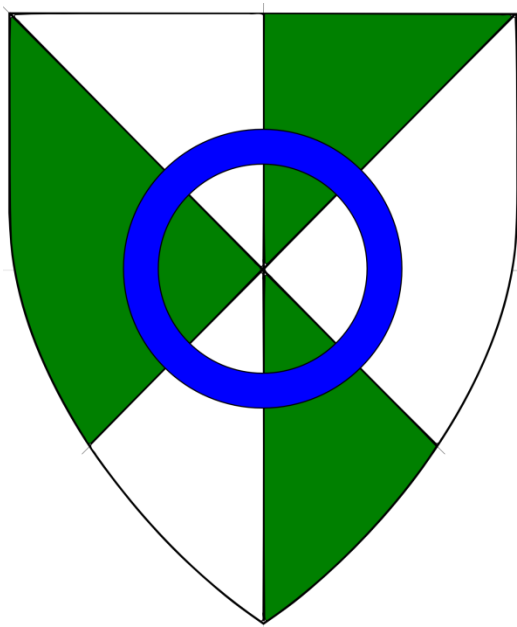
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DC

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No DC



# Distinct Change (A5G)

- Changes to the field (A5G1)
  - Fieldless Armory (A5G1e)
    - Badges can be registered as Fieldless, meaning that no field is defined, just charges
    - All fieldless armory gets an automatic DC for the field against any other armory, including other fieldless badges
    - Tinctureless Armory
      - Considered a variant of fieldless, and gets the same field DC
      - Does not get any other DCs related to tincture
  - Remember, maximum one DC for the field!



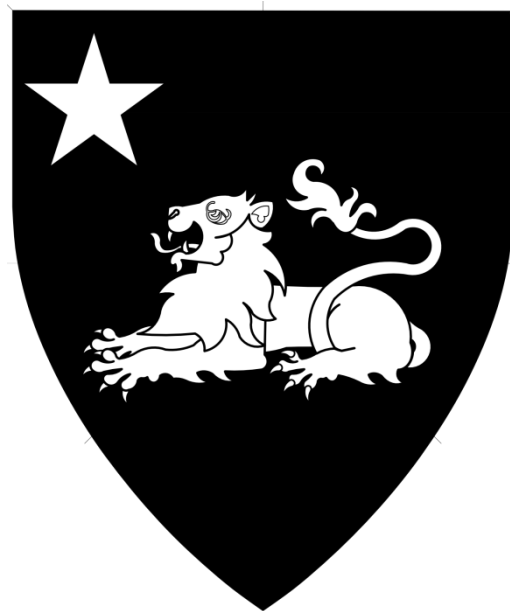
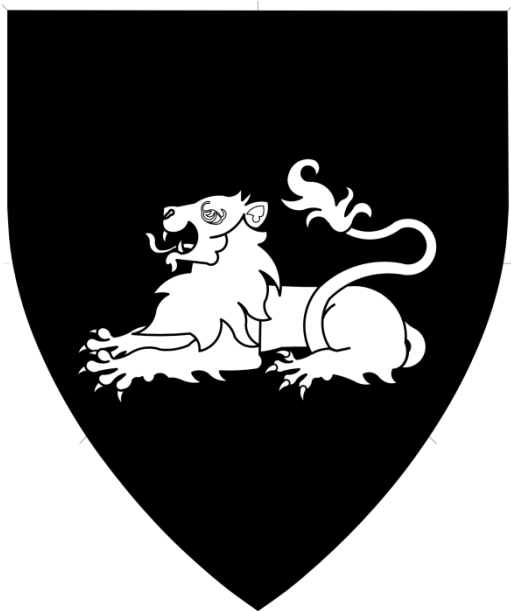


# Distinct Change (A5G)

- Adding or removing a charge group(A5G2)
  - A DC is granted for adding or removing
    - Secondary charge group
    - Tertiary charge group
    - Overall charge group
    - (Adding a primary charge group is an SC

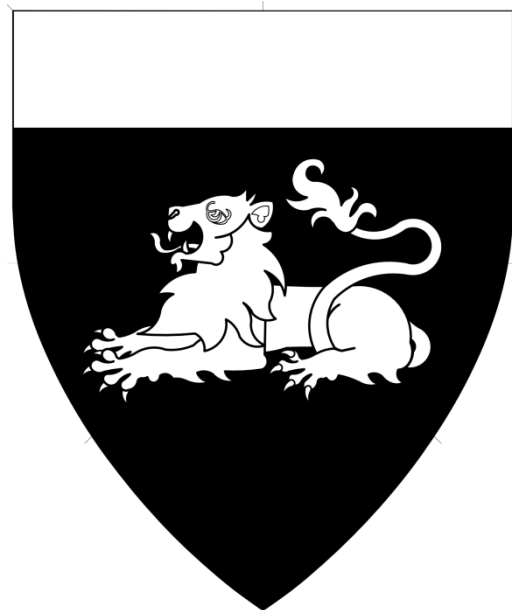
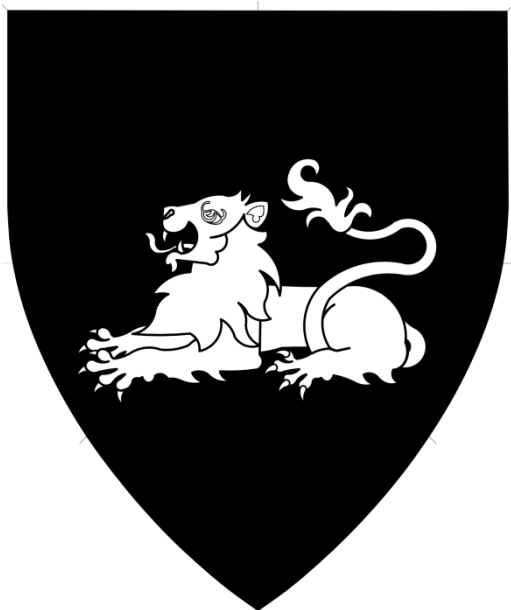
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- Adding or removing a charge group(A5G2)
  - Secondary charge group



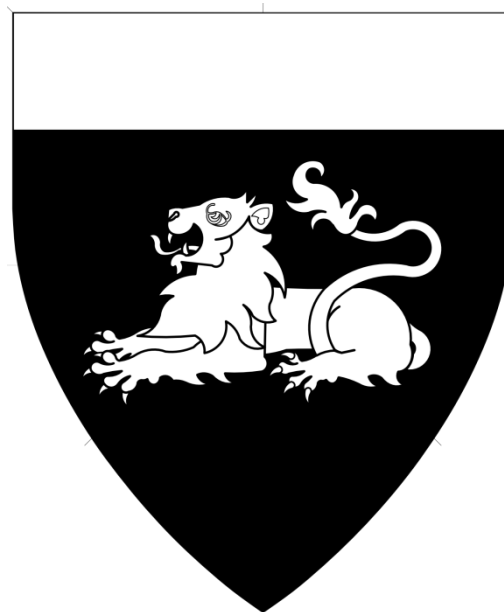
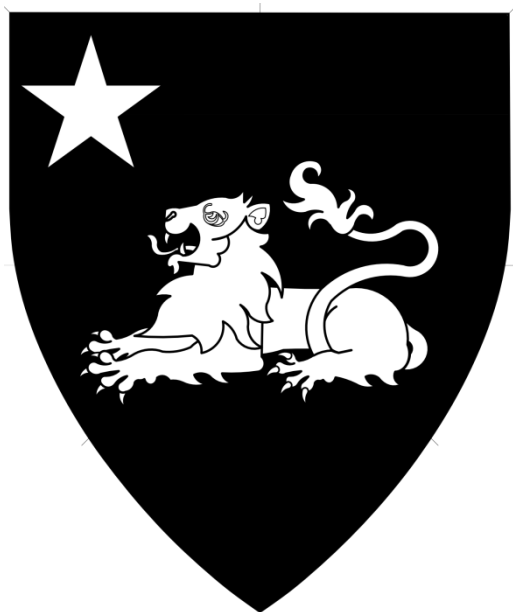
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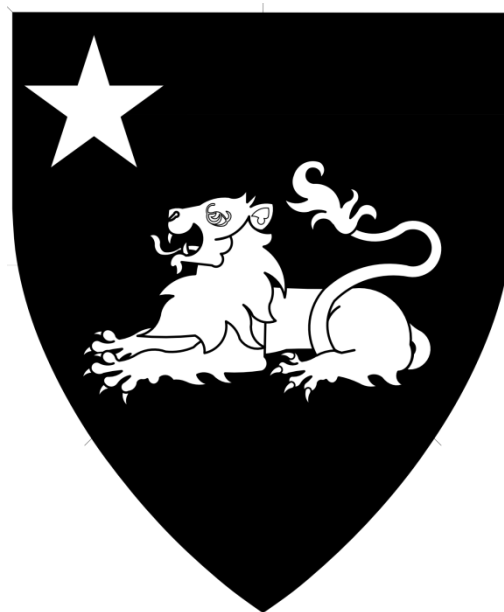
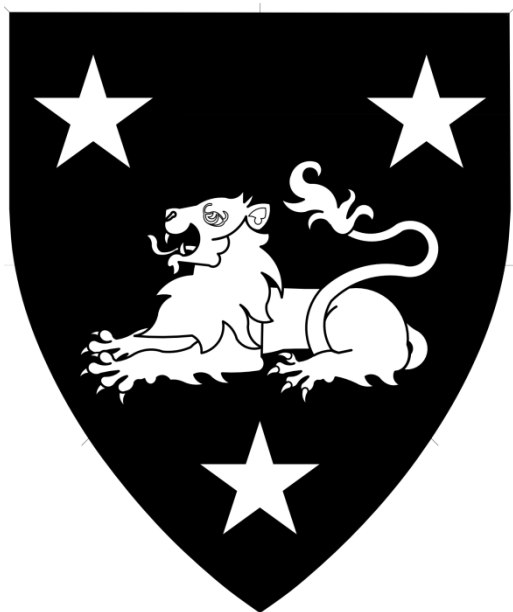
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No DC for removing charge group

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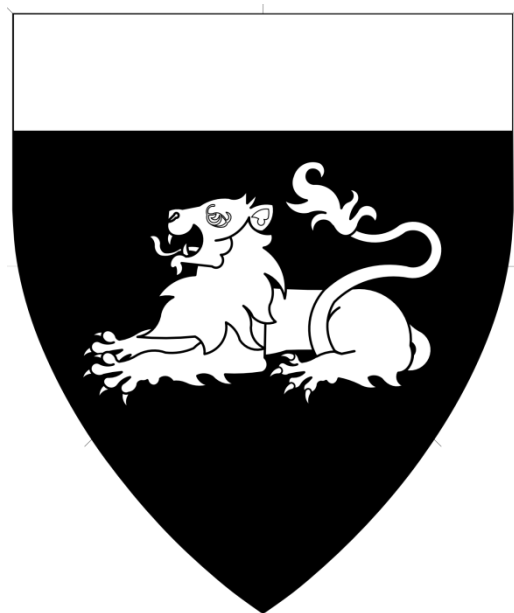
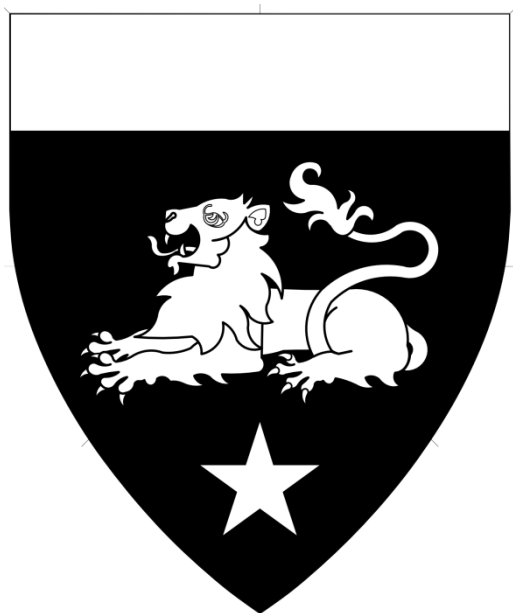
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  - Secondary charge group



No DC for removing charge group

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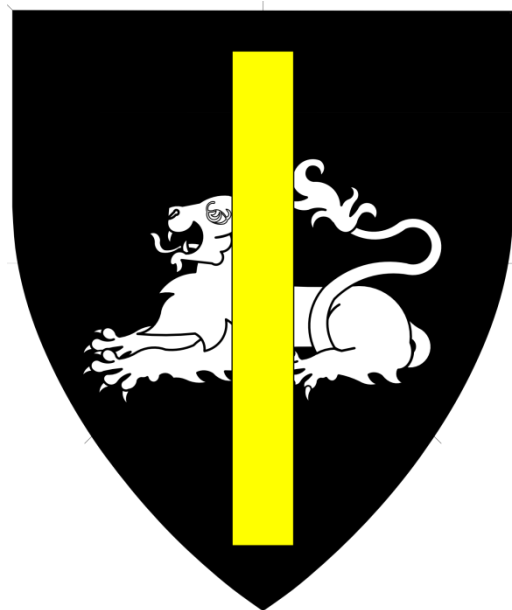
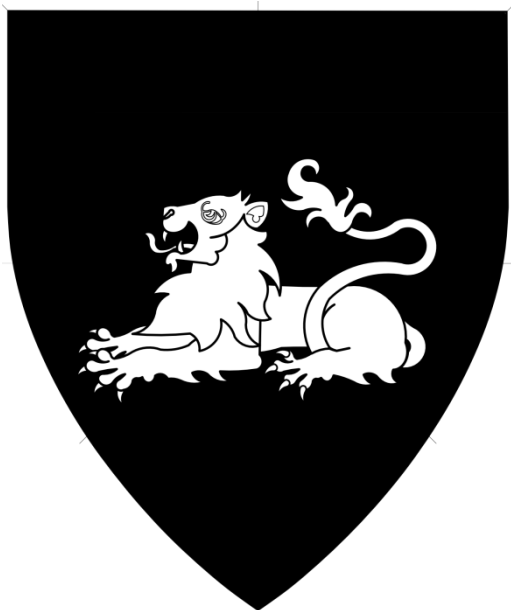
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  - Secondary charge group



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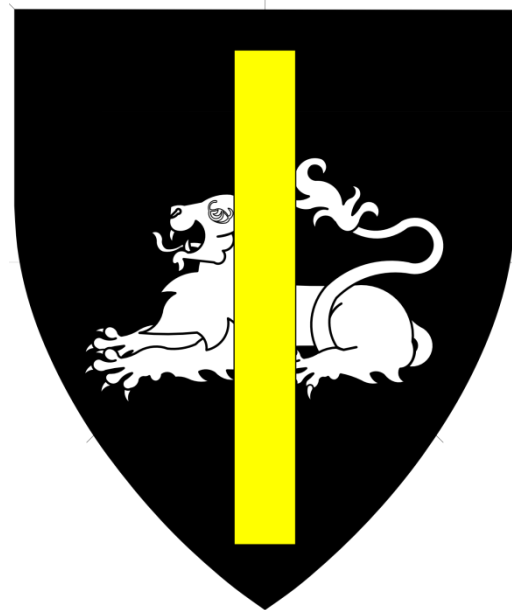
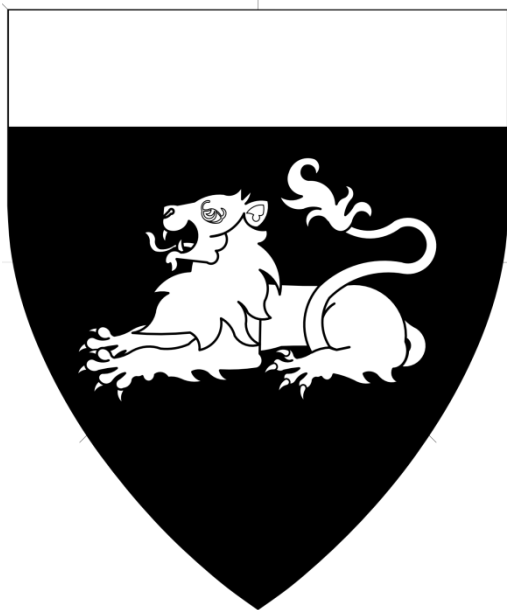
# Distinct Change (A5G)

- Adding or removing a charge group(A5G2)
  - Overall charge group



# Distinct Change (A5G)

- Adding or removing a charge group(A5G2)
  - Add overall charge group
  - Remove secondary charge group



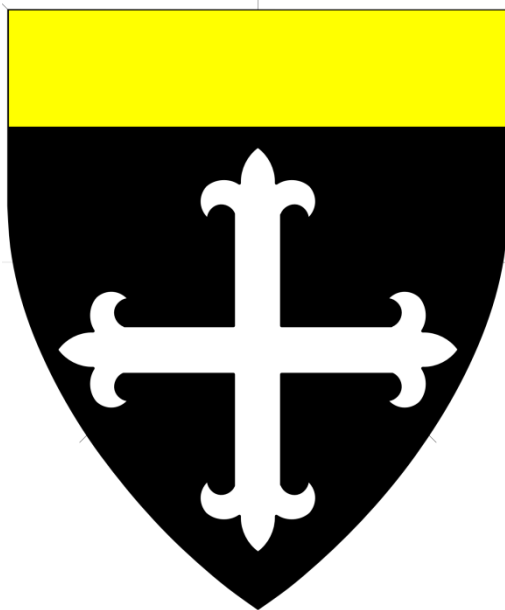


# Distinct Change (A5G)

- Adding or removing a charge group(A5G2)
  - Adding a tertiary charge group
    - Tertiary groups are comparable if they are on the same type of underlying charge
      - Primary
      - Secondary
      - Overall
    - Adding or removing a comparable charge group is a DC

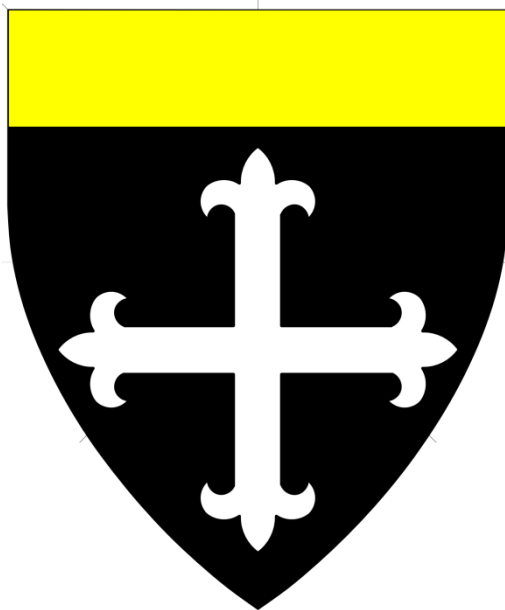
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- Adding or removing a charge group(A5G2)
  - Tertiary charge group



# Distinct Change (A5G)

- Adding or removing a charge group(A5G2)
  - Added a tertiary charge group on a primary
  - Removed a tertiary charge group on a secondary

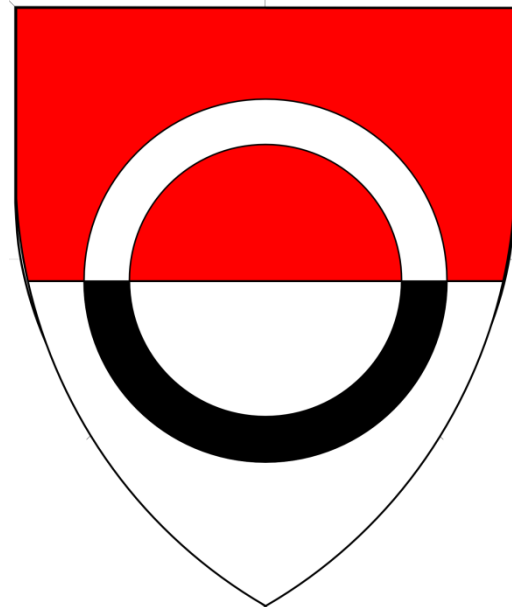
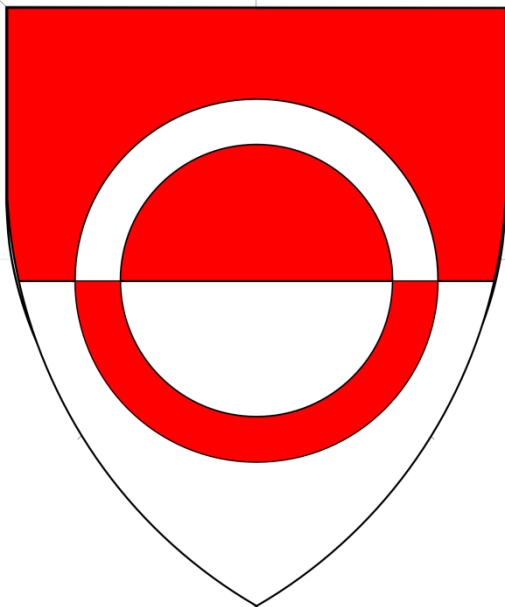


# Distinct Change (A5G)

- Change of tincture within a charge group (A5G3)
  - DC for changing the tincture of one half or more of any charge group
    - Either by count or by “area”
  - Mostly the same rules as for the field
  - Only one DC for change of tincture within a single charge group, though multiple DCs for changes of tincture of different charge groups

# Distinct Change (A5G)

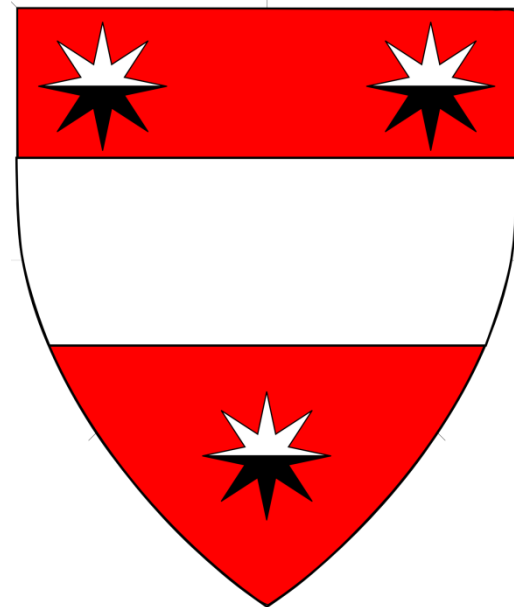
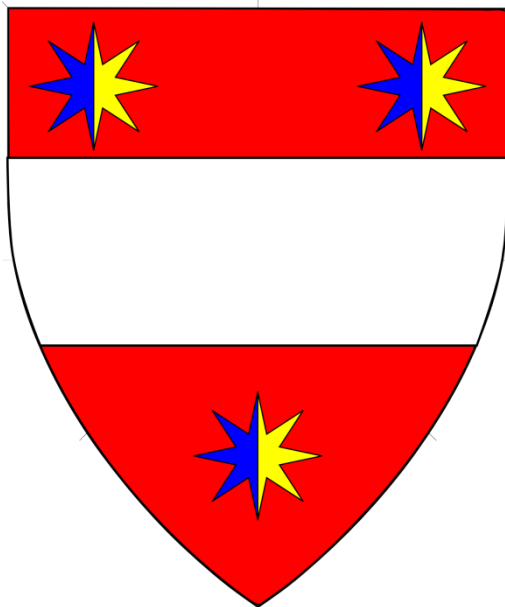
- Change of tincture within a charge group (A5G3)



DC

# Distinct Change (A5G)

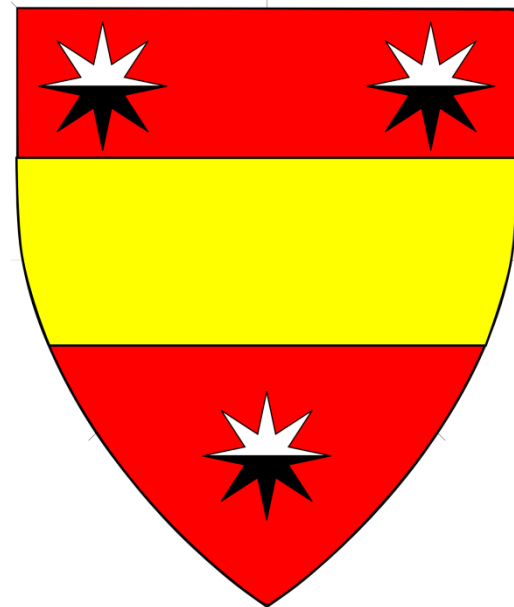
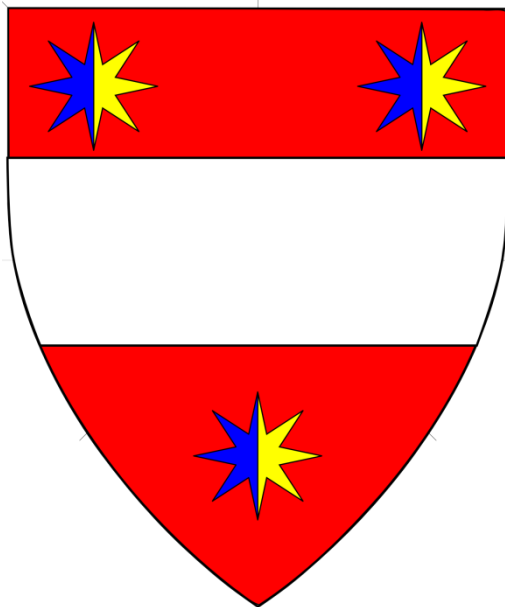
- Change of tincture within a charge group (A5G3)



Only one DC

# Distinct Change (A5G)

- Change of tincture within a charge group (A5G3)



Two DCs

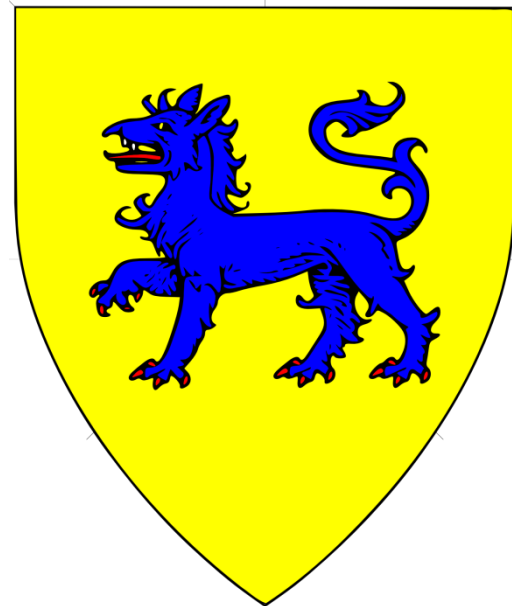
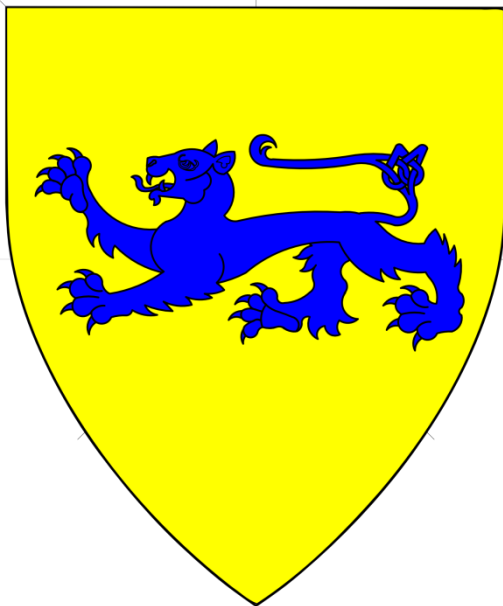


# Distinct Change (A5G)

- Change of type within a charge group (A5G4)
  - DC for change of type of at least half of any charge group
  - Only one DC for change of type in any one charge group, though multiple DCs for changes of type of different charge groups
  - A change of type between primary charges may grant a DC even if the change is not sufficient to grant an SC

# Distinct Change (A5G)

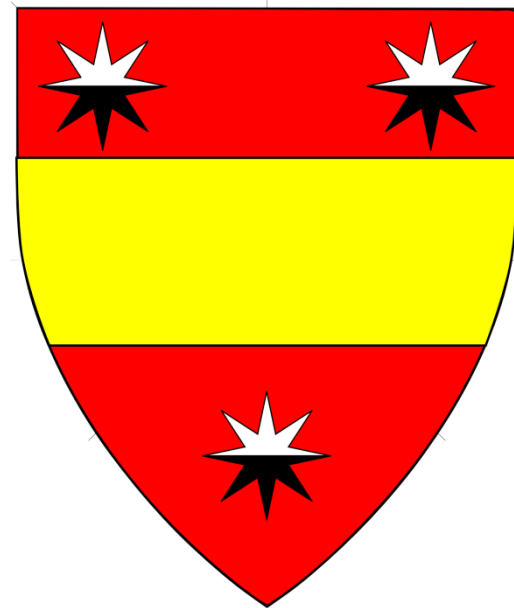
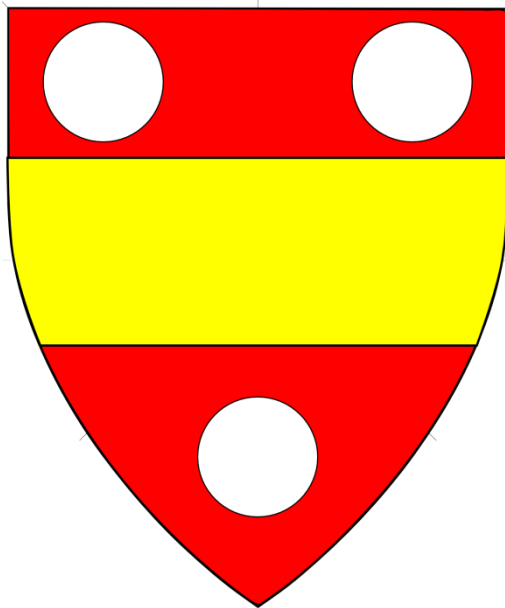
- Change of type within a charge group (A5G4)



DC, but not SC

# Distinct Change (A5G)

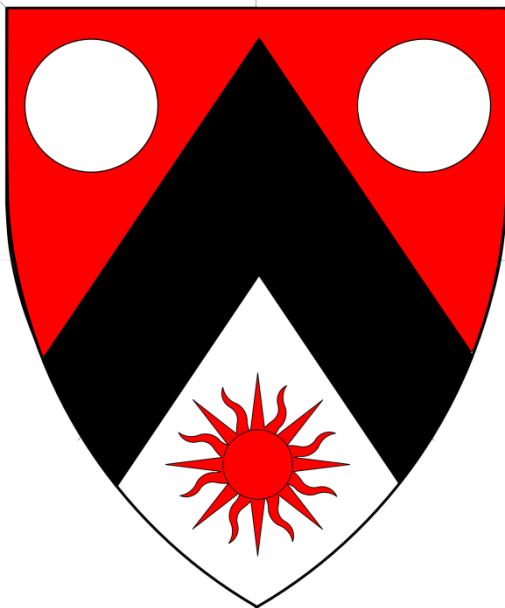
- Change of type within a charge group (A5G4)



Two DCs – one for type, one for tincture

# Distinct Change (A5G)

- Change of type within a charge group (A5G4)



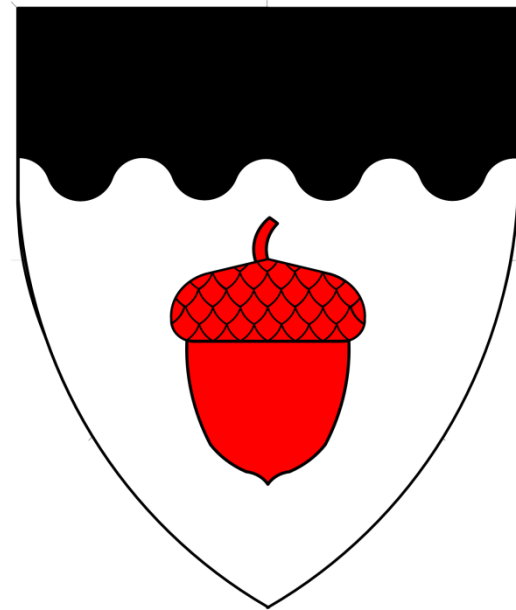
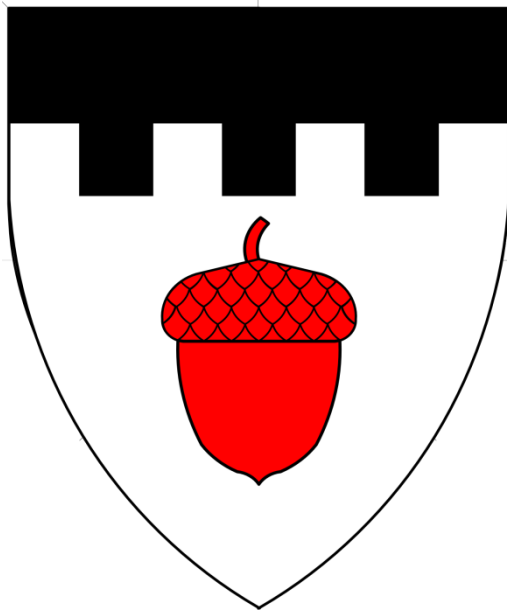
One DC for type

# Distinct Change (A5G)

- Change of type within a charge group (A5G4)
  - Changing the edge of an ordinary or simple geometric shape is considered a change in type and grants a DC but not an SC

# Distinct Change (A5G)

- Change of type within a charge group (A5G4)



DC

# Distinct Change (A5G)

- Change of number within a charge group (A5G5)
  - Works just like the SC change of number
  - Applies to any charge group
  - Grants DC For: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6+ (including semy)

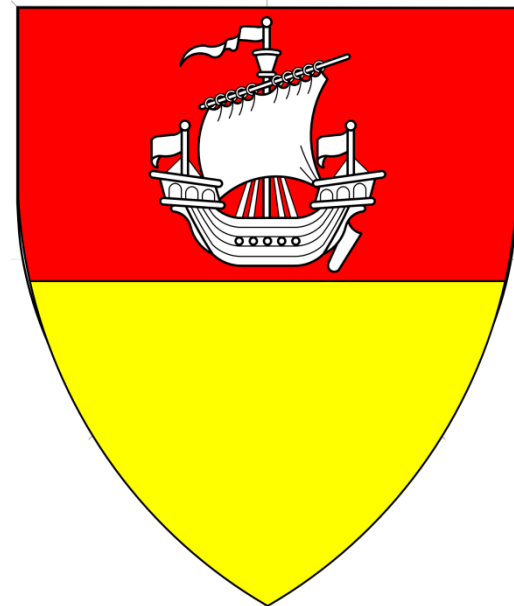
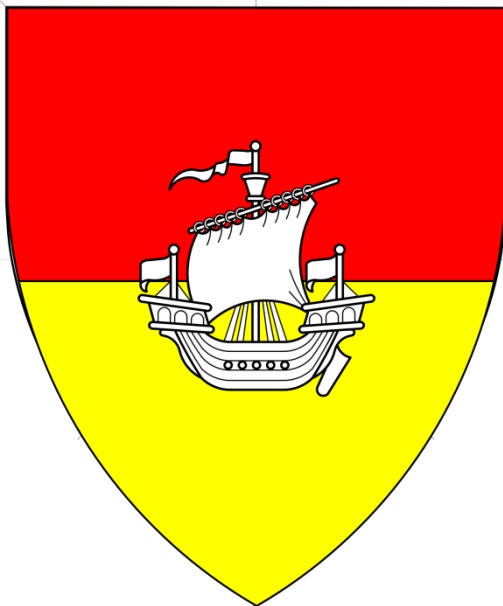
# Distinct Change (A5G)

- Change of arrangement within a charge group (A5G6)
  - Works just like the SC change of arrangement
  - More arrangements get DCs than SCs
  - Applies to any charge group
  - Also gives DC for location on field
    - Except for fieldless armory
  - No DC for forced change of arrangement by field or other charges
  - No DC for change of arrangement if charge type or number forces the change



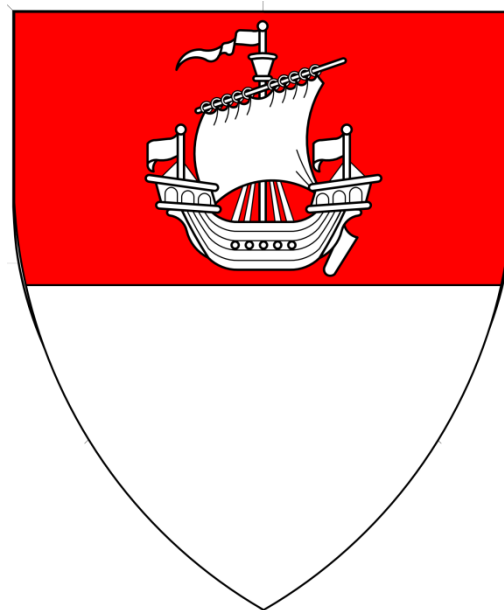
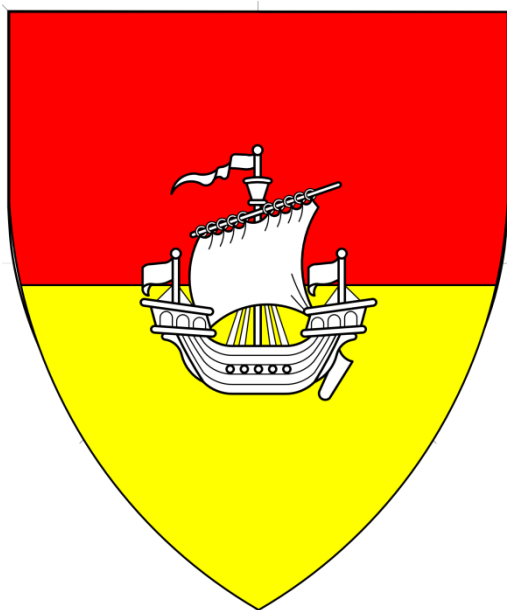
# Distinct Change (A5G)

- Change of arrangement within a charge group (A5G6)



# Distinct Change (A5G)

- Change of arrangement within a charge group (A5G6)
  - Move is forced by the field



No DC for arrangement, DC for field

# Distinct Change (A5G)

- Change of arrangement within a charge group (A5G6)
  - Tertiaries moving from one charge to another



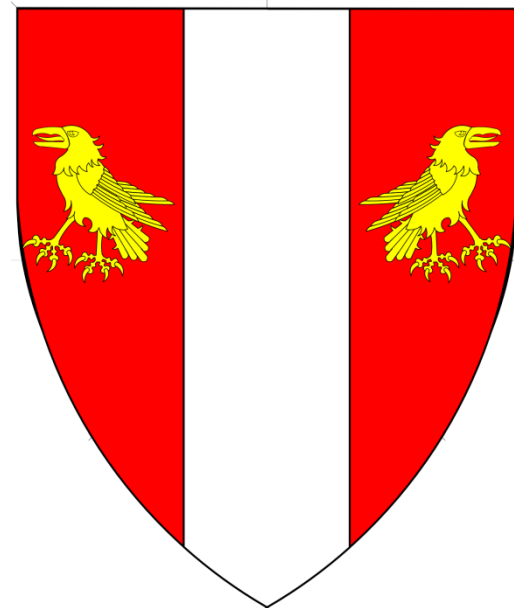
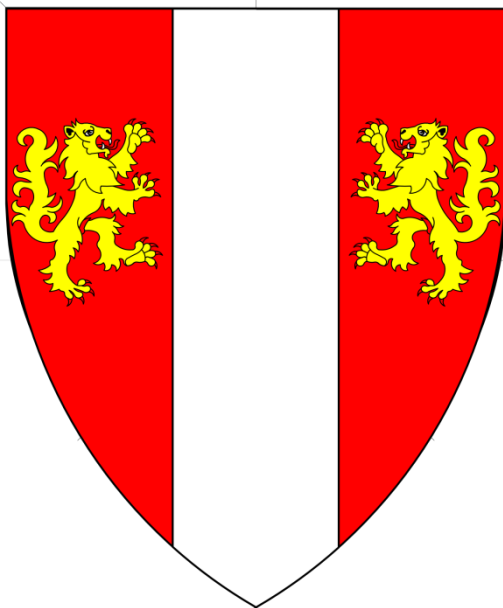
DC for arrangement

# Distinct Change (A5G)

- Change of posture or orientation within a charge group (A5G7)
  - Works just like the SC change of posture
  - More postures and orientations get DCs than SCs
    - Listed in Appendix L
  - Applies to any charge group
  - “Addorsed” and “Respectant” can apply to any animate charges (or their parts), even if not comparable

# Distinct Change (A5G)

- Change of posture or orientation within a charge group (A5G7)



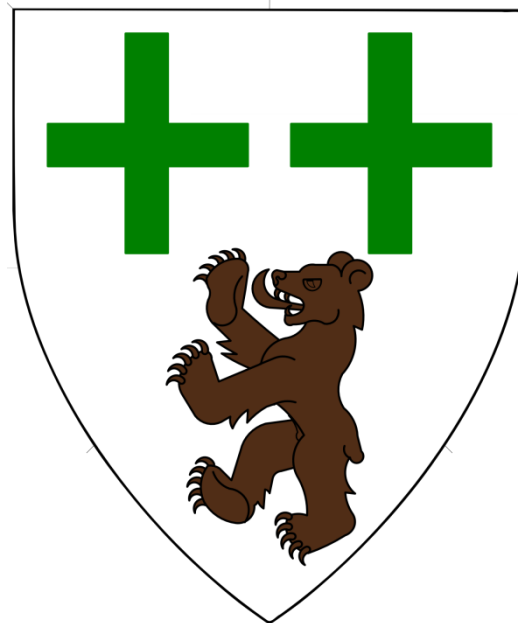
One DC for type, one DC for arrangement

# “Half” of a charge group (A5C2d)

- Defining “half” of a charge group
- Generally, the mathematical half
  - If the group is made up of two charges, half is one
  - If the group is made up of four charges, half is two
- However, in some cases, changing one of three charges counts as half:

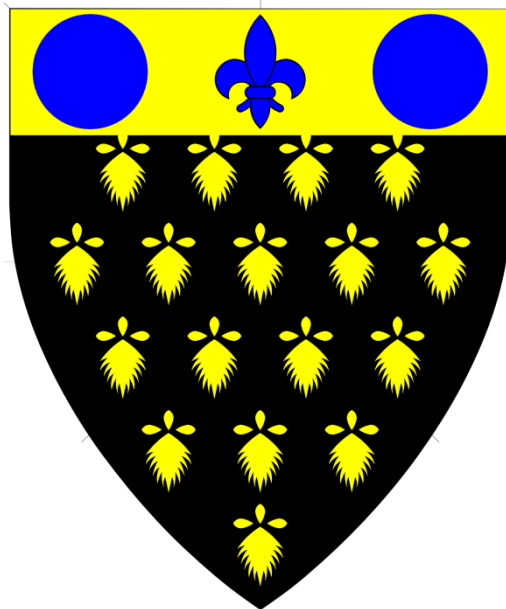
# “Half” of a charge group (A5C2d)

- However, in some cases, changing one of three charges counts as half:
  - Three charges on a field arranged two-and-one
    - Bottom charge is considered half



# “Half” of a charge group (A5C2d)

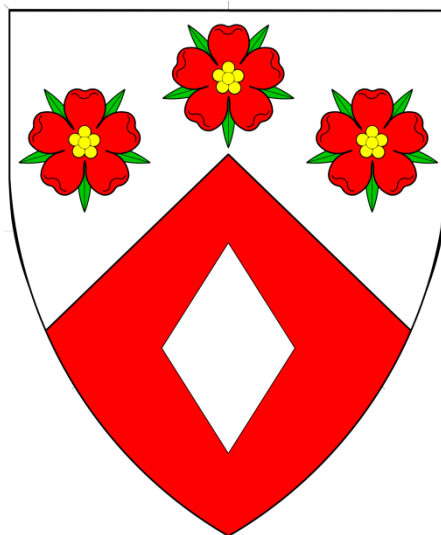
- However, in some cases, changing one of three charges counts as half:
  - Tertiary charge group of three charges on a central ordinary or chief, the centermost charge is considered half





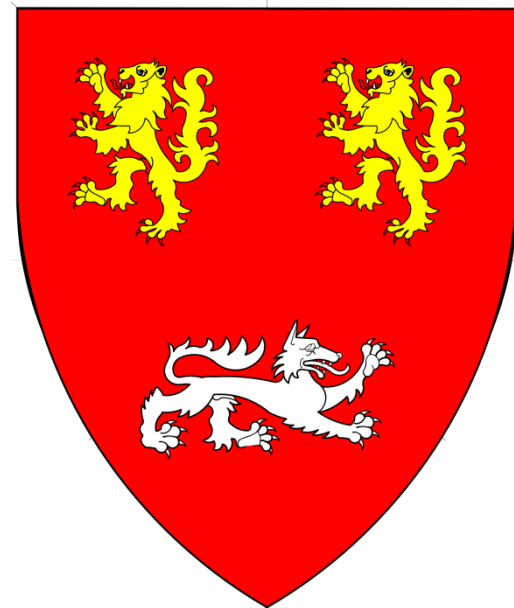
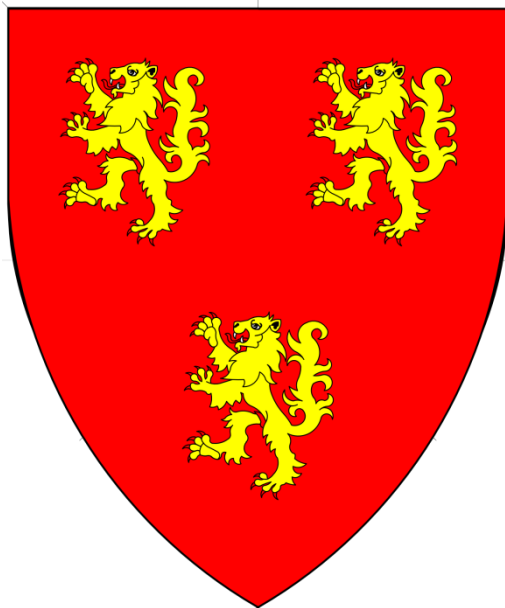
# “Half” of a charge group (A5C2d)

- However, in some cases, changing one of three charges counts as half:
  - Primary or secondary group split around a line of division or central ordinary that splits field into two parts, each section is considered half.



# “Half” of a charge group (A5C2d)

- Only one DC can be derived from changes to the smaller section that is considered half



Only one DC

# Final Thoughts

- Registerable vs. Authentic
  - A submission must be registerable; it need not be authentic
  - While we can encourage clients to design period-looking armory, we cannot, and should not, force the decision
  - If a client is set on a registerable but not very authentic submission, you should process it!

# Final Thoughts

- Customer Service
  - It is our job to help our clients
  - We are here to make registrations happen, not prevent them from happening
  - When consulting, help clients create registerable submissions *they* like
  - When commenting, look for reasons to allow registration, not prohibit it
  - Heralds want a reputation for being helpful, not obstructionist!

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