

The Covenants of Mystic Realms Membership

As a member of Mystic Realms I agree to the following (please read and initial each paragraph, and date and sign the bottom of the form):

_____ I acknowledge that every member has an obligation to contribute to the success of an Event. As a player, I promise to remain in character and wear a costume for the entire duration of the Event. As part of the cast, I promise to entertain the players through roleplaying excellence and fair combat encounters.

_____ I acknowledge that every member must know the basic rules of the game. I accept that the rule book is extensive and the average member will not be able to learn the particulars of every skill in the game system. However, I recognize that every member who uses a skill must be able to explain the skill. Therefore, I promise not to use a skill during play unless I have read the rule book and am very confident that I understand how the skill is used during play.

_____ I understand the importance of having a well-defined, realistic game world with consistent history and interconnected plots. I recognize that the source materials for the realm provide the basic information that should be known by each character in a Realm. I promise to fully read the Source Materials for each Realm in which I play and to use the material as a player and writer to help create a meaningful interactive experience that brings the world to life for all participants.

_____ I acknowledge that boffer-fighting requires a person to use discretion and care so as not to injure other participants. I also recognize that Mystic Realms encourages "roleplaying combat" rather than "competitive combat." I accept that I must combat within acceptable standards of speed and force. This means that strong or quick persons must limit themselves so that all participants can enjoy safe combat. I promise not to use a weapon if I am unable to moderate the speed and force I use so that all can enjoy the roleplayed combat of Mystic Realms.

_____ I understand that all Mystic Realms members are part of a collaborative team and each must share the burden of event production. This includes taking turns as cast participants or club managers, helping to set-up or clean-up the play area, working in the kitchen, hauling trash and all the other labors that comprise an event. I promise to fulfill my equal share of the work necessary to produce events.

_____ I understand that as an interactive drama Mystic Realms is more than just a live-action roleplaying game. I will be required to do more than just kill monsters to advance my character. I accept that events are meant to be more than a series of quests. I recognize the importance of developing performance skills and participating in theatric training, so that the time between quests become magical moments. I promise to challenge myself and my abilities in every character role I assume, be it as a player or part of the cast.

_____ I understand the value of entertaining others when playing Mystic Realms. I recognize that there are people who take energy from the environment by sitting back and waiting for the cast or other players to entertain them. I promise not to be this kind of person, instead I promise to give energy into the roleplaying environment by portraying all of my characters with a vigor and enthusiasm that entertains myself and all those around me.

_____ I understand my enjoyment of the Mystic Realms experience directly depends on my own contribution. I recognize that this fact remains true even after years of participation and contribution, perhaps even more so. As an experienced player I recognize that isolating myself will eventually lead to my own frustration. I promise to continue making contributions to the game so that I never feel without a place in Mystic Realms.

_____ I understand that over time, because Mystic Realms fosters continued improvement of members, my roleplaying skills will develop, my costumes will become more beautiful, my writing skills will excel, and so forth. I accept that I will reach a point where I will be a skilled entertainer. When I achieve this point, I promise not to criticize the new players, writers, managers, or members, but instead I will accept what they do as the best they can at their level of skill. I will see their flaws or shortcomings as their learning experience and I will help them improve, not by words, but by action. When I am dissatisfied, instead of complaining, I promise to improve the situation by a demonstration of proper skill or behavior. My example will educate the new player, writer, manager or member.

_____ I understand that negative social behaviors, such as lewdness, belligerence, discrimination, criticisms, rabble-raising and so forth are hurtful to the cooperative, collaborative social climate necessary for the continued operation of a Mystic Realms club. If I engage in these behaviors, Mystic Realms officers will bring this to my attention. If I cannot cease my negative behaviors, I promise to resign my membership in Mystic Realms.

_____ If I become disenchanted with the magical world of Mystic Realms, I recognize that my unhappiness will ruin the magic for everyone around me. In this event, I promise to resign my membership in Mystic Realms until such time as I realize once again that Mystic Realms is just words on paper and any enjoyment found therein is intrinsic to the individual participant's commitment.

Sworn to, on this day _____, by _____