

# East Kingdom Annual Crown Cycle

## The Wheel of the Year

Each kingdom of the SCA has its own periodic cycle of events that govern its ebb and flow.

## Royal Reigns

In the East Kingdom, there are two reigns per year, one in the summer and one in the winter. Each reign begins with a royal coronation, followed about a month later by a crown tournament to select their successors.

The winners of that tournament spend five months as crown heirs (styled “the Crown Prince and Princess”), and then six months on the throne as sovereign and consort (often styled “the King and Queen”).

Kingdom Law provides preferred and alternate dates for these events:

- Spring Coronation is the first Saturday in April, or the second one.
- Spring Crown Tourney is the first Saturday in May, or the last one in April.
- Fall Coronation is the first Saturday in October, or the last one in September.
- Fall Crown Tourney is the third Saturday in October, or the first one in November.

## Fighting Season

Cold weather makes it challenging to fight outdoors from late November through late March, so larger combat events are held during summer reigns.

The peak of the fighting season is the Pennsic War, which lasts for seventeen days from late July through mid August.

During summer reigns the crown holds championships for armored combat, archery, equestrian, and thrown weapons.

## Hearthside Season

At mid-winter the kingdom gathers to celebrate the holidays at Twelfth Night.

During winter reigns the crown holds championships for rapier combat, bardic performance, and arts and sciences.

