

## 2019 IBGA Process

### Overview of an IBGA

Typical IBGAs actions are things like:

- Researching a current plot in the game
- Working with local organizations like the Watch or the Guilds
- Travelling to visit a different part of the kingdom
- Consulting the spirits, or the ancestors
- Following up on a personal or character history plot

IBGAs aren't a place where you can 'solve' a plot. You can't go and kill Baklava the Vampire (although you could certainly hunt for his forest lair). You can't murder another PC, or get knighted, or take over a criminal organization, although you can certainly work *towards* any of those goals. Nero Canada is a LARP – the focus is on the live interactions at an event. IBGAs are merely meant to add flavor, enhance experience, and help round out a character's goals and relationship to the world.

An action like "I research Baklava the Vampire" is okay, but you must provide detail on the *how* you intend to do so. In the case of researching Baklava, a member of the Celestial Guild might write to the Sages of the Towers asking if there's any information. A Listani might go and ask Meryl the Moderately Wise Woman if the spirits have told her anything. A member of the Watch might ask Guard Nick if he's heard any rumours about Baklava's activities.

### IBGA Submission

- A player gets 1 IBGA action between events.
- To complete your IBGAs please send an email to [NCPLot@gmail.com](mailto:NCPLot@gmail.com) with "IBGA" in the subject header.
- Please be as succinct as possible with your submission and do not include a lot of flavour text.
- If you are doing one of your actions with a group, each person must be cc'd on the email to the mailbox and a single reply will be provided.
- It is critical that you provide the correct email address if you want a response.

### IBGA Types – Hints for Being Successful

Type	Description	Information to Include
Investigate	When you want to look into something that is happening in an effort to get more information. Multiple investigation actions may yield greater success.	What you are investigating and how? Please be as specific as possible.
Patrol	If you are watching a specific area to protect it.	The area you are patrolling and any specifics on what you are watching out for.

Research	When you are using a library or other facility to get more information on a topic. Multiple research actions may yield you greater success.	Which library you are going to and what you are researching? Please be as specific as possible.
Contact	When you are trying to meet with or reach out to an NPC. Note: using this action to contact someone does not guarantee you an audience.	Who you are trying to contact, how you go about contacting them (including where) and what you want to discuss with them.
Duty	When you are dedicating your time to the support of a Domain, Guild or Organization.	Which organization, Guild or Domain. Any specifics you want to provide on what you are doing.
General	Anything else that doesn't fit.	A description of what you are doing.

## Responses

The plot team will email you back your response which will include one of the following:

- Acknowledgement that you have completed the indicated action (“You do the thing”)
- A written description of the IBGA's results
- An indication that the IBGA be resolved via a module or RP encounter scheduled at the upcoming event.
- A request to speak to a particular plot member before game starts

## Timelines

- IBGAs are due the Friday after the event at 11:59pm
- Responses will be sent out the Thursday before the event by 11:59 (Please DO NOT follow up prior to that time) Any exceptions to this timeline will be posted on the Facebook Group.

## IBGA FAQ

### **Do I get any build/experience from submitting an IBGA?**

No. An IBGA is non-mandatory roleplay opportunity for your character, and you don't receive build.

### **Can my character die in an IBGA?**

No. Death and resurrection can only happen at a Nero event. If your IBGA is highly dangerous to your character, you may be asked to resolve it through a mod at the next event you attend. The only combat you are likely to see in an IBGA is flavour – like a bar fight, or some goblins on the way to the place you're going.

### **Can I ask a specific plot member to respond to an IBGA?**

No, the plot team splits up work as appropriate for what each plot member is writing and to ensure a balance of workload.

### **Can I write an IBGA for both my primary character and my alt?**

Not in the same time period. You, as a player, have one IBGA between each event.

**Can I retroactively do IBGAs for events I missed?**

No. Please only submit an IBGA for the present time period, in the interest of fairness to other players and the volume of submissions.

**My friends and I roleplay offboard all the time. Do these count as IBGAs?**

No. You can roleplay to your heart's content, in any medium you and your friends have chosen. However, if your RP has the intention of interacting with plot and the game world, you'll want to submit it as an IBGA so that the world can react to you.

**It's the Friday before the event, I submitted an IBGA on time, and I haven't heard anything. What should I do?**

Don't panic. E-mails gets lost, mistakes get made. At the event, before game starts, go see plot and let them know. A follow-up e-mail sent on Friday may not be seen by plot in time, so make sure to go see them in person and find out what happened.

**I submitted an IBGA but changed my mind and want to submit something else. Can I?**

If you've just submitted your IBGA and the deadline for submission has not passed, you may complete the form again. We will always use the last IBGA form you submitted so even if you are only changing one action you will need to resubmit all of them.

**Can I submit my IBGA through Facebook/the Nero Boards/carrier pigeon?**

No. The email address is the only acceptable means to submit an IBGA

**How come Yuri the Yatar can go visit Meryl the Moderately Wise Woman, but she won't talk to me?**

IBGAs allow you to utilize the connections and relationships you've developed in game. While Yuri the Yatar might have Meryl's ear, Sage Cedric can utilize the library of the Celestial Guild. Think about your character, and what makes sense for them. If you want Meryl's help, maybe offer to do her a favour first...

**I wrote a letter to an NPC and sent it the plot e-mail. Is that my IBGA?**

Unless you would like a response to your letter, it does not use an IBGA. If you want a response, please use a "Contact" IBGA

**An NPC sent me a letter. Is that my IBGA?**

This does not count as an IBGA however if you take action as a result of that communication, that would count as your IBGA.

**I want to interact with a PC not at an event.**

You need to interact directly with that player. If you can't get in touch with the player assume you cannot get in touch with the character. Maybe you just keep missing each other.