

Guide to IBGAs

In-between Game Actions (IBGAs) are opportunities for players to interact with the Nero game world in-between events. Every player can submit one IBGA between each event of the year. IBGAs are sent only to the plot e-mail (NCPlot at gmail dot com), and should have both "IBGA" and your character's name in the subject line. Multiple characters can share a single IBGA, and are free to submit a single e-mail with all the participants CC'ed. A player may not be in both a group and an individual IBGA. If a participant is not CC'd we will respond without including them.

Typical IBGAs are actions 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 Gypsy 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.

A typical IBGA submission is a couple of sentences to a couple of paragraphs long, although some PCs like to write and submit longer stories. Regardless of the format, an IBGA should have your character doing one main thing. You can go home and do a number of smaller actions related to being at home but you cannot go home and do 3 things and then move on to another city to do something else. It is also important to note that an IBGA should be comprised of actions you are taking and should not outline what the outcome of those actions will be.

For example, Conan the Barbarian can go to visit his Clan's main camp, visit his mother, speak to the Shaman and go hunting with his childhood friends. He cannot in the same IBGA do all of these things and then go to Haylem City to sell items in the market.

IBGAs are due the Friday after the event. The Plot Team will always try to respond to your IBGA by the Thursday before the next event. If your IBGA is late we will not be able to get a response to you.

Your response, via e-mail, may be:

- A written description of the IBGA's results
- A request that the IBGA be resolved via a module scheduled at the upcoming event.
- A request to speak to a particular plot member before game starts

Responses range in length, but will usually be a paragraph to a page depending on what is required to address your request. Submitting an IBGA is not obligatory, and no player would ever be penalized for not doing so. That said, they are a great way to let the plot team know what your character is interested in, develop NPC and game world relationships, and do the sorts of things that there isn't time or logistics for at a weekend event.

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 or any IG treasure for submitting one.

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?

Conditionally. Plot receives many IBGAs between each event, and needs to share the responsibility of responding to them among the plot members. If you are following up on a specific plot member's story, feel free to put "Attn: their name" in the subject heading but that is not a guarantee that plot person will be the one to respond.

How should I write my IBGA?

Any way you want. Some people enjoy writing stories, other people prefer point form notes. As long as who is doing it and their intentions are clear, the style is up to you.

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 send my IBGA in as a PDF or Word Document?

No, while the plot team appreciates the effort that goes into these types of requests, they need to be able to quickly search past IBGAs and have found that utilizing attachments makes that challenging.

Can myself and other players submit a joint IBGA?

Yes – we encourage you to do so! Like an IBGA, it must be clear who is participating, what they intend to do (individually or collectively) towards a goal. Expect a joint response, with possible individual follow-up.

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 next event is still a while off, you can always e-mail plot again and explain. If the event is only a few days away, or if you've already received a response, you're out of luck.

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

No. Please sent it to the plot e-mail so we have a centralized record.

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 want to travel to Taleria/Aieland/The Black Waste during my IBGA. Can I?

You can certainly try. Travel can be dangerous in Haylem, and it depends on the current state of the kingdom how easy or hard it is to get around. If what you are attempting to do is truly impossible (i.e. "I travel to Taleria, take ship to Treshelling, visit the capitol, and then return through the Black Waste") plot will let you know and offer an alternative.

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

This is a tricky question. It depends on the gravity the player wants to give the letter. A letter to a local NPC is not necessarily an IBGA. However, if you make the writing and delivering of an important letter your character's IBGA, you may increase the likelihood of getting a timely and in-depth response from the NPC.

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.