RCT Ethics Appendix

Centration operations and the preservation of agency

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I Institutional charge

This appendix governs operations that alter belief density, referential coherence, or symbolic energy. Symbolic Mechanics prepares the operation. The Ethics Council determines its permitted bounds. Symbolic Infrastructure Harmonics retains the unredacted record. Continuity of the field does not take precedence over the agency of the packets that carry it.

II Consent and withdrawal

No person may serve unknowingly as a belief source or target. Obtain consent before operator enrollment, physiological recording, projection, or harvest. State the intended field change, the anticipated burden, and the right to withdraw. A request to stop ends participation immediately, without penalty or doctrinal interrogation.

Children and people unable to provide informed consent are exempt from harvest. Grief, dependency, financial vulnerability, and spiritual authority must not be used to obtain participation. A person’s presence at a ritual or public gathering supplies no consent to a centration operation.

III Harvest and recovery

Harvest may not exceed 30 percent of the subject’s baseline belief density during one session. Record the baseline before alignment and retain the station’s calibration with the operation log. Repeat or prolonged loading requires a 48 hour recovery interval. Operator sessions remain capped at ten minutes under the current protocol.

Record SDI and κ throughout the operation. Stop at SDI above 1.6, loss of a stable reference, unexpected distress, or equipment failure. Maintain shielding around active projector tests. Rotating chant keys, containment sigils, and narrative dampers preserve the assigned boundary; none permits an operator to disregard a stop request.

IV Sanctity zones

Sites of cultural, religious, or ecological significance are No Harvest zones unless their responsible custodians invite the work. Custodial permission does not replace individual consent. Do not harvest during funerals, grief rituals, or political protests. Existing belief structures must not be destabilized for convenience or trivial gain.

V Defensive limits

Offensive coherence weapons, forced α inflation, and imposed Ψ spikes are prohibited. Defensive action is limited to restoration of the pre-event equilibrium and must cease when the breach is contained. Record its necessity, duration, affected packets, and residual field. A declaration of emergency is not permission to enroll unwitting research subjects.

Do not run simultaneous experiments within one kilometer without phase coordination. Do not override another node’s packet without a recorded committee decision. The operator must preserve enough of the former alignment to allow recovery if the new configuration cannot hold.

VI Record and oversight

Every operation generates a permanent unredacted log in Cabinet 3×3 and a public summary within 90 days. Protect participant identities in the public record. Keep consent materials, station calibration, adverse events, and corrections linked to the operation so later readers can reconstruct its conditions.

The Ethics Council reviews centration projects quarterly and may revoke access immediately when a boundary is violated. Emergency hearings require two members. Suspension, archival audit, public censure, and expulsion remain available sanctions, with the decision and response entered in the record.

The original appendix was ratified on 16 June 2025. This edition carries its limits into the revised RCT formulation. An experiment requires its own recorded authorization; the appendix establishes the bounds within which that authorization can be given.