

Society for Creative Anachronism New Zealand, Incorporated

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You may have seen recent discussion about forthcoming changes to membership requirements by SCA Australia, a.k.a "Pay to Play". Be advised that there are NO CHANGES to SCANZ membership requirements for participation in SCA events in the Crescent Isles. In summary, these are:

- There is one class of full membership, available to anyone.
- Everyone other than full members attending an SCA event must take out an event membership which lasts only for the duration of the event.
- Anyone holding a full membership or an event membership can take part in any of the activities at that event, subject to any usual additional requirements, such as combat authorisation.

We have no plans for any changes to this membership policy in the foreseeable future.

The distinction between "full" and "event" members becomes relevant when individuals take roles that have between-event duties (such as officers) or are responsible for decisions with on-going effects (in particular, the authorisation of new fighters). Similarly, full members have full voting rights in any polls or general meetings.

With regard to event members and SCA combat in New Zealand, the effective working rules are:

- An event member can take part in combat, subject to the usual competency and equipment requirements.
- An event member can do basic marshalling activities, under the usual competency and equipment requirements.
- Any other marshalling activities, such as being Marshall In Charge or issuing authorisations, require a full SCA membership.

Yours in Service,
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