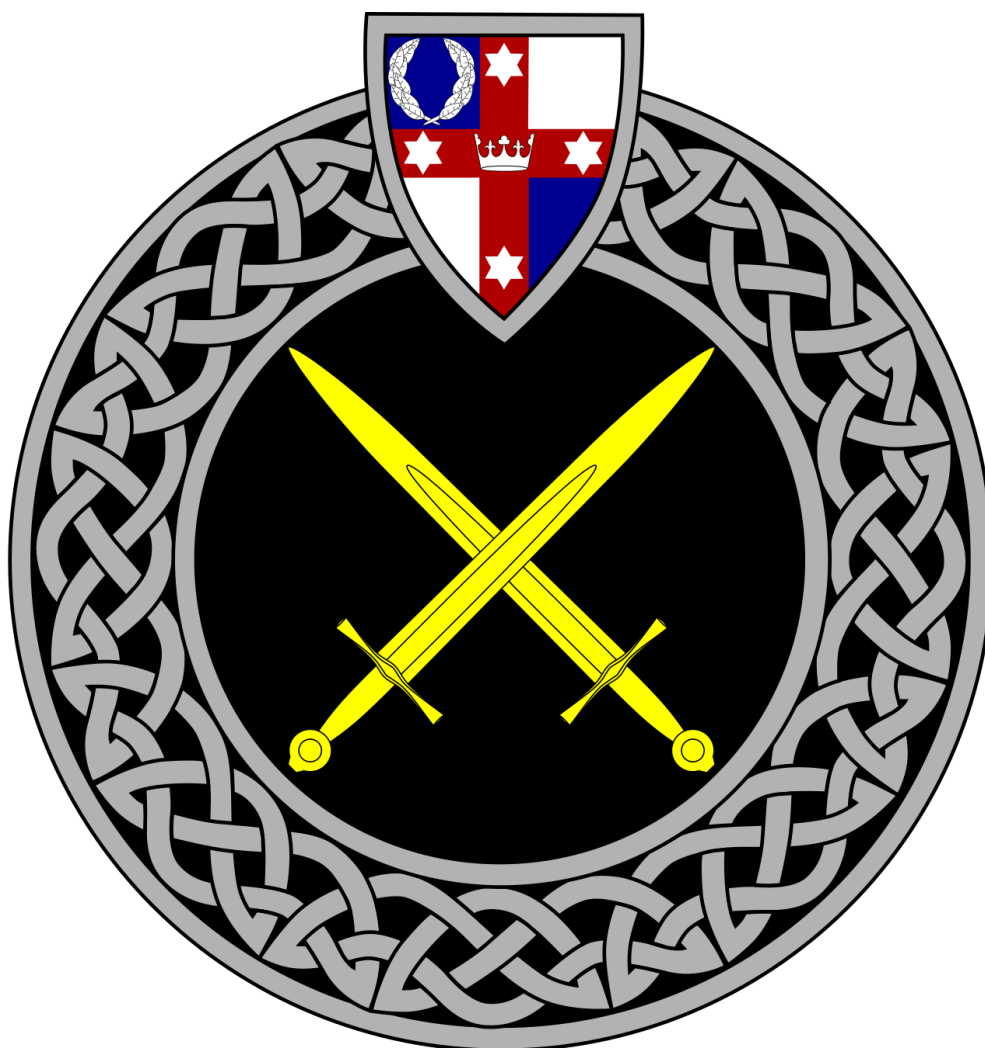


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# Chapter 1

## Introduction

### 1.1 Scope

These rules covers those disciplines which interact on the war field, so these rules apply only to the field of armoured combat, including combat archery, siege, and “heavy” tournament combat. This book does not cover fencing, equestrian, or target archery activities; they are covered in separate manuals.

### 1.2 Feedback

Feedback on any aspect of the rules are welcome and can be sent to the Lochac Earl Marshal ([marshal@lochac.sca.org](mailto:marshal@lochac.sca.org))



# Chapter 2

## Structure

### 2.1 Outline

1. The Kingdom Earl Marshal has overall responsibility for the Lochac marshallate.
2. There are three hierarchies that go by the name “marshal”: authorised marshals, marshals who are group officers, and marshals who have specific roles at events.
3. “Rostered marshal” is a general term for authorised Marshals and Senior Marshals who are current SCA members (subscribing members, not just event members). It doesn’t include Auxiliary Marshals.

#### 2.1.1 Types of authorised marshal:

1. Auxiliary Marshal
2. Marshal
3. Senior Marshal

#### 2.1.2 Marshals as officers:

1. Group Marshals for local groups (Baronies, Shires, Cantons and Colleges).
2. The deputies of the Earl Marshal (e.g. Kingdom Rapier or Equestrian Marshal)
3. The Kingdom Earl Marshal

#### 2.1.3 Marshals for Events:

1. Field Marshals
2. Marshal in Charge for a list or war field
3. Marshal in Charge of an event

Table 2.2.1 Summary of roles

		Rostered	Rostered
	Auxiliary Marshal	Marshal	Senior Marshal
Subscribing Membership required	No	Yes	Yes
Inspect	No	Yes	Yes
Field Marshal	Yes	Yes	Yes
Marshal in Charge (field)	No	Yes	Yes
Marshal in Charge (event)	No	Yes	Yes
Authorise fighters	No	No	Yes
Authorise Marshals	No	No	Yes

## 2.2 Ranks of authorised marshal

A Marshal or Senior Marshal whose Subscribing Membership has lapsed counts as an Auxiliary Marshal until their membership is renewed.

### 2.2.1 Auxiliary Marshal

1. The auxiliary marshal role replaces the marshal in training role from previous Lochac rules.
2. An auxiliary marshal is a person who knows the basics of observing combat and how to move around safely on the combat field. They are not expected to be able to operate independently as a marshal.
3. The purpose of the auxiliary marshal role is to create a large pool of people authorised to assist the marshal of the field with observing and controlling combat, and to allow a person to gain the training and marshalling experience required to become an authorised marshal while under the supervision and instruction of authorised marshals.
4. If you are an authorised combatant you are automatically an Auxiliary Marshal as well (unless you are under 18). You can authorise as an Auxiliary Marshal without being a combatant; see: Authorisation of auxiliary marshals.
5. Auxiliary Marshal authorisations are separate for each type of combat (eg armoured combat, rapier, etc). For example, an armoured combat authorisation grants an Armoured Combat Auxiliary Marshal authorisation, but not a Rapier Auxiliary Marshal authorisation.
6. Auxiliary marshals are not Rostered Marshals.
7. An auxiliary marshal may:
  - (a) Be a Field Marshal



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- (b) Inspect armour and weapons under the direct supervision of a Rostered Marshal.
8. An auxiliary marshal may not:
- (a) Be Marshal in Charge of a field, or event
  - (b) Inspect armour and weapons (except under the supervision of a Rostered Marshal)
  - (c) Make rulings on equipment, revoke authorisations, or act in any marshallate capacity not specifically allowed in the rule above

### **2.2.2 Marshal**

A Rostered Marshal may:

1. Inspect armour and weapons
2. Be Marshal in Charge (field or event)
3. Be a Field Marshal

### **2.2.3 Senior Marshal**

A Senior Marshal is a Rostered Marshal who may also:

1. Authorise combatants and auxiliaries.
2. Authorise marshals.
3. Be Kingdom Earl Marshal.

## **2.3 Marshals as officers**

### **2.3.1 Local Group Marshal, or Knight Marshal**

1. Baronies must have a Group Marshal as one of their officers, and Shires, Cantons and Colleges often do.
2. The term Knight Marshal can be used for the Group marshal of any official branch smaller than a kingdom, and whether or not the officer is a knight, or even an authorised fighter.
3. Group Marshals must be members.
4. Group Marshals do not have to be authorised Marshals, or authorised Fighters.
5. The Group Marshal is responsible for the administration of the marshallate in their group. They are not necessarily required to organise marshalling for any specific event (that is the responsibility of the Marshal in Charge for the event, who is appointed by the event steward).
6. Group marshals report to the Kingdom Earl Marshal. (see Chapter 7 - Chain of Command and Procedures for Reporting).

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7. The Group Marshal has a role in the chain of appeals, if they are a Rostered Marshal in that area (see Chapter 8 - Sanctions and Appeals).

### **2.3.2 Deputy Marshal to the Earl Marshal**

1. A deputy of the Earl Marshal who is responsible for a specific area of combat (e.g. Kingdom Rapier Marshal, or Kingdom Archery Marshal).
2. They are appointed by the Kingdom Earl Marshal for a two-year term, as described in Lochac Law.
3. A deputy marshal must be a Senior Marshal (or the equivalent for disciplines which do not have Senior Marshals) in the area for which they are responsible, and must be a member.

### **2.3.3 Kingdom Earl Marshal**

1. The Kingdom Earl Marshal (KEM) is responsible for overseeing all combat-related activities in Lochac.
2. They are appointed by the Crown.
3. They must be a member.
4. They must be a Senior Marshal (or equivalent) in at least one of the following fields: armoured combat, rapier, equestrian.
5. The KEM must have deputies with responsibility for any combat-related activities for which they are not themselves a Senior Marshal. They may have warranted deputies for other areas (e.g. a KEM who is a Senior Marshal for both heavy and fencing may still choose to have deputies for one, or both, of those areas).
6. In addition to their warranted deputies, the Kingdom Earl Marshal may appoint other deputies, for various purposes as they see fit, e.g. running test programs, maintaining the combat handbook, or maintaining the marshallate website.
7. The Kingdom Earl Marshal must appoint a deputy within six months of assuming office, capable of assuming the office in case of emergency.

## **2.4 Marshals for events**

### **2.4.1 Roles**

One person may fill several of the roles listed below. For example, it is common for the Marshal in Charge for the event, Marshal in Charge for a field of combat, and one of the Field Marshals to be the same person.

### **2.4.2 Field Marshals**

Field Marshals:

1. may not be combatants at the same time as they are marshalling

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2. are appointed by the Marshal in Charge of the field
  3. declare the beginning and end of a passage of combat
  4. report to the Marshal in Charge and/or the Earl Marshal as required
  5. must see that the results of combat are carried to the list-keeper. (We expect results will be carried by an assistant or a herald, but it is the responsibility of the marshal of the field to ensure the results get to the lists officer.)

### **2.4.3 Marshal in Charge of a field of combat (any area where combat is taking place)**

1. For every area where combat is taking place, there must be a Marshal in Charge for that field who has overall responsibility for that combat.
2. The Marshal in Charge of a field may be a different person for different bouts or scenarios in the same tournament or war.
3. The Marshal in Charge of a field:
  - (a) must be satisfied that there are sufficient Field Marshals
  - (b) must not participate as a combatant if the combat involves more than two people (e.g. melees and wars); in this case they must be on the field as a Field Marshal
  - (c) may participate as a combatant for one-on-one pick-up fighting or tournament lists

### **2.4.4 Marshal in Charge of an event**

1. Different people can be Marshal in Charge for armoured combat, rapier, equestrian and archery at the same event: they are separate roles.
2. The Marshal in Charge of an event:
  - (a) must be a Rostered Marshal (in that area of combat)
  - (b) organises marshalling at the event, and must make sure there are sufficient marshals to oversee whatever combat takes place
  - (c) reports on all combat activities at the event, as required by the event steward, Knight Marshal, or Earl Marshal

## **2.5 Requirements to act as a marshal**

1. You must be at least 18
2. You must be an authorised marshal (and your authorisation must be current)
3. To act as a Rostered Marshal you must also be a member. You don't need to be a current member to act as an Auxiliary marshal.

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4. You must show your authorisation card and proof of membership to the lists officer or Marshal in Charge if required.

# Chapter 3

## Authorisation Of Marshals

### 3.1 General

1. Combatant authorisation procedures can be found in Combat Authorisation Requirements.
2. The Earl Marshal may, at their discretion, allow alternative authorisation procedures if those described below would be impractical.
3. You must complete and send the authorisation form, signed by the authorising marshal(s) to the Kingdom Lists Officer. It is the candidate's responsibility to see that the Lists Officer receives the completed paperwork in a timely manner.

### 3.2 Renewing marshal authorisations

1. If your authorisation has expired in the last 4 weeks, your authorisation may be renewed rather than needing to be done as a new authorisation.
2. An Auxiliary Marshal authorisation is automatically renewed as part of a combat (re)authorisation (if held), unless the authorising marshal has a reason to withhold it.
3. At the discretion of the marshal performing the renewal, recent marshal activity by the candidate (eg marshalling a tournament or war) may be counted as demonstrating marshalling ability; holding a separate bout or scenario purely for renewal purposes does not need to happen.
4. The authorising marshal must be satisfied that you are aware of any changes which have happened in the rules since your last authorisation or renewal.
5. The authorising marshal must not perform a "tick-box" authorisation; they must be take the time.

### 3.3 Authorising as an Auxiliary Marshal

1. Only a Senior Marshal can authorise an Auxiliary Marshal.

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2. If you are authorised for armoured combat, you are automatically authorised as an auxiliary marshal (unless you are under 18).
  3. Auxiliary Marshal authorisations are separate for each type of combat (eg armoured combat, rapier, etc).
  4. You must show the authorising Senior Marshal that:
    - (a) You are familiar with:
      - i. Rules of The Lists
      - ii. The Lochac armour and weapons standards
      - iii. Lochac Conventions of Combat
      - iv. The use of weapons and shields
      - v. Target areas and acknowledgement of blows
    - (b) You can use the Lochac handbooks to find the details of Lochac armour and weapons standards, when you need them.
    - (c) You can function safely on the field.

### **3.4 Authorising as a Marshal**

1. Only a Senior Marshal can authorise a Marshal.
2. You must have been authorised as an Auxiliary Marshal in that field (e.g. Armoured Combat) before you are authorised as a Marshal.
3. You must show the authorising Senior Marshal that you:
  - (a) Understand the responsibilities of the role.
  - (b) Have good working knowledge of, and willingness and confidence to enforce:
    - i. the Rules of the Lists
    - ii. the Lochac rules and conventions of combat
    - iii. the Lochac armour and weapon standards
    - iv. the way disputes are dealt with by the Lochac Marshallate.
    - v. the injury-reporting procedures
  - (c) Can inspect armour and a variety of weapons. You should conduct an armour inspection, and weapons inspection of the major common weapon types, under the supervision of the authorising Senior Marshal and to their satisfaction.
  - (d) Can safely control SCA combat, whether it is single combat, team combat, general melee, or part of a war environment. The authorising marshal must have personally observed the you functioning as a marshal in a variety of situations.

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## 3.5 Authorisation of Senior Marshals

1. It takes two Senior Marshals to authorise another Senior Marshal.
2. Only one senior marshal is required to renew an authorisation for another Senior Marshal.
3. You must have been authorised as a Marshal before you are authorised as a Senior Marshal.
4. You must show the authorising Senior Marshals that you have a thorough knowledge of, and willingness and confidence to enforce:
  - (a) the Rules of the Lists
  - (b) the Lochac rules and conventions of combat
  - (c) the Lochac armour and weapon standards
  - (d) the procedures for authorising combatants and marshals
  - (e) the way disputes are dealt with by the Lochac Marshallate
  - (f) the injury-reporting procedures
5. The authorising Senior Marshals must have personally observed you functioning as a marshal in a variety of situations.
6. The Kingdom Earl Marshal may, at their discretion, waive the requirement for the second Senior Marshal or may grant the authorisation themselves after conducting a thorough test of the candidate by phone. Voice communication is the important thing here but it doesn't need to be a land-line telephone, Skype etc count.
7. A new Senior marshal may not conduct authorisations until they have received their card from the lists officer (signed paperwork isn't enough) This is to make sure that the new Senior Marshal is in the lists database before the Lists officer tries to process paperwork from anyone the new Senior Marshal authorises.

## 3.6 Authorisation of Siege Marshals

1. It takes a Senior Marshal and a Siege Marshal, or a Senior Marshal who is themselves a Siege Marshal, to authorise another Siege Marshal.
2. You must have been authorised as a Marshal to be authorised as a Siege Marshal.
3. You must show the authorising Marshals that you know:
  - (a) The rules governing siege combat in Lochac. (You also need to be aware that different countries and states in Lochac have different real-world laws that affect SCA siege combat.)
  - (b) The different types of siege engine and ammunition (Ballista/Arbalest, Catapult/Onager, and Trebuchets both counterweight and man-powered)
  - (c) The inspection processes and hazards specific to each type of engine.

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- (d) and show the ability to:
- i. Inspect different types of siege engine.
  - ii. Identify and inspect different types of siege ammunition.
4. A new Siege Marshal may not conduct authorisations until they have received their card from the lists officer (signed paperwork isn't enough). This is to make sure that the new Siege Marshal is in the lists database before the Lists officer tries to process paperwork from anyone the new Siege Marshal authorises.



# Chapter 4

## Inspecting Equipment

### 4.1 General

The standards which armour and weapons must meet are set out in Armour Requirements, Melee Weapon Standards, Throwing Weapon Standards, and Missile Weapon Standards.

### 4.2 Multi-day events

1. At events where there is fighting on several days, equipment inspections may be conducted once and recorded for the rest of the event. Usually this is done by putting a sticker on a mandatory piece of equipment. The Marshal in Charge may organise another method for recording inspections.
2. The Marshal in Charge must notify all relevant marshals, combatants and lists officers of the marking or recording system before inspections. Ideally the system used should be announced before the event, as well as at the event itself.
3. It must be possible to tell which marshal carried out a given inspection, whatever the system used for recording it.
4. Everyone must make sure that their equipment continues to meet the armour and weapons standards throughout the event. If in doubt: get it inspected again.
5. For long events consider whether borderline equipment will still be in sufficiently good condition to pass an inspection at the end of the event.

### 4.3 Armour and Weapon inspection

1. Each combination of weapons and armour someone will use must be inspected.
2. If participant wants to use any item or equipment combination that was not checked at the time of their inspection, they must have that item and/or equipment inspected as appropriate (i.e. in combination with the rest of their armour and weapons) by a marshal prior to it being used. The intent here is not to require a re-inspection if a combatant merely borrows a weapon compatible with their existing armour, but

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to ensure that someone inspected only with sword and shield who borrows a glaive and gauntlets is inspected wearing those gauntlets.

3. Each time someone takes the field their equipment and weapons must be briefly inspected for missing items or obvious failure.
4. Equipment must be inspected again after repairs or modifications.

## 4.4 Siege Engine and Structure Inspection

### 4.4.1 Inspecting Siege Engines

1. Any event allowing siege engines for combat must have an engine inspection station. The inspection station must have a field with a firing line and range markers at 40 and 80 yards (36 and 73 metres) from the firing position.
2. Siege engine inspection has two parts, which are to be done before combat use: the Marshal inspects the engine and ammunition, and the crew demonstrates the engine in action.
3. The inspection procedures must include at least the following:
  - (a) Before any shots are fired the Marshal should check:
    - i. That engine is constructed in accordance with the Lochac rules for siege engines
    - ii. The structural integrity of the components of the engine.
    - iii. That there are no bolts or other projections that could intrude more than 13mm into a legal face grill in positions where someone could fall on them.
    - iv. That the ammunition to be used in the engine complies with these rules.
  - (b) The crew should fire at least 4 shots with engine configured for the maximum power it will use on the field at that event. The inspecting marshal must check that:
    - i. All 4 shots deliver the ammunition between 36 and 73 metres, at a firing angle of between 40 and 45 degrees elevation
    - ii. The path of the projectiles downrange is reasonably straight and stable, allowing for cross wind.
    - iii. There are no mechanical failures of any part of the engine or the ammunition
    - iv. The engine is stable during all phases of operation
  - (c) The crews of direct fire engines must be willing to receive a shot from their engine at minimum range, while in armor, should it be requested.
  - (d) After the demonstration, the Marshal should inspect the engine again, to check that it remains in good condition and compliant with these rules.

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#### 4.4.2 Inspecting Siege Structures

1. Siege structures must be inspected before being used at an event.
2. The inspecting Marshal should check structural integrity, stability, condition of hardware, and condition of any safety devices (barriers, walls, etc.). If possible, inspect seige structures with a maximum load of armored combatants on board.
3. If the structure is designed to move, the movement should be demonstrated during the inspection.



# Chapter 5

## Marshalling Combat

### 5.1 General Notes

1. When the term “war” is used in the Society Marshal’s Handbook it refers to wars between kingdoms. Some material about negotiations between kingdoms has been omitted from these rules because it is so unlikely that we will have an inter-kingdom war in Lochac in the foreseeable future.
2. Aside from the enforcement of the rules and conventions of combat, there are three near-equal priorities in marshalling; safety, fair witness, and showmanship. Overemphasising any one at the expense of the others will tend to make the fighting less enjoyable for everyone. In other words, do not forget that you as marshal are part of the spectacle as the tournament and must act accordingly, but equally you are there to watch for hazards.

### 5.2 Before Combat

1. Inspect the field: The Marshal in Charge or the Marshal of the Field should inspect the field for hazards such as slippery ground, holes, snakes, etc. Reduce such hazards as far as possible before combat (move the field if you need to).
2. Brief the marshals: The marshals for a scenario or battle should be briefed separately from the combatants and before the meetings of all participants. Emphasis at this briefing should be on communicating the rules and scenario limits for each battle and on preventing accidents that could arise from hazards during the scenario such as terrain, weather and surrounding noncombatants.
3. Brief everyone: Gather all the participants, including marshals and combatants, and explain the format and limits for the tournament or scenario. Answer any questions. One briefing is enough for a series of similar scenarios; if they vary radically repeat this before each battle or tournament.
4. Alternative signals: Alternative means to signal “Hold” or “Lay On”, such as whistles, air horns or other such devices, may be used in large battles. The alternative system must have been explained to all participants before the combat, and everyone must be able to hear it.

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## 5.3 Number of Marshals Required

Guideline for number of marshals required

Number of combatants	2-5	6-9	10-25	26-40	41-55	etc
Recommended number of marshals	1	2	3	4	5	etc

1. All combat at official events must be overseen by at least one Rostered Marshal.
2. There is no upper limit on the number of marshals who may be marshalling a combat, but care should be taken that when many marshals are present, they do not get in each other's way, or unnecessarily block the view for spectators.
3. It is the responsibility of the Marshal of the Field to ensure that there are enough marshals for the scenario.
4. For melee and war scenarios, the society marshals' handbook recommends a minimum of 3 marshals for the first 20 fighters, and one additional marshal for every 15 fighters.
5. Auxiliary Marshals can be used to make up the number of marshals (as long as there is a Marshal of the Field, and they are content that with the number of Rostered Marshals present).
6. Marshals should station themselves around the edges of the fight to allow control of boundaries while keeping as much of the fighting as possible in view.
7. In very large melees, it may be desirable to have some marshals in the middle of the field, in addition to those around the edge. If you are mid-field, be careful that you do not get so interested in the fight in front of you that you back into or forget to watch another bout moving around behind.
8. When missile weapons are being used, there should be marshals around the edges specifically watching the paths of missiles and making sure they are not coming close to the combat boundaries or spectators.
9. For a given bout or scenario you can either marshal or fight (or participate in another way), not both.

## 5.4 Holds

1. A call of "Hold!" is a call for an immediate cessation of all activity on the field.
2. Holds may be called by anyone, including spectators, for any of the following reasons:
  - (a) Broken weapons (It may not be necessary to call a hold if this can be dealt with safely without a hold, for example during a war scenario.)

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- (b) Broken armour (As with broken weapons, it may not be necessary to call a hold if this can be dealt with safely without a hold, for example during a war scenario.
  - (c) Broken people (i.e., injuries)
  - (d) Broken tempers
  - (e) Broken ground (i.e., hazardous terrain)
  - (f) Broken boundaries (i.e., someone/thing coming onto the field that should not be there or combatants leaving the bounds of combat)

For more details about Holds, please see the Conventions of Combat

## 5.5 Marshalling Siege Combat

1. When siege engines are being used there must be a Siege Marshal on the field to oversee them.
2. During combat, each end of the field that has a siege engine must have at least one Siege Marshal. It is recommended that there be a siege marshal for every 3 engines.
3. Non-combatant participants (which includes marshals) on the field during siege combat must be armoured to the standards for marshals overseeing war combat with arrows, set out in Noncombatant Armour Requirements.





# Chapter 6

## Experimental

1. The Society Marshal's Handbook states the following:

“Before any unapproved weapon or material can be used at Society activities, a test plan and a sample of the proposed weapon or material must be submitted to and approved by the Society Marshal or a designated deputy.”
2. In Lochac, the designated deputy shall be the Lochac Kingdom Earl Marshal or the warranted deputy marshal responsible for the discipline in which the test is being carried out.
3. Before any unapproved weapon, material or equipment can be used at events, a test plan must have been approved by the Kingdom Earl Marshal. The plan must include:
  - (a) specific details of the construction of the item being tested including relevant assembly instructions;
  - (b) details of all of the participants who will be testing the item;
  - (c) an outline of the testing procedure that will be used and the information that will be gathered;
  - (d) the duration of the test;
  - (e) restrictions that will be imposed on the test;
  - (f) samples of the item being tested.
4. If it is impractical to send physical samples of the item, the Kingdom Earl Marshal may at their discretion accept detailed documentation, which must include photographs, sufficient for the KEM to understand and judge the nature and proposed application of the weapon, material or equipment to be tested.
5. Unless otherwise specified, physical samples sent for evaluation will be returned no later than the conclusion of the test period.
6. Items under test may be used at fighter practices, tourneys, and in small melees. A small melee is one where there are few enough combatants to gain their individual consent to use the experimental weapon/material without delaying the combat.

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7. Before any combat where an experimental item is to be used, all combatants and marshals must be informed of the test and that the item is not approved for general SCA use. All combatants and marshals must consent to the use of the item before combat begins. If any marshal or combatant involved objects, the experimental item may not be used.
  8. All items under test shall be marked with alternating bands of red and green tape totalling 15 cm in length. The markings must be visible during normal use. Participants in the test should bear the appearance of these markings in mind and give consideration to whether their appearance is appropriate to a given event.
  9. The Kingdom Earl Marshal must update the Society Earl Marshal on the progress and results of any testing that has occurred in their quarterly report.
  10. At the end of the test period, the Kingdom Earl Marshal will provide the Society Marshal with a test summary. This summary shall include a list of any injuries resulting from the use of the weapon, material or equipment and any concerns from fighters and marshals raised during the testing.
  11. The Society Marshal, after consultation with the Earls Marshal, shall determine if the weapon, material or equipment is suitable for SCA combat-related activities.

# Chapter 7

## Chain Of Command

### 7.1 Marshallate Chain of Command

The general Chain of Command of the marshallate in Lochac is as follows:

- The SCAA and SCANZ Committees
- the Society Earl Marshal
- the Crown of Lochac
- the Kingdom Earl Marshal
- warranted deputies of the Kingdom Earl Marshal
- Knights Marshal of Baronies and Shires
- Knights Marshal of subsidiary groups such as cantons and colleges
- the Marshal in Charge of an event
- the Marshal in Charge of the Field
- Field Marshals.

As per Corpora, real-world law always takes precedence over all SCA laws.

### 7.2 Reporting Requirements

#### 7.2.1 General

1. Reporting is an important function of the marshallate. The flow of information from individual marshals through group armoured combat marshals to the Kingdom Armoured Combat Marshal and Earl Marshal, and ultimately to the Society Marshal is what allows those officers to make informed decisions about the game.
2. Reporting of incidents as required by these procedures does not constitute formal escalation, and will not be accepted as such. Incidents can be entirely and satisfactorily resolved at a lower level of the marshallate, but must still be reported to the Kingdom Armoured Combat Marshal and above. If formal escalation of any

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incident is required it must be done in accordance with the procedures set out in Sanctions and Appeals

3. Failure to report as required may be grounds for actions such the removal of a group marshal, or the suspension of a marshal's marshallate authorisation.
4. Failure to report on injuries or disciplinary incidents may be grounds for suspension of authorisations or further sanctions.
5. Reports are to be submitted electronically.

### **7.2.2 Injury Reporting**

Injury reporting procedures are set out in Managing Injuries.

### **7.2.3 Reporting Dates**

1. Group marshals of stand-alone groups must report to the Kingdom Armoured Marshal quarterly between the 1st and 15th of February, May, August and November.
2. Canton and college group marshals must report to the knight marshal of their parent group six-monthly between the 1st and 15th of April and October.
3. The dates on which officers, including marshals, shall report are set out in Lochac Kingdom Law. The laws of Lochac can be found on the Kingdom Seneschal's website at <https://seneschal.lochac.sca.org/laws-of-lochac-2/> . All marshals who are required to report on a regular basis should familiarise themselves with the schedule set out in those laws. In the event of discrepancies between Kingdom Law and this document, Kingdom Law takes precedence.

### **7.2.4 Marshal-in-Charge of an event or practice**

1. Other than reports of suspension of authorisation per Suspension of authorisations or serious injury reports as outlined in Reporting Injuries, reports should be supplied to the group marshal of the group sponsoring the event within 30 days of the date of the event.
2. Reports must note any incidents where:
  - Someone was injured (refer to Managing Injuries); or
  - A fighter or marshal had to be disciplined; or
  - Disputes occurred over understanding of rules, acceptability of equipment, or personal conduct which did not require disciplinary action.
1. In the event that an incident occurs, a brief report should be gathered from all involved, including other marshals on the field, surgeons etc. These reports should be noted in writing and taken as soon as practical after the incident.

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### 7.2.5 Group Marshal of a Branch

1. Reports from Baronial or Shire Group Armoured Combat Marshal of groups who have subsidiary branches, including colleges and cantons should include a summary of the armoured combat reports received from the Group Armoured Combat Marshal of the subsidiary group(s).
2. Reports should contain a brief summary of the state of armoured combat in the group and details of any incidents or injuries incurred at official events or practices.

In addition to the regular reports, Knights Marshal of groups must provide any additional reports asked for by the Kingdom Armoured Combat Marshal.

### 7.2.6 Kingdom Armoured Combat Marshal

1. The Kingdom Armoured Combat Marshal reports to the Kingdom Earl Marshal, and Society Marshal for Armored Combat quarterly.
2. The report should contain a summary of the state of armoured combat in the Kingdom, and details of any incidents, injuries or sanctions that occurred during the quarter.

### 7.2.7 Kingdom Earl Marshal

The Kingdom Earl Marshal must report to the Crown of Lochac, Lochac Kingdom Seneschal and the Society Marshal quarterly as required by Kingdom Law. The report of the Kingdom Earl Marshal shall contain:

1. a summary of the state of all combat-related activities in the kingdom; and
2. a summary of the current authorisations in the kingdom; and
3. details of any sanctions and disciplinary actions with a span greater than a single event; and
4. a summary of all injuries reported in that quarter; and
5. a summary of all test programmes underway or completed in that quarter.



# Chapter 8

## Changing These Rules

1. These rules shall have precedence as set out in section I.A of Corpora of the SCA. Real-world law always has precedence over any SCA rules.
2. Temporary changes may be made to these rules by proclamation of the Crown. See section II of Lochac Law (<http://seneschal.lochac.sca.org/laws-of-lochac-2>)
3. Permanent changes to Lochac standards and conventions may only be made using the following procedure, and shall only come into effect after all of the following steps are complete:
  - (a) The change must be proclaimed by the Crown at an official event; and
  - (b) all group marshals have been notified, for example, by an email to the Marshals' mailing list
  - (c) the Handbook (this document) will be updated to include the approved changes; and
  - (d) notification of the changes will be published in Pegasus.
4. The procedure for requesting changes to these rules is as follows:
  - (a) Discuss proposed changes with your Branch Marshal or on the Lochac Marshals' mailing list
  - (b) Discuss proposed changes with Lochac Earl Marshal.
  - (c) The Earl Marshal's may approve testing, if appropriate
  - (d) If the Earl Marshal agrees to proposed changes, they will approve the change or seek approval for the changes from Society Marshal as necessary.
5. The Earl Marshal may make typographical corrections and minor changes clarifying wording of a rule without going through the process above if the meaning or intent of the rule isn't changed.





# Chapter 9

## Sanctions

### 9.1 Chain of Appeals at Events

1. Marshals may only accept appeals in those areas for which they are Rostered Marshals. In the event that a group knight marshal, for example, is not a Rostered Marshal, they may not hear an appeal; and an armoured combat marshal may not hear an appeal on a ruling from a rapier marshal.
2. Any individual wishing to appeal a marshal's ruling at an event for any reason must do so through the appropriate chain of appeals, beginning with the marshal immediately superior to the marshal who made the initial ruling.
3. The chain of appeals is as follows:
  - (a) The Marshal in Charge of the Field
  - (b) The Marshal in Charge of the event
  - (c) The Knight Marshal of the group in which the event is held (if appropriate)
  - (d) The Kingdom Earl Marshal
  - (e) The Crown
  - (f) The Society Earl Marshal
4. If any of those marshals are not at the event, the appeal may be made to the next marshal in the chain.
5. For rulings which apply only at the event, such as the compliance of weapons or armour, the chain of appeal ends with the highest-ranking marshal from the list above who is at the event.
6. Appeals on rulings which apply beyond the event at which they were made, such as revocation of authorisation, must be made directly to the Kingdom Earl Marshal.

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## 9.2 Revocation of Authorisation

1. A marshal from any kingdom may revoke any authorisation card from any kingdom for just and stated cause.
2. If your authorisation has been revoked, you may appeal the sanction, but you must surrender your card and abide by the sanction until the appeals process is complete.
3. The chain of appeals for suspension of authorisation is as follows:
  - (a) the Kingdom Earl Marshal
  - (b) the Crown
  - (c) the Society Earl Marshal
4. Any marshal who revokes an authorisation must report this, in writing, to their superior officer and the Kingdom Earl Marshal as soon as possible.
5. Any marshal who revokes an authorisation without due cause may be subject to sanctions themselves.
6. The Kingdom Earl Marshal must notify the Society Earl Marshal of any revocation of authorisations.
7. Breaches of real-world law must be referred immediately to the appropriate authorities, in addition to any steps taken by the marshallate.

## 9.3 Managing Incidents

1. The dispute procedures in Kingdom Law must be followed at all times.
2. The preferred solution is to resolve any incidents as quickly and with as little fuss as possible, by asking those involved to voluntarily correct any issues with their conduct or equipment.
3. In the event that formal action must be taken by a marshal in response to an incident, the following procedure shall be followed:
  - (a) Point out the violation (missing armour, grappling during combat, etc.) and ask the person to correct it.
  - (b) In the case of missing or inadequate armour, do not allow the person onto the field until it has been fixed.
  - (c) In the case of violation of the rules during combat, ask the combatant to leave the field, and do not allow combat to resume until they have cooled off. This particularly includes removing from the field anyone who has lost his or her temper.
4. In the event that an issue cannot be resolved and must be escalated, or the marshal attempting to resolve the issue requires support, they shall call on, in order of preference:
  - (a) Any other marshals who are present (especially the Marshal in Charge).

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- (b) A Regional, Deputy, or Principality Earl or Knight Marshal.
  - (c) The Kingdom Earl Marshal
  - (d) The local Seneschal
  - (e) The Principality or Kingdom Seneschal
  - (f) The Crown
5. If the violation cannot be stopped, and participants continue to engage in combat-related activities, the Marshal in Charge and the Event Steward and/or local Seneschal shall end the event.
  6. In any case where voluntary correction is not made after the problem has been pointed out, a written report shall be made to the Earl Marshal as soon as possible after the event.

## 9.4 Sanctions

1. In addition to removing a combatant from the field at the time, long-term sanctions are available.
2. Sanctions with effects lasting more than a single event shall be applied by the Kingdom Earl Marshal after the conduct of a court of chivalry at which the sanctioned individual will be given the opportunity to defend themselves.
3. Possible sanctions include:
  - (a) Revoking the authorisation of the individual to fight with a particular weapon. This sanction may be applied as a revocation of a weapon-specific authorisation, or a prohibition from using a weapon normally covered by the usual Heavy Combatant authorisation, e.g, barring fighter from using any two-handed weapon.
  - (b) Revoking the authorisation of the individual to fight at all.
4. Further sanctions which may be applied as a result of serious violations include banishment by the Crown, and ultimately revocation and denial of membership by the Boards of Directors.
5. If any of these long-term sanctions are in progress, the Society Marshal must be informed.
6. If authorisation has been revoked, it is acceptable to inform the Earls Marshal of any Kingdoms to which the sanctioned individual might travel. Once long-term sanctions have been applied, a report shall be made to the Society Marshal.
7. An authorisation from any Kingdom may be suspended/revoked in another Kingdom, should it prove necessary and appropriate. Such suspension/revocation means that the fighter may not fight anywhere in the Society until and unless the issue is resolved. Accordingly, the Earl Marshal shall inform the Earls Marshal of the neighbouring Kingdoms.
8. Furthermore, if the fighter is subsequently reauthorised, the neighbouring Earls Marshal shall again be notified.



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# Chapter 11

## Combat Injury Procedures

1. When an injury occurs on the field, it should always be remembered that the primary concern is getting to and assisting the injured party. Secondary to this objective, but no less important, is the safety of persons entering the field to help and the well-being of anyone already on the field. (For example, fighters standing around in armour in the sun could be subject to heat problems.)
2. All injuries that require hospitalisation or similar care, include a period of unconsciousness, or may require future medical care need to be reported to your Kingdom Earl Marshal within 24 hours of the incident. Include all available details in the report.
3. In the event of an emergency, the marshals shall cooperate with any authorised persons responding to the emergency and keep the area clear of would-be spectators.
4. In the event of any suspected injury on the field, the marshal shall halt all fighting in the area and determine the proper course of action. The hold may be a local hold as long as the safety of the injured person can be maintained. The overall situation should be assessed, and, as the injured party is tended to, every effort shall be made to release as much of the field as possible so that combat may proceed.
5. If the injured person is conscious, they may be asked if they would like assistance. No conscious person will be forced to accept treatment without his or her consent. No non-combatant shall enter the combat area until summoned by a marshal.
6. A marshal shall call for assistance if they suspect that a participant is experiencing more than momentary distress. It is an extremely serious matter to delay the application of first aid when it is needed, and marshals who ignore injuries may be subject to revocation of their authorisation to supervise combat-related activities.
7. No one may remove an injured fighter from the field without the consent of the event marshal-in-charge or an appointed deputy.
8. Any immediate and significant problems associated with an injury on the field shall be reported to the kingdom Earl Marshal.





# Chapter 12

## Marshals Handbook Change Log

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