

6.5 Minor Armored Combat or Minor Rapier Session

Minor and custodial parent(s) and/or guardian(s) must participate in a session with KEM or a marshal designated but the KEM to perform this session. This session will include:

1. Minor and custodial parent(s) and/or guardian(s) must have read the Society Marshal's Handbook, the Northshield Marshal's Administration Handbook and either the Northshield Armored Combat Handbook or the Northshield Rapier Handbook (whichever is appropriate), and should be asked questions by the marshal to show their understanding of the subject.
2. Minor and custodial parent(s) and/or guardian(s) must have witnessed armored combat with two adults fighting at Crown Tourney level.
3. Minor and custodial parent(s) and/or guardian(s) must have witnessed armored combat melee. This may be done via videotape if there are not enough adult combatants to demonstrate a melee.
4. After witnessing the tourney-style and melee combat, the minor and custodial parent(s) and/or guardian(s) will discuss what they have witnessed. This can be a question/answer type period.
5. KEM or designated marshal will explain the dangers of fighting and possibilities of injury, such as:
 - a) bruising
 - b) sprained/dislocated joints
 - c) overuse injuries
 - d) broken bones
 - e) concussion
 - f) death
6. Signing of consent waiver, and verification of tourney and melee witness form. These forms will have a space for witnesses to the signatures. The witnesses to the signatures must be advised that when they sign their name they are stating that they know that the parent/guardian and the minor signing this form are who they say they are, and that the parent/guardian and the minor signed this form in front of them.

7.1a MINOR ARMORED COMBAT COMBATANTS

- A. At age 16, minors may authorize as Minor Armored Combat Combatants. Per Society rules, emancipated minors are already included with adults, as long as they have proof of emancipation. Parent or guardian must be onsite at all times.
1. See section 7.5a for authorization requirements.
 2. Minor Armored Combat Combatants may engage in armored combat with any adult who consents to do so under the following conditions:
 - a) Prior to participation to train with adults at SCA practices the minor combatant must meet the following conditions:
 - i. The minor and the custodial parent(s) or guardian(s) must:
 - ◆ have completed a session with the KEM or designated deputy regarding minor armored combat (see 6.5)
 - ◆ completed, signed, and had witnessed a consent waiver for their child to participate in combat with adults
 - This must be completed each time the minor is to participate with adults, and must be signed by custodial parent(s) and/or guardian(s).
 - ◆ read and show an understanding of the Society Marshal's Handbook, the Northshield Marshal's Administration Handbook and the Northshield Armored Combat Handbook
 - ii. Must have the appropriately marked equipment
 - ◆ Minor Armored Combat Combatants must mark their helmets with four yellow diamonds measuring approximately 5 inches high by 3 inches wide, bisected diagonally by a black line at least ½ inch wide. The diamonds should be on the front, back, and both sides of the helmet.
 - iii. Deemed acceptable to practice with adults by at least two, (in any combination), of following:
 - ◆ The KEM
 - ◆ The KACM
 - ◆ The KYACM
 - ◆ Any regional armored combat marshal
 - ◆ A member of the Order of the Chivalry
 - b) Participation in tournaments and melees is allowed only after passing the authorizations for Minor Armored Combat Combatants (see section 7.5a)
 - c) Per Corpora, "Any minor involved in Society combat-related activities at an event **must** have a parent or a properly-executed document designating some adult person present at the event as able to authorize medical treatment for that minor in the case of any emergency." This does not negate having the consent waiver as listed in a.i (above).
- B. Participation in tournaments
1. Any adult may refuse to fight a Minor Armored Combat Combatant without prejudice.
 2. If an adult refuses to fight the minor during a tournament, the adult and minor combatants will be switched with another pair
 3. If a suitable substitution for the conflicted adult cannot be found, the minor will forfeit the bout.
 4. In the finals, if an adult refuses to fight a minor it will be considered a draw.

C. Participation in melees

1. Prior to participation of minor combatants in melees, it must be announced to the fighters that minors will be participating.
2. If any adults do not wish to fight in these melees because of the minor combatants, then no more than half of the melees at the event will allow minor combatants to participate.

7.1b MINOR RAPIER COMBATANTS

A. At age 14, minors may authorize as Minor Rapier Combatants. Per Society rules, emancipated minors are already included with adults, as long as they have proof of emancipation. Parent or guardian must be onsite at all times.

1. See section 7.5b for authorization requirements.
2. Minor Rapier Combatants may engage in rapier combat with any adult who consents to do so under the following conditions:
 - a) Participation to train with adults at SCA practices the minor combatant must meet the following conditions:
 - i. The minor and custodial parent(s) and/or guardian(s) must:
 - ◆ have completed a session with the KEM or designated deputy regarding minor rapier combat (see 6.5)
 - ◆ completed, signed, and had witnessed a consent waiver for their child to participate in combat with adults
 - This must be completed each time the minor is to participate with adults, and must be signed by custodial parent(s) and/or guardian(s).
 - ◆ Read and show and understanding of the Society Marshal's Handbook, the Society Rapier Combat Handbook, the Northshield Marshal's Administration Handbook and the Northshield Rapier Handbook
 - ii. must have the appropriately marked equipment
 - ◆ Minor Rapier Combatants must mark their masks with four yellow diamonds measuring approximately 5 inches high by 3 inches wide, bisected diagonally by a black line at least ½ inch wide. The diamonds should be on the front, back, and both sides of the mask.
 - iii. deemed acceptable to practices with adults by at least one of the following:
 - ◆ The KEM
 - ◆ The KRM
 - ◆ The KYRM
 - ◆ Any regional rapier marshal
 - ◆ A member of the Order of the White Scarf
 - b) Participation in tournaments and melees is allowed only after passing the authorizations for Minor Rapier Combatants (see section 7.5b)
 - c) Per Corpora, "Any minor involved in Society combat-related activities at an event **must** have a parent or a properly-executed document designating some adult person present at the event as able to authorize medical treatment for that minor in the case of any emergency." This does not negate having the consent waiver as listed in a.i (above).

B. Participation in tournaments

1. Any adult may refuse to fight a Minor Rapier Combatant without prejudice.
2. If an adult refuses to fight the minor during a tournament, an effort to find a suitable substitute for the adult fighter will be made.
3. If a suitable substitution for the conflicted adult cannot be found, the minor will forfeit the bout.
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1. The minor must be sponsored by one of the people listed in 7.1a.A.2.a.ii, who will vouch for their fitness for fighting, fighting ability, and their comportment on the field.
2. It is suggested that the minor have participated as an authorized fighter in an official youth combat program, either in Northshield or another kingdom where youth fighting is under the jurisdiction of that kingdom's Earl Marshal, for at least one year.
3. Custodial parent(s) and/or guardian(s) must be present at the authorization procedure and custodial parent(s) and/or guardian(s) must sign the waiver prior to the authorization.
4. As per Corpora, only the KEM, or a deputy designated and trained by the KEM, may authorize minor combatants. The KEM will make public the list of those designated marshals in the Northwatch and online on the KEM's webpage.

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