

## Authorization Process for Combat Archery

### 1. Authorizations

There shall be present at all authorizations a copy of the Society Missile Combat Rules and the Outlands Combat Archery Rules.

#### 2. New Authorizations

The authorization requires four persons: an Outlands Chivalry, a warranted authorizing marshal, one authorized fighter in armor (these three shall be called the Authorization Team or "AT"), and the candidate in armor going through the authorization. The warranted authorizing marshal shall conduct the authorization as follows:

1. Authorizing marshal must verify candidate is a member of the SCA. Candidate must pass armor and weapon inspections.
2. The "AT" conducting the process shall ensure the candidate is familiar with the Society Missile Combat Rules and the Outlands Combat Archery Rules. Each shall ask the candidate a minimum of three questions directly relating to each of the above mentioned booklets. If there is a majority (two of the three agree) that the questions were answered adequately, the process may continue. If there is not a majority, the candidate's authorization shall end and that fighter must attempt to authorize at a later event. The marshal shall explain clearly and precisely the reasons for ending the process.
3. Candidate must show "AT" how to safely fall down dead/cover-up and how to safely yield.
4. The candidate shall draw, load, and shoot a minimum of three arrows or bolts at the test fighter. The candidate shall then be shot with the same arrows or bolts by the test fighter using the candidate's weapon. These tests should be conducted at a range of approximately 30 feet. The object of this test is to determine if the candidate possesses a minimum amount of familiarity with the weapon and that the candidate is comfortable with being shot by combat archery missiles. The objective of this step is to determine whether or not the candidate is safe and aware enough to participate in the rest of the authorization. There must be a majority of the "AT" for the authorization to continue. If not, then the authorization process ends as in step #2.
5. The candidate shall demonstrate an ability to defend himself/herself with a backup weapon. The candidate will be engaged by the designated fighter starting from a distance of approximately 20 feet. The candidate will draw his/her backup weapon and mount a defense. The "AT" shall consult to determine if the candidate can defend himself/herself with a backup weapon in a safe manner. There must be a majority agreement among the "AT" or the authorization process ends as in step #2.
6. The "AT" shall consult to determine if the authorization was successful. There must be a majority of the "AT" for the candidate to receive authorization. If the majority is positive, the authorizing marshal shall fill out the candidate's "Green Card" with the "CA" authorization and that fighter shall be congratulated and acknowledged as an authorized combat archer.

#### 3. Re-Authorizations

Fighters wishing to re-authorize must show a verbal knowledge of the rules by successfully answering a minimum of three questions asked by one member of the "AT" from the SCA Combat Archery Rules and the Outlands Combat Archery Rules.

Those fighters who have not been active within the Kingdom for a period of time, and whom the authorizing marshal deems unfamiliar with current combat archery regulations, must go through the New Authorization process to renew the "CA" authorization.

Combat archers authorized in foreign kingdoms must re-authorize in the Outlands within three months. They may re-authorize by showing a verbal knowledge of the Outlands Combat Archery Rules by

successfully answering four questions asked by one member of the “AT” which are taken from the Outlands Combat Archery Rules.

**4. Combined Authorizations**

New fighters may optionally, at the discretion of the Authorizing Marshal, combine part of their standard heavy combat authorization and combat archery authorization if they are performed as part of the same authorization process. This may be accomplished by successfully performing part of the heavy combat authorization with single-handed sword only. If the heavy combat authorization is completed successfully in this manner, the requirements of part 2.5 of the authorization process (above) may be waived.