



# Marshaling Etiquette

# Representative of the King

- ▶ One of the premier descriptions of a marshal is he or she is the “representative of the king (crown)” on the field.
- ▶ Marshals must comport themselves as the direct representative from the crown to the fighters and spectators whether they are the MIC or a marshal in training.
- ▶ Be aware of what you say, where you say it, and when you say it.
- ▶ If there are any questions as to how a marshal should conduct themselves, seek the direction of a more experienced or Sr. Marshal.

# Fighters are Focused on Fighting

- ▶ Be selective of what you say to fighters on the field.
- ▶ Their focus is on the upcoming, ongoing, or recently concluded bout.
- ▶ Be very brief. Do not ask the fighters more than one question before the salutes.
- ▶ Use concise language, enunciate, and project. You are part of the pomp and circumstance.
- ▶ Be aware of your physical position, when the fighters are making their salutes, and do not stand in their line of vision when doing so.

# Active Marshaling is NOT Determinate Marshaling

- ▶ In the West, we tend to let the fighters fight.
- ▶ Marshals must be ready and able to speak up when rules are broken or safety is threatened.
- ▶ No marshal should EVER call a fighter dead.
- ▶ Marshals should provide information to the fighters when they ask for specific clarification. If a shot landing flat, or not on a legal target is clearly seen by a marshal, they should feel comfortable speaking up. But should do so, without intrusively interrupting the fight. Eg: Wait for a pause in the action, when feasible to do so.
- ▶ Marshals should always remind the fighters of any appropriate rules and then let the fighters determine the outcome of the bout.

# Roses and Rapier Fighters

- ▶ Rapier fighters are fighters.
- ▶ They only need special space on the field because their weapons can penetrate most heavy helms.
- ▶ Contract and expand the rapier field as fighter demand sees fit.
- ▶ If alone or outnumbered, focus on the heavy fighters. They are more likely to run into the rapier fighters, marshals, spectators, etc.
- ▶ All roses fighters should have space to fight for their inspiration.

# Marshal Accoutrement

- ▶ If you can, bring your own six foot or longer marshal staff.
- ▶ Bring a copy of the rules.
- ▶ If marshaling a war, bring a pair of safety glasses.
- ▶ Bring a period-in-appearance mug or glass for liquids.