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## **MARSHAL'S MANUAL**

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## PREFACE

This manual includes the rules, regulations, procedures, tournament suggestions, and testing requirements for the combatants and marshalls of the Adrian Empire. This manual was approved for play-testing by the Imperial Estates in July 2002. As a result of this playtesting, clarifications and changes were necessary. In December 2002, the following changes, clarifications were made:

- Article I.B. Listing of all combat- and missile-weapons-related manuals added
- Article IV.E. Conflict resolution was expanded and clarified
- Article VII.A.1.a. Scoring procedure added for combatant qualifications
- Article VII.A.1.e. Lost combat cards will cost \$2.00 for replacement
- Article VII.B.2. Scoring procedure added for marshal qualifications
- Article VII.B.4. Qualification procedure added for new subdivisions
- Appendix A.C.2. Imperial Marshal shall keep a list of qualified combatants and marshals
- Appendices renumbered (placed ministries in Appendix A to conform to other manuals)
- Qualification Tests. Added place for test-taker's legal name, test date, scorer's name, final score, as well as a test for qualification of Missile Combatants

## I. DESCRIPTION OF A MARSHAL

You are a marshal. You are in control on the field of combat. The safety of the fighters and the spectators is in your hands. Take your job seriously.

### A. WHO MAY BE A MARSHAL

Any member of the Adrian Empire may choose to become a marshal. A person who wants to become an authorized marshal should also have achieved at least Sergeant's level of combat.

### B. SCOPE OF DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Marshals conduct armor and weapons checks, qualify combatants and have ultimate authority on the field. Marshals are the safety officers of the empire. In the case where a marshal's judgment is called into question, an appeals process exists to help ensure fairness and objectivity. The marshal's main job is to see that combat activity in the Adrian Empire Inc. is safe and fair. Secondly, the marshal helps to ensure that combat in Adria is both fun and educational for participants and spectators.

A qualified marshal is expected to have read all combat-related manuals including:

- Adrian Combat Manual
- Adrian Marshals Manual
- Adrian Missile Weapons Manual (formerly the Archery Manual)
- Adrian Missile Weapons Construction Guide (formerly the Arrow Construction Guide)

A marshal in the Empire of Adria is expected to be able to know how to:

- Administer the basic sword oath by heart
- Conduct an armor inspection for all types of combat
- Conduct a weapons inspection for all types of weapons
- Identify any item on the banned weapons list
- Describe the target and non-target areas of the body
- Describe and demonstrate a legal blow with all weapon types
- Marshal single combat
- Marshal melee combat (tournament and war)
- Run a single-elimination tournament
- Authorize a marshal

## II. EQUIPMENT INSPECTIONS

### A. ARMOR

Armor standards are found in Section III of the Combat Manual. The marshallate will check every fighter for armor and weapons compliance before combat begins. If a combatant is found to be wearing substandard armor, corrections may be made, and the combatant re-checked. See Appendix C: Marshal's Kit for the items needed to perform an armor inspection.

Failure to meet armoring minimums will preclude a fighter from participation until the minimums are met.

#### 1. **Armor Check**

The following is the method for conducting an armor inspection:

- a. Ask the fully armored (including helm) combatant to stand facing you, arms out.
- b. Ensure that all of the places that require rigid protection, based on the type of combat, are covered with such. If leather is being used for rigid protection, make sure it hasn't become soft from use to the point that it is no longer adequately rigid.
- c. Look for any unfastened buckles, loose ties, etc. Mention them to the combatant.
- d. Ask if the combatant is wearing groin protection. Do not hit the combatant in the groin.
- e. Tell the combatant to tilt his head back and look up. Verify that the entire throat is covered with no skin showing. Examine any large openings in the helm, measuring any that appear larger than allowed in the Adrian Combat Manual for the type of combat in which the helm will be used.
- f. Tell the combatant to tilt his head forward. Verify that the back of the head and neck are sufficiently covered. The cervical vertebrae can be found by running a hand down the neck from the back of the head. The first large lump is the cervical vertebrae.
- g. Placing one arm behind the combatants shoulder, use the other hand to press on the front of the helm to ensure that it does not bottom out on their face. It is acceptable for the tip of the nose to touch.
- h. Hold the helm with both hands and pull up on the helm to ensure that it does not easily come off of the head. Do not yank the helm.
- i. Turn the combatant around to see that the entire back of the head is covered and no skin is showing.
- j. Check for undisguised plastic or aluminum, modern sports or military gear, or tennis shoes.
- k. Examine shield for splinters and loose edging. If the combat type required rigid hand protection, check that the combatant either has a gauntlet or an adequate combination of shield hand guard and demi-gauntlet.
- l. If the combatant smells of alcohol or appears to be inebriated, ask them if they have had any alcohol prior to coming to the field and remove them from the field if they have.

When conducting an armor inspection, do not:

- Test armor by hitting it with weapons
- Hit the combatant in the groin
- Yank on the helm

## B. WEAPONS

The marshallate shall inspect all weapons before allowing them to be used in combat. Weapons standards are found in Section III of the Adrian Combat Manual. See Appendix C: Marshal's Kit for the items needed to perform a weapons inspection.

If the dimensions of any part of the weapon look questionable, check it with the appropriate gauge. See Appendix C: Marshal's Kit for a list of gauges included in the Marshals Kit.

### 1. Hand-held Weapons

- a. Shinai
  - Does the tip come off easily?
  - Does the shinai have all four (4) slats?
  - Is the edge marked?
  - If shinai has been modified, is the shinai still safe?
- b. Shinai Pole-Weapons
  - Does the shinai portion meet all the requirements above?
  - Does the shinai fit snugly into the pole? (Hold it upside-down by the haft and shake it.)
  - Are there any bends in the haft? (A slight flex is acceptable)
  - Is the overall length within one-half inch (1/2") of maximum allowed?
- c. Renaissance Weapons
  - Are there any cracks or defects in the guard or blade?
  - Will the tip come off? (Have the combatant hold the sword while you pull on the tip)
  - Has the red tape covering the tip worn off?
  - Is the flex within acceptable range? (Check the flexibility as described in Combat Manual)  
Any blade that maintains a sharp bend after being flexed must be permanently removed from the field (a slight curve over the length of the blade is acceptable)
  - For Cut & Thrust rapiers, does the combatant have a swept hilt or rigid hand protection?
- d. Defensive items for Rapier Combat (i.e. mug, parrying dagger, cloak)
  - Are there any sharp points? (Parry-only daggers must have rounded tips.)
  - Can the item be broken into sharp points?
- e. Weapons intended for Armored Combat
  - Does the sword have the proper width, helm penetration, and weight? (If the weapon seems heavy, weigh it to ensure that it does not exceed the allowed maximum.)
  - Does the sword have cracks or defects that might result in breakage during combat?
  - Does the blade have burrs that could cause injury or damage to an opponent's gear?
  - Are the pommels firmly secured?
  - Are the heads firmly secured to the haft?
  - For pole-weapons, does the overall length exceed the allowed maximum?
  - Is there an excessive amount of splintering on the haft that would significantly weaken the haft?

## 2. Missiles, Bows, Siege Weapons

- a. Arrows
  - In a spot-check of random arrows, are there any signs of punch-through? (Test for punch-through by grasping the arrow shaft and wiggling the head of the arrow. Any movement of the shaft inside the head will disqualify the arrow from further use, and be just cause for further inspection of that quiver's arrows.)
  - Have the arrows been constructed according to the Missile Weapon Construction Guidelines? (At the Crown Marshal's discretion, a random arrow may be dissected for inspection.)
- b. Javelins and Ballista Bolts
  - Are the tennis balls firmly attached to the front of the golf tube?
  - Do the fletchings (if any) have dull edges?
- c. Bows
  - Is the poundage appropriate for the combat type?
  - Are there any cracks or stress marks on the bow, limb or arms?
  - Does the bowstring have excessive fraying?
  - Is the bowstring correctly attached to the ends of the limbs?
- d. Siege Weapons
  - Does the release mechanism operate properly? (Have the siege weapon operator demonstrate this)
  - Does the weapon fire within the appropriate range guidelines? (Have the siege-weapon operator demonstrate this)
  - Have the rocks and balls been constructed according to the Missile Weapon Construction Guidelines? (At the Crown Marshal's discretion, a random rock or bolt may be dissected for inspection)

## III. MARSHALLING COMBAT IN GENERAL

### A. "LAY ON"

The phrase "lay on" is the signal to commence combat.

### B. "HOLD"

The word "hold," when shouted during combat, stops all activity immediately. All combatants must cease fighting and kneel when a hold is called. If a combatant is physically incapable of kneeling, he may stand, place and hold his weapon on his head.

- A marshal may call a hold for any reason.
- In one-on-one tournament combat, the combatants freeze in place (as best they can) while the marshals deal with the situation that caused the hold. If there is no need to move the combatants from where they were when the hold was called, they may continue the combat from their "frozen" positions.
- A hold is a stoppage in time. Combatants may not discuss strategy during a hold.
- If combatants have moved during the hold (e.g. to clear space for an injured combatant), before the lay one is called, they must return to the position they were in prior to the hold.
- If the hold was called because the combatants were up against a boundary, the combatants may be moved back into the fighting area, retake their original positions, and resume combat on the word of the marshal.
- "Dead" combatants may leave the field.

## C. WHAT TO WATCH FOR

### 1. Timing of Blows

- Simultaneous blows (in order to judge whether or not a double-kill has occurred)

### 2. Boundaries

- Combatants approaching the list or battlefield boundary
- Spectators getting too close to the list or battlefield boundary from the outside

### 3. Breakage

- Broken weapons
- Loss of blunting tips
- Broken armor or straps
- Excessive splintering of shields or hafts

### 4. Health and Injury

- Signs of extreme exhaustion of the combatants, marked by a combatants inability to defend or attack effectively
- Injuries

**If a combatant is injured on the field, immediately call a hold and call for a physicker to attend to the injured combatant. Do not remove any pieces of armor until the physicker arrives unless that armor is restricting the breathing of the combatant in some way.**

### 5. Combatants' Behavior

- Blatantly ignoring blows received
- Excessive force (See Combat Manual, Article I.E. for issues concerning excessive force and fighters conduct on the field)
- Loss of temper (If a combatant loses his temper, instruct the combatant to calm down or leave the field. The marshal has authority over any combatant regardless of their rank, status, etc.)

## TOURNAMENT

If a combatant is hit with an apparently good blow:

- Allow the combatant a few seconds to accept the blow.
- If it goes unacknowledged, call a hold and ask the combatant that was hit if he felt the blow.
- Inform him of where you saw the blow land, angle of the blow and what part of the weapon landed.
- Refrain from sounding judgmental (e.g. "It looked like it came in from here and landed here," as opposed to "You are so dead").
- Also, ask the combatant that threw the blow his opinion of the blow and what he felt when it landed (e.g., was it a dull thud like hitting a shield; or a mushy impact, like hitting gambeson?).
- If this occurs a second time, the marshal may make the decision for the combatant.
- If the initial blow was obviously good, the marshal shall award the point and caution the receiving combatant to be more aware of incoming blows.

## WAR

If a combatant is hit with an obviously good blow that goes unacknowledged:

- Point your staff at that combatant and announce that he has been killed (or wounded) loud enough for him to hear you.
- If the combatant does not hear you, tap him with your staff to get his attention or call a hold if you cannot get to him.

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## 6. **Outside Interference**

Spectators and dead combatants are not allowed to advise, call blows on, or otherwise affect those on the field. Inform anyone doing so that this is not allowed. Cheering and encouragement is acceptable.

# IV. MARSHALLING TOURNAMENTS

Local chartered subdivisions may add to the rules in this section as long as it does not conflict with this manual or the Adrian Bylaws.

## A. **PREREQUISITES**

### 1. **Person in Charge**

A tournament should have one person that is in charge of the combat portion of the event. Generally, it is the Minister of Joust and War, but could be any authorized marshal. The Marshal of the Field shall:

- Make sure the list field is set up properly
- Have the marshalls perform armor and weapons inspections and man the list fields
- Ensure that the lists run smoothly for the day
- The Marshal of the Field has the final word concerning all combat related issues arising during the tournament. Appeals to the Marshal of the Fields decision must be made to the Crown.

### 2. **Number of Marshals**

There must be at least two (2) authorized marshals present to conduct a tournament. This will allow enough marshals to run one (1) list field. Each list field must be manned by at least two (2) marshals. It is recommended that there be at least three (3) marshals on the each list field.

### 3. **Warm-ups and Challenges**

“Warm-up” bouts or challenges may be conducted prior to or in between rounds as long as at least one (1) marshal is actively monitoring the combat.

### 4. **Short Lists**

In the case where there are not enough combatants for a Knights Rapier list, the local sovereign or Minister of Joust and War may combine both Knights and Sergeants lists into one (1) Knights list. Any combatants qualified to fight in a Sergeants Rapier list can, at the discretion of the sovereign or Minister of Joust and War, be allowed to participate in the Knights list for that day. The win counts as a Knights list win. This is not an option if there are enough Sergeants and Knights present for a full Knights list.

## B. LIST FIELD SETUP

### 1. Size

A list field intended for single combat shall be no smaller than fifteen (15) feet square with a fenced boundary. The recommended size is twenty five (25) feet square, with a fenced boundary.

If no fencing is available for list fields, the field must be at least:

- No smaller than thirty (30) feet square if surrounded by the populace;
- Penned in on three (3) sides by natural obstacles (trees, hedges, castle walls, etc.)
- Thirty (30) feet away from the nearest encampment.

### 2. Fencing

The border of a list field shall be composed of at least one (1) strand of rope (minimum size 3/8"), strung at least thirty inches (30") high at the posts. Posts that support two (2) strands of rope, one along the top and one in the middle, are preferred. The lower strand assists in keeping small children from running onto the field. The top of posts used to hold the list field rope must not end in a point that could cause injury if fallen upon.

### 3. External Border

The list field must have an external area of at least five feet (5') out that is to be kept clear of tent ropes, spectators, equipment, etc. A second set of ropes and poles is recommended, but not required. For multiple, connected list fields, a five foot (5') border between the list fields is not necessary.

### 4. Entrances

Each list field should have at least 2 entrances.

### 5. Hazards

Examine the inside of the field for gopher holes or sprinkler heads, filling holes if possible or moving the list field if the hazard cannot be avoided.

Since most park sprinkler-heads are flat and mostly flush with the ground, informing the combatants of where they are should be sufficient.

## C. COMBAT INITIATION

### 1. Opening Court

At opening court, the Marshal of the Field shall inform the populace of the day's tournament activities, the order of combat, and any other relevant information or special rules associated with the days combat. Local customs that limit target areas or types of blows should be mentioned if there are combatants from out of the area who may not be aware of them.

### 2. Sword Oath

Once the lists are closed, all combatants must take the sword oath. Announce loudly, at least twice that "*Combatants must now gather neigh for the Sword Oath!*" Once all are gathered, perform the sword oath (See Appendix D: Oaths)

### 3. Inspections

After the sword oath has been given, begin conducting armor and weapons inspections.

### 4. Announcement

A herald or marshal should announce how long is left until combat begins. Make this announcement twice:

- Once at least twenty (20) minutes before the first combat is to begin, and
- Again five (5) minutes before the first combat is to begin

## 5. Marshals' Meeting

The Marshal of the Field calls together all people wishing to marshal that day, informing them of special rules they need to be aware of or things they need to watch for. If there are multiple list fields, the Marshal of the Field assigns marshals to the field they will run for the day.

## 6. Staff

When on the field, all marshals shall have a staff that is at least six (6) feet long.

<b>Unsheathed swords may NOT be used as marshaling staves.</b>
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## 7. On-site inspection

When the combatants arrive for the first round of combat, ask them if they have been inspected. If not, inspect them. If the inspection fails, depending on time issues, either wait for the combatant to fix the problem or postpone the combat until the next one is over. If the combatant cannot fix the problem by the end of the next combat, the combatant forfeits this round. When the combatants arrive for subsequent rounds, ask them if everything is back in place, and check for a gorget (the most commonly forgotten item between rounds).

## 8. Marshal Assignment

Prior to the start of combat, decide which marshal will watch blows to which combatant. Generally, the marshal on the sword-side of a combatant will watch blows thrown to that combatant's opponent.

## 9. Take Position

Have the combatants take opposite ends of the field and face each other.

## 10. Announce Round

Loudly announce the round number and combatants' names. For example: *"In the first round combat on this field, Sir Trots-a-lot <point to him> will do honorable combat with Pug Dungfist <point>".*

## 11. Salutes

Loudly call out the salutes. For example: *"My lords, please salute the Crown, salute the lord/lady whose favor you bear, salute your honorable opponent."* (In subsequent rounds, salutes need only be made to their opponents.)

## 12. Begin

To begin the combat, two (2) marshals shall:

- Cross staves between the fighters
- Confirm that both combatants are ready to begin
- Ask each combatant if they are ready
- Announce something like *"For honor and glory, lay on!"*

The marshals may move to observe the combat, but if there are four (4) corner judges, this should not be necessary. The words *"lay on"* are the signal that combat is to begin. This is universal for all manners of combat.

## D. COMBAT

### 1. Marshal Positions

**TWO MARSHALS:** If there are two (2) marshals on the field, they should be positioned opposite of each other with full view of both combatants as in Figure 1.

**THREE MARSHALS:** If there are three (3) marshals on this field, take positions as shown in Figure 2. Note that the side with two marshals is on the sword side of combatants that are opposite handed.

**FOUR MARSHALS:** If there are four (4) marshals, they should take positions as shown in Figure 3.

**FIVE MARSHALS:** If there are five (5) marshals, there would be one (1) staying stationary in each corner (assuming four corners) and one (1) referee who will circle the combatants. No more than five (5) marshals should be present on a single combat list field.

### 2. Movement

If the combatants rotate around each other, make an effort to maintain the illustrated positions short of running in circles around the combatants.

### 3. Questioned Call

When a called point is questioned, a simple majority of marshals rule. If a majority did not see the blow, it doesn't count unless the receiving combatant accepts it. If neither the combatants nor the marshals can make a clear determination of a winner, allow the combatants to step back and start over.

*"When in doubt, fight it out."*

### 4. Announce Winner

Once a bout has completed, announce the winner of the point to the audience and begin the next bout when both combatants are ready. Once the round is completed, announce the winner to the audience. Make sure the list person is notified of the outcome.

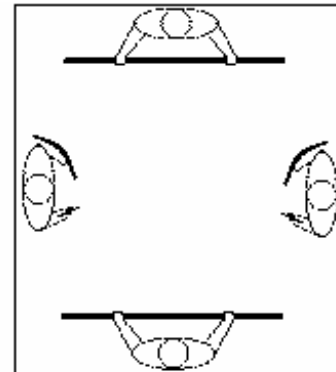


Figure 1. Two Marshals

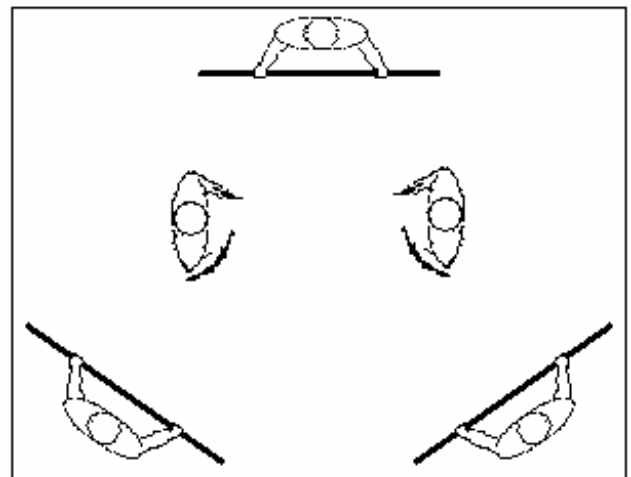


Figure 2. Three Marshals

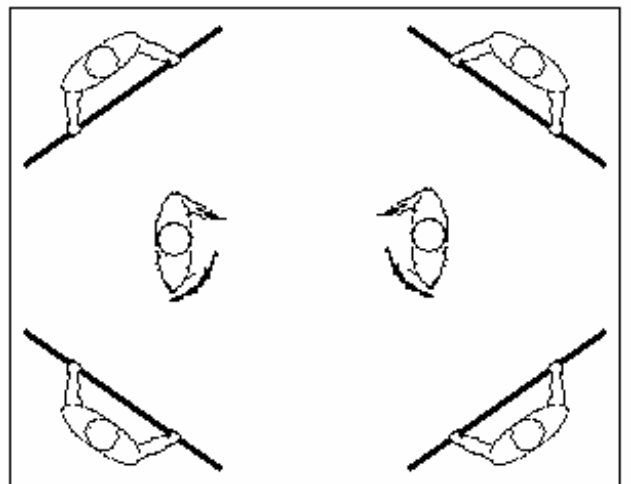


Figure 3. Four Marshals

## 5. **Marshaling Tree**

If there is a marshaling tree (See Appendix B: Running a Tournament), the heraldry of the winner is advanced, the on-deck fighters are moved into the current position and the new on-deck placards are raised.

## 6. **Water**

Allow time for the combatants to get water before starting the next round.

## E. **CONFLICT RESOLUTION**

1. All combatants shall submit to the decisions of the marshals.
  - A combatant may immediately appeal a marshal's ruling to the presiding noble whose decision is final, except that the local noble may not overrule the decision of the:
  - Imperial Minister of Combat, Imperial Minister of Jousts and War, Imperial Crown Marshal, deputies or the rules as set forth in the Combat Manual.
  - Crown Marshal if the noble is directly involved with the call
2. Combatants have the right to call their own blows. This does not limit or negate the ultimate authority of a marshal to call any legal blow not called by the combatants:
  - A marshal may stop combat and ask if a combatant felt any blow. "*Did you feel that?*"
  - The marshal may ask the deliverer of the blow if they thought it was a legal shot. "*Did you hit him? Where?*"
  - The marshal may then decide whether to impose the call on the combatants or not.
3. Calls will be imposed if a simple majority of the presiding marshals saw the blow and deem it legal.
4. Marshals have the ultimate authority to judge all blows to any combatant, calling them dead or wounded as they see fit.
5. Marshals have the authority to dismiss fighters from the field (war, tournament or demo) for losing their temper or using vulgar or offensive language at any time.

# V. **MARSHALLING WAR**

Local chartered subdivisions may add to the rules in this section as long as it does not conflict with this manual or the Adrian Bylaws. The Minister of Joust and War is the person responsible for conducting wars and may appoint or employ any number of marshals to accomplish this task.

## A. **PREREQUISITES**

### 1. **Contested War**

If this is a contested Crown war (either regional or Imperial), the Adrian Bylaws will determine the number and type of scenarios that are required.

### 2. **Number of Marshals**

There must be at least two (2) authorized marshals to conduct a war with at least one (1) authorized marshal per eight (8) combatants to conduct a battle (e.g. if there are 20 combatants, there needs to be at least 4 marshals on the field). More is better.

Non-combatants who are not authorized as marshals may assist in marshalling, though they must have a staff and will only concern themselves with safety issues and watching the boundaries of the battlefield. If they perceive a blow acknowledgement problem, they should inform an authorized marshal.

If there is a shortage of marshals, ask for an equal number of volunteers from each side.

### 3. Administration

The Minister of Joust and War (or his representative) will arrange ahead of time for someone to:

- Manage the water-bearing activities
- Ensure there is a physicker near the battlefield
- Keep track of the outcomes of the battles

## B. BATTLEFIELD SETUP

### 1. Size

A battlefield or melee tournament field shall be no smaller than thirty (30) feet square. If more than six (6) combatants will be fighting at once, scale the size of the field accordingly larger.

### 2. Border

The border of a melee tournament field shall be set up in the same manner as with a single combat list field. The size and shape of the field may be altered to fit a scenario so long as there is still an appropriate amount of space for an external area clear of spectators.

The battlefield boundaries may also be defined by natural or geographic features as long as they are easily recognizable (e.g. hedgerow, row of trees, obvious pathways).

### 3. Hazards

Examine the field for gopher holes, sprinkler heads and rocks large enough to twist ankles, filling holes if possible or moving the list field if the hazard cannot be avoided. A marshal can be assigned to warn combatants when they approach, if the hazard still cannot be avoided.

### 4. Missile Weapons

If missile weapons are to be allowed:

- All marshals must have some sort of eye protection.
- There must be enough space around the outside of the field clear of non-combatants such that they are not in danger of being struck with a missile in flight
- The field of fire may not overlap spectator or camping areas in any way

## C. PRE-COMBAT

### 1. Opening Court

At opening court, the Marshal of the Field shall inform the populace of the day's activities and any other relevant information or special rules. He must also announce where and when a marshals meeting shall take place prior to the start of the first scenario.

### 2. Marshal's Meeting

There should be a marshals' meeting to go over the day's scenarios. This should take place before the fighters gather for combat. The Marshal of the Field calls together all people wishing to marshal that day and inform them of any special rules they need to be aware of or things they need to watch for.

### 3. Set-up

If the war scenarios require time to set up obstacles or structures, make sure this is done before the fighters are called out to the field. Try to design scenarios that require little set-up between battles.

#### 4. **Announcements**

A herald or marshal should announce how long is left until combat begins. Make this announcement at least thirty (30) minutes before and again ten (10) minutes before the first combat is scheduled to begin.

More than one (1) herald may be required to walk through the campsites announcing this. Arrange ahead of time for heralds to perform this duty, giving them a specific time to start announcing.

Every time the announcement is made:

- Make the announcement facing one way
- Repeat it in the opposite direction

The thirty-minute announcement should include:

- "It is now 10 o'clock, the first scenario will begin in 30 minutes."
- "The marshals meeting will be in 10 minutes upon the battlefield."
- "Armor inspections will begin in 20 minutes upon the battlefield."
- "Water-bearers, please assemble on the battlefield in 20 minutes."

The ten minute announcement should include:

- "It is now 10:20, the first scenario will begin in 10 minutes."
- "Armor inspections will end in 10 minutes. If you are not in line to be inspected within 10 minutes, you WILL miss the first battle."
- "Water-bearers, please assemble on the battlefield."

#### 5. **Combatant Inspection**

As combatants arrive for the first battle of a combat type (Shinai, Renaissance, Cut-and-Thrust, and Armored):

- Have them gather in the shade of one area
- Inspect their armor and weapons
- Direct them to another shaded area away from the inspection site.

As many authorized marshals as possible should help inspect armor and weapons.

Sometimes, the combatant will be asked which contender or which side they will fight for. If there is a ribbon or token indicating the combatant's choice, it should be attached now. This can be used as an indication that the combatant has been inspected and approved.

#### 6. **Sword Oath**

Once the inspections are closed, all combatants must take the sword oath. Announce loudly, at least twice that "*Combatants must now gather neigh for the Sword Oath!*" Once all are gathered, perform the sword oath (See Appendix D: Oaths).

#### 7. **Staff**

When on the field, all marshals shall have a staff of some kind that is at least six (6) feet long.

<b>Unsheathed swords or polearms may NOT be used as marshaling staves.</b>
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#### 8. **Marshal Location**

Decide prior to the start of combat where each marshal will be located. Make sure all marshals are in their places prior to calling "*Lay on.*"

## 9. Begin Combat

When everyone is ready, announce loudly something like “*All combatants pray attend!*” <point to one army> “*Is the X army ready?*” <point to other side> “*Is the Y army ready?*” Repeat for all armies.

Two (2) marshals shall cross staves between the fighters, and announce something like “*For honor and glory, lay on!*” The marshals should quickly move back to observe the combat.

## D. DURING COMBAT

Combat for Shinai and Renaissance scenarios takes place at the Sergeants level of combat. There is no “knightly combat” style fighting to take place. Armored combat always takes place at the Knights level, since only Sergeants or higher are allowed to participate in Armored combat.

- **Scan the field.**  
Being that there are so many combatants on the field, don't spend too much time observing a single combatant (unless there is a specific reason to); continually scan the field for potential safety hazards or unsafe conditions.
- **Be aware of the flow of the battle.**  
Avoid being caught in the middle of the battle or being run over by combatants. It is up to you to avoid the combatants and flying/deflected missiles. Their field of view is much more limited than yours.
- **Be aware of the conditions for success for the scenario.**  
Be prepared to stop the battle when the conditions are met. If the battle has a time limit, arrange a time-keeper and a signal he will give to indicate the end of the battle.
- **Allow dead combatants to remain on the field as long as it does not pose a safety hazard.**  
It may be a tactical advantage to be a physical obstacle after being killed. If people start tripping on dead people while advancing, call a hold and get the dead under foot removed from the field.
- **Will a local hold work?**  
Depending on the size of the battlefield, a local hold may be called to deal with a quick problem that does not affect the rest of the battle. Keep in mind that a local hold will only be possible if the combatants in the immediate vicinity are fairly isolated from the rest of the battle.
- **Water the combatants.**  
If a Hold is going to last more than a few minutes, call in the water-bearers and squires to allow the combatants to get a drink. Once the problem causing a hold has been taken care of, tell the combatants to resume the positions they were in before the hold and call “*lay on.*”
- **Watch for combatants too close to the battlefield boundary.**  
Announce that they are near the edge. Depending on the scenario, if the combatants cross the boundary, the marshal has the option of calling a local Hold to move the combatants back from the boundary, or calling anyone who has crossed it with both feet dead. In some scenarios, the boundary of the field is meant to be a cliff, or crossing the boundary would put combatants too close to spectators.
- **Watch for charging the enemy.**  
For Shinai combat type scenarios, combatants may not charge into the enemy, however, they may advance at a walk into the enemy without penalty. In this case, limited contact may be made between combatants. This is considered incidental contact and does not violate the by laws. If the enemy resists being pushed back, no further forward pressure is allowed.

**Rules of engagement**

- If a combatant is in a line of combatants facing another line of combatants, he is engaged with all combatants in the opposing line. Therefore, anyone can attack anyone in the other line even if they are not looking in the attackers' direction.
- If a combatant engages another combatant, those two combatants remain engaged until they are no longer within weapons reach of each other. Therefore, a combatant cannot engage someone, then turn their back and not expect to be hit. If a combatant manages to run, back to his opponent, out of weapons reach, the normal rules for killing from behind come into effect if the attacker then catches up with the fleeing combatant.
- Anyone swinging at a combatant lying on the ground shall be ejected from the field for that scenario. See Combat Manual, Article I.G. for rules governing killing from behind or on the ground.
- Anyone swinging at an archer or siege weapon crew member shall be ejected from the field for that scenario. See Combat Manual Article I.G. for rules governing the killing of archers.
- Anyone ejected from two scenarios in one day will be removed from combat for the rest of the event.
- Combatants engaged in a discussion or taking instruction from a marshal during the battle should not be forced to accept blows received while distracted by the marshal. So if the combatant you are talking to gets struck, allow him to continue fighting and explain why to his attacker if necessary.
- Once the scenario has ended, loudly announce the winner. Make sure someone is keeping track of the points. It is helpful to have a printed copy of the scenarios with you to make notes on during the event.
- Allow the combatants time to get water prior to calling them back for the next scenario.

**E. WHEN THE BATTLES ARE OVER**

- The Marshal of the Field should take note of those who assisted setting up the field and those who marshaled so they can receive credit for their contributions.
- The Minister of Joust and War must compile the points received for each side, consult with the Arts ministers, and prepare to give the final results of the war at closing court.
- Prior to the end of the event, the marshals shall police the battlefield for trash, discarded items, water bottles, weapons, etc. Take any items of value to the Imperial (if an Imperial event) or Crown (if a local Crown event) encampment, or the designated lost-and-found area.

## VI. MARSHALLING COMBAT DEMONSTRATIONS

Demonstrations (“demos”) are the most effective way of bringing in new members and displaying what the Adrian Empire is about. It is most important to keep in mind the public's point of view when participating in a demo. Above all, the participants must make every effort to familiarize the public with what is occurring during combat to avoid an inaccurate perception of what we do.

**A. SET-UP**

There must be at least one authorized marshal present for combat to be conducted at a demo. The autocrat should arrive at the demonstration site a little bit early in order to set up a safe area in which to conduct the demonstration.

**1. Time Schedule**

Some kind of time schedule should have been developed by the autocrat in conjunction with the facility or event coordinators. Ideally, this schedule will be made available prior to the day of the demo. If the demo is at a fair or an all-day event, post a schedule for combat for the public to see.

The schedule should include:

- When to arrive
- When to start armoring up
- How long the demo will last

## 2. **Layout of the Combat Area**

Lay out an area as described for a tournament. If the demo is taking place indoors, make sure the ceiling, light fixtures, etc. are out of weapons reach.

## 3. **Marshal Assignment**

There must be at least one (1) authorized marshal and two (2) assisting marshals in the list field while combat is taking place. More emphasis should be placed on watching the perimeter during a demo that at a tournament since there are typically more spectators unfamiliar with the potential dangers. If there is room, have small melees with two- or three-man teams. Have at least one (1) marshal for every two (2) combatants.

## B. **DURING COMBAT DEMONSTRATION**

There is much more interaction between the combatants and involvement with the public than in the average tournament or war. To this end, the marshalling is a bit different, as well.

### 1. **Interaction with the Public**

- **Encourage the public to ask questions.**

This is a good change to tell people why you like doing this. Combatants who are not fighting are encouraged to stand amongst the spectators and explain what is happening during combat.

- **Acknowledge the blows loudly and clearly.**

Combatants should acknowledge blows received loudly enough for the spectators to hear. If the combatants do not acknowledge their own blows, the marshals should do so, especially in a demo situation. Avoid non-acknowledgement of blows to extend combat as it confuses the audience. Instead, purposely throw blows that can be easily blocked for an exchange or two before getting into a more competitive fight. For example, two combatants may work out that they will make two passes before starting the real match.

- **Announce the combat.**

Always have a field herald announce who is fighting, what the conditions for combat are (counted blows, to the death, etc.) before the combat begins. If the spectators know what to expect, they will enjoy and understand the combat better. If a victor is determined, have the herald announce who won.

### 2. **Combatant Behavior**

**Allow the combatants to issue challenges.** Combatants who are fighting are encouraged to issue loud challenges, praise your opponent's prowess, wax poetic about the honor of your lady, to add a little atmosphere to the demo. Think of yourselves as actors in a movie or play rather than just combatants on the field.

**The use of excessive force is strictly forbidden in any type of combat (see Combat Manual).**

## VII. QUALIFICATION, AUTHORIZATION, TRAINING

### A. COMBATANT QUALIFICATION

All combatants must be qualified for each combat type prior to being allowed to compete in it. Some weapons forms for each type of combat may require an additional qualification as well. The additional qualifications are listed below for each type of combat.

The Imperial or local Minister of Joust and War may, at their discretion, conduct a qualification for any combatant who they deem safe and knowledgeable of the rules for any level of combat, combat type or weapons type.

An authorized marshal (sergeant-level combatant or higher) is required to qualify a combatant in:

- Shinai combat type
- Shinai Pole Arm weapons form
- Combat Archery (any combat type)

An authorized marshal (Knight Bachelor or higher)\* is required to qualify a combatant in:

- Rapier combat type
- Rapier Case, Sword and Dagger weapons form

An authorized marshal (Knight Bachelor or higher)\*, and the local Crown Marshal or Minister of Joust and War, are required to qualify a combatant in:

- Knights level Rapier combat
- Cut & Thrust combat type
- Cut & Thrust Case, Sword and Dagger weapons form
- Armored-combat type
- Armored Great Sword weapons form
- Armored Pole Arm weapons form
- Siege Weapons (any combat type)

\* For areas that have no Knight Combatants, two (2) sergeant-level combatants or the local Crown Marshal or Minister of Joust and War are acceptable.

#### 1. Qualification Procedure

In order to take the field of combat, each combatant must perform the following:

##### a. Written Test

The combatant qualification test is given to the new combatant. See Appendix D: Qualification Tests. The combatant must score at least 75% on the test to be allowed to continue the qualification process. The test is an open book test covering general safety, target areas, and issues specific to the type of combat in which the combatant will be qualified. (Note: The test may be given orally if necessary.)

Paragraph b. does not apply to Combat Archery or Siege Weapons qualifications.

The qualifying marshal will correct the test immediately. If the score is less than 75%, the combatant must retake the entire test. This may be done that day, or on another occasion (at the test-giver's discretion). There is no limit on the number of times a combatant may take the test. Once the test has been scored at 75% or better, any missed questions will be reviewed and corrected by the combatant prior to being mailed to the Imperial Crown Marshal for filing. The Imperial Crown Marshal will maintain the list of qualified combatants.

- b. **Performance Checklist**

Each combatant must undergo a physical evaluation as set in Appendix F: Combat Performance Qualification Test.

- c. **Acknowledgement of the Rules of Combat**

Each combatant, prior to taking the field of combat, must sign that they have read and acknowledge that they agree to abide by the rules and regulations set forth in the Combat and Marshal's Manuals.

2. **Advancement**

A combatant must meet the requirements for advancement to achieve the rank of Sergeant as described in the Bylaws before being allowed to qualify for the Knight's list for tourneys and wars.

3. **Prior Experience**

A person from another re-creation group, who can provide proof of qualification in a similar type of combat, and shows that he has been qualified in that weapon form for at least one year, may go through the qualification process for a similar combat type. This is referred to as the "1-year" rule.

For this purpose, a "re-creation group" is defined as a mundanely recognized association or corporation that has a published set of bylaws, published combat rules and regulations, group insurance, fighting authorization forms, etc. The Imperium maintains a list of these organizations.

These persons may be allowed to compete on the Knight's List; however, they must still earn all required wins as outlined in the Bylaws and have the approval of the Crown for advancement to knighthood.

## B. MARSHAL AUTHORIZATION

All marshals performing combat qualifications must successfully complete the authorization process and be of sufficient rank to perform the required qualification.

1. **Event Attendance**

The prospective marshal must have participated as a marshal in at least five (5) events under the direction of an authorized marshal.

This requirement can be waived by the local or higher Crown Marshal or Minister of Joust and War if the prospective marshal is known to already have the required experience.

2. **Written Test**

The prospective marshal must score at least 90% on the Marshal Authorization test (See Appendix E: Qualification Tests). This is an open book test covering marshalling for tournament and war for all types of combat.

The prospective marshal must score at least 90% on all combat qualification tests and score at least 90% on the Marshal Authorization test (Appendix E). This is an open book test covering marshalling for tournament and war for all types of combat. The authorizing marshal will correct the test immediately. If the score is less than 90%, the prospective marshal must retake the entire test. This may be done that day or on another occasion at the test givers discretion. There is no limit on the number of times an applicant may take the tests. Once the test has been scored at 90% or better, any missed questions will be reviewed and corrected by the applicant prior to being mailed to the Imperial Crown Marshal for filing. The Imperial Crown Marshal will maintain a list of the authorized marshals. Prospective marshals need not retake any combat qualification test in which they scored at least 90% when qualifying as a combatant.

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### 3. Collegium Attendance

Local Ministers of Joust & War and/or Crown Marshals are required to hold a collegium on Marshal training:

- Once per year, or once per reign, whichever is sooner
- When a significant change in the Combat or Marshals Manual has been made

Marshals shall review the rules of the list, armor and weapon standards, and aspects of this manual. Content and format of the collegium is at the discretion of the Ministers.

### 4. New Subdivisions

New subdivisions that do not have any authorized marshals may select up to two persons as marshal candidates. The marshal candidates must successfully complete the written test as described above, and be approved by the local Crown or Imperial Crown Marshal. Once this is done, they may act as marshals, and may qualify combatants at the Sergeant level.

### 5. Authorization Follow-up

The ministers (Joust and War, and Crown Marshal) of chartered subdivisions and Imperial deputies shall submit monthly reports to the Imperial Ministers. These reports will detail the authorization of new marshals, any authorization or qualification revocations/expulsions, injuries requiring medical attention, and other activities that concern the marshallate or Imperium.

The Imperial Ministers (Joust and Crown Marshal) shall submit reports on the state of combat and combat training within the Empire to the Imperial Crown on a quarterly basis

### 6. Active Status

Marshals are required to attend at least one (1) training collegium every two (2) years to be considered active. As well as attending collegiums, it is also highly recommended that Marshals marshal lists regularly to keep their skills sharp. Marshals who do not attend the training shall not be allowed to Marshal the lists. Make-up collegiums for those who cannot attend on the scheduled collegium dates are allowed.

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## APPENDIX A: MINISTRY OFFICES

The Offices of Combat, and Joust and War are responsible for helping insure the safety of those who participate in the combatant arts of the Adrian Empire.

Local areas may have a Minister of Joust and War, a Crown Marshal or both. When only one of the local positions is filled, the responsibilities for that officer include those of both offices.

### A. MINISTER OF JOUST AND WAR (IMPERIAL)

Ministers of Jousts and War are the combat logistics officers of Adria, and are responsible for organizing combat for tournaments and wars. The Imperial Minister of Joust and War shall:

1. Oversee and manage the Imperial Office of Joust and War:
  - Serve as team leader to the members of the Office (ministers and deputies, both Imperial and subdivision levels)
  - Supervise Imperial Deputies in their duties
  - Work with the Minister of Combat to maintain (and update) combat-related manuals and guides as needed
  - Cause to be published any new policies or procedures for the Office
  - Coordinate the training of ministers and deputies (to include the scheduling and facilitating of training opportunities)
  - Ensuring that a Minister of Joust and War shall be present at all Imperial Events.
  - Act as (or assign) the Marshal of the Field in running Imperial events
2. Serve as the primary arbiter in matters of conflict over matters of archery or missile weaponry of the Adrian Empire.
3. On a monthly basis:
  - Report to the Imperial Crown regarding the Office
  - Conference with the Imperial Minister of Combat, and Imperial Marshal with regard to the Office and its functions
4. Develop combat tournament formats and war scenarios:
  - For Imperial events
  - As suggestions for use in chartered subdivisions
  - Assist the Minister of Archery with war scenarios involving missile weapons
5. Recommended qualifications:
  - Authorized marshal (required)
  - Knight Banneret (or higher), or Knight Bachelor who has held the position of Royal Minister of Joust or Crown Marshal

**B. MINISTER OF COMBAT (IMPERIAL)**

The Imperial Minister of Combat is responsible for producing and modifying the combat-related manuals, as well as the application and interpretation of the content stated therein. The Imperial Minister of Combat shall:

1. Whenever there is not an Imperial Minister of Combat, these duties shall be assumed by the Imperial Minister of Joust and War.
2. Maintain (and update) the Manuals and Guides as needed (working with the Imperial Minister of Combat and Imperial Marshal)
3. Approve new armor ideas for use within the Adrian Empire
4. Regulate combat so that safety is the first priority

Recommended qualifications:

- Authorized marshal (required)
- Knight Banneret (or higher), or Knight Bachelor who has held the position of Royal Minister of Joust or Crown Marshal

**C. MARSHAL (IMPERIAL)**

The Imperial Crown Marshal enforces compliance with the rules of combat, and shall:

1. Oversee and manage the marshallate:
  - Ensure weapon/armor standards are being adhered to and correctly interpreted
  - Run or assist the Marshal of the Field in running Imperial events
  - Work with the Minister of Combat to maintain (and update) the Manuals and Guides as needed
  - Coordinate the training of marshals (to include the scheduling and facilitating of training opportunities)
  - Act as (or assign) the Marshal of the Field in running Imperial events
  - Maintain a list of qualified combatants and authorized marshals
2. On a monthly basis:
  - Report to the Imperial Crown regarding the Office
  - Conference with the Imperial Ministers of Combat, and Joust and War with regard to the Office and its functions
3. Recommended qualifications:
  - Authorized marshal (required)
  - Knight Banneret (or higher), or Knight Bachelor who has held the position of Royal Minister of Joust or Crown Marshal

**D. MINISTER OF JOUST AND WAR (CHARTERED SUBDIVISION)**

The Minister of Joust and War is responsible for running local tournaments, wars, demos.

1. Oversee and manage the local Office of Joust and War:
  - Develop tournament formats and war scenarios for Crown events
  - Act as or assist the Marshal of the Field in running Crown events
2. On a monthly basis:
  - Report to the local ruling noble, and the Imperial Minister of Joust and War regarding the Office
3. Recommended qualifications:
  - Authorized marshal (required)
  - Knight Bachelor (or higher), or a Sergeant if there is no Knight Bachelor qualified and available

## E. CROWN MARSHAL (CHARTERED SUBDIVISION)

The Crown Marshal is responsible for enforcing compliance with the rules of combat locally.

1. Oversee and manage the local Office of Joust and War:
  - Ensure proper weapon and armor standards are being adhered to
  - Coordinate the training of marshals (to include the scheduling and facilitating of training opportunities)
  - Act as (or assist) the Marshal of the Field in running Crown events
  - Regulate combat, in the local region, so that safety is first priority
  - Maintain a list of qualified combatants and authorized marshals
2. Authorize marshals and qualify combatants:
  - Conduct safety checks before combat begins
  - Qualify combatants in various forms of combat (signing their combat authorization card as needed)
  - Authorize marshals (including the administration and scoring of written tests)
3. On a monthly basis:
  - Report to the Imperial Marshal regarding the Office, including information on qualifications performed
  - Forward to the Imperial Marshal copies of any qualifications tests taken Recommended qualifications:
  - Authorized marshal (required)

## F. DEPUTIES

These descriptions shall apply to the deputy ministers of Joust and War, Combat and Crown Marshal, each position answering to that specific minister.

All Imperial deputies:

- Meet the same requirements for a minister of a chartered subdivision
- Have held the position of minister for a chartered subdivision (recommended)
- Are appointed and removed at the discretion of the Imperial minister, in conjunction with the Imperial Crown
- Have the same authority as the Imperial minister in their absence
- Act as an assistant to the Imperial minister in their presence
- Consult the Imperial minister when making decisions in the name of the Imperial minister

All deputies for chartered subdivisions:

- Are appointed and removed at the discretion of the minister, in conjunction with the Crown, for that chartered subdivision
- Have the same authority as the minister for that chartered subdivision in their absence
- Act as an assistant to the minister for that chartered subdivision in their presence
- Consult the minister for that chartered subdivision when making decisions in the name of that minister

## APPENDIX B: RUNNING A TOURNAMENT

This appendix explains how to manage various types of tournaments. Any tournament type that results in a single winner is acceptable for a Crown event. Examples of charts are included.

### A. ROUND-ROBIN LIST

A round robin list is one where each combatant will fight every other combatant once. This is a good choice for a tournament where there are few fighters.

- The combatant with the most wins, wins the tournament.
- If there is a tie, those two combatants fight each other to determine the winner.
- This can be done with one bout per round or multiple bouts (such as winning 2 out of 3) per round.

### B. SINGLE ELIMINATION LIST

A single elimination list is one where each combatant is eliminated from the tournament after losing a single round. (A stand-by round is commonly referred to as a "bye".)

- One round may consist of any number of bouts.
- The combatant that wins the required number of bouts wins the round. The most common number of bouts is 2 out of 3.
- A combatant who gets a stand-by round (has no one to fight that round) may be required to fight someone not competing in the tournament. If the by affects the outcome of the tournament, it is known as a "destructive" by since the combatant who received the by will be eliminated from the tournament if he loses the round. Both destructive and nondestructive bys are acceptable.
- In the case of a 3-way tie, complete the tournament round-robin style, keeping track of the number of bouts lost for each combatant.
- If, at the end of the round robin, each combatant has 1 win, count the number of lost bouts for each combatant. The winner is the one with the fewest bouts lost.
- If there is still a tie, repeat the round robin until a winner is determined (or find some other way to determine a winner, for example "paper/scissors/rock").

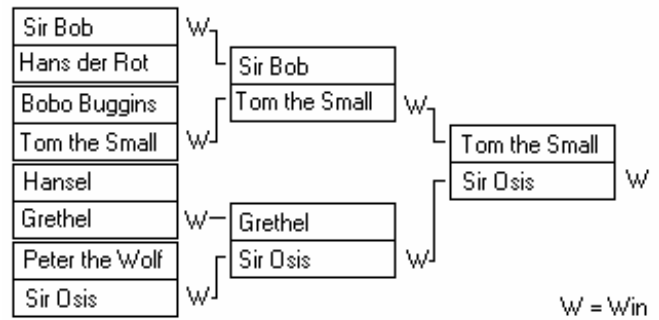


Figure 1. Single Elimination List Tree

### C. DOUBLE ELIMINATION LIST

A double elimination list is one where each combatant is eliminated from the tournament after losing two rounds.

- There is usually only one bout per round for this type of tournament.
- As a fight is finished, the winner is moved up the page (to the bottom if he is already at the top), and the defeated combatant moves down the page (to the top if they are already at the bottom).
- If two combatants end up fighting each other before the last few rounds, make an attempt to arrange the other fights so that the two combatants do not meet each other again.
- If there is a three-way tie, have the odd man out fight the bye or have the two that have not fought each other already fight first. The winner fights the third.

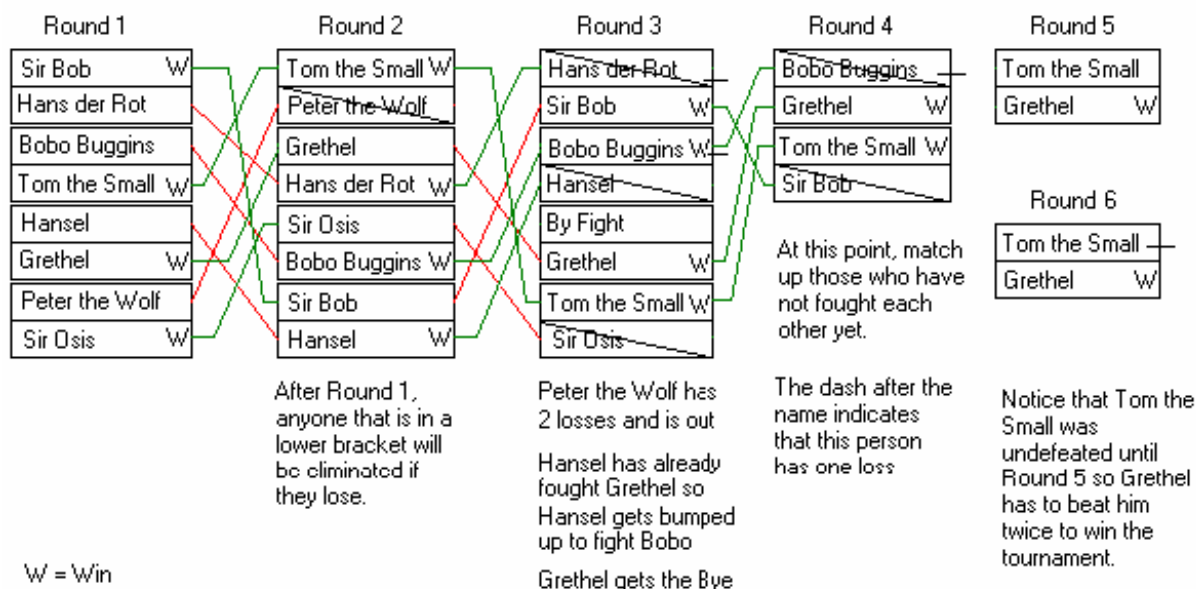


Figure 2. Double Elimination List Table

#### D. PAS D'ARMES

The following description of a pas d'armes was written by Sir Talbot MacTaggart (OL, KSCA) of the Grand Company of the Peacock and is reprinted here by permission.

The pas d'armes was a form of tournament that is normally associated with France and Burgundy in the 15th century. The reason that we normally associate the pas d'armes with France is that, although it was popular elsewhere, the greatest amount of writing about these tournaments survives from this area. Two important sources of information about the pas d'armes are King Rene d'Anjou's book of the tournament, and the records of the Order of the Golden Fleece. It was the duty of the king of arms of the Order of the Golden Fleece, to record the deeds of its members.

In order to describe the actual happenings of a pas d'armes it is first necessary to understand the other popular tournament style of the day. This was the joust. The joust is what most people normally think of when they picture a medieval tournament. It was a tournament on a grand scale, hugely expensive to host, and spectacular beyond compare. The joust was so expensive to hold that it would usually be held in conjunction with a great state occasion such as a coronation or a royal wedding. Only the richest of men could afford to host a tournament of this style.

By contrast the pas d'armes was significantly less expensive to host, and yet it was not without its share of spectacle and combat. In its simplest form the pas d'armes would have been held by a group of knights, setting up a pavilion, and challenging all comers to a fight. Three shields would be hung up, each signifying the types of combat being offered. Typical weapons used at a pas d'armes included axes, swords, maces and, of course, lances. Knights would usually let it be known that they would hold a piece of ground for a particular period of time.

More often than not however, the pas d'armes would have been much more spectacular than a simple challenge. The theme of the tournament usually revolved around a fanciful plot. Felix Brassart's account of the Pas du Perron Fee of April 1463, is described by Barber and Barker in their book *Tournaments*, thusly:

*“A young squire is lost in a strange country at nightfall, and finds a brazen horn hanging from a pillar, far from any habitation. Hoping that he might summon help, he sounds it three times, and is taken prisoner by a dwarf, servant of the lady of the magic pillar, or perron fee. When he is brought before her, he is granted his freedom on condition that he holds a pas d'armes at the Duke of Burgundy's court. The scenario was kept up in the lists themselves: at one end stood the perron fee with the usual three shields hung on it for the different kinds of combat. But when jousting began four griffins drew the perron apart to reveal the knight, still imprisoned by the lady's dwarf, and released only in order to fight. At the end of each combat he returned to his prison, which closed behind him. The proceedings lasted for almost three weeks, and the different types of combat were performed in turn: swordplay for four days, jousting for four days in war armor, and jousting for four days in tournament armor. It was a highly popular occasion, with 42 challengers.” (pp. 119-120)*

The pas d'armes offered all of the best aspects of the joust; combat, chivalry and spectacle, but with significantly less trouble and expense. It is no wonder that it became as popular as it did.

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### Example of a of a Pas d'Arms Declaration

The following example of a pas d'armes declaration was written by Sir Brion Thornbird ap Rhys (OL, Earl & Knight of the SCA), Chancellor, Company of Saint George and is reprinted here by permission.

As was customary in the times of our ancestors, it is hereby Our desire that in the midst of War with our Northern cousins, that We emphasize the brotherhood of chivalry that extends beyond the borders of mere kingdoms, reaching deeply into our hearts. It is thus Our desire to test the mettle of Our knights and other men-at-arms in a pas d'armes to provide a chance for the knights, squires and men-at-arms of both the West and An-Tir to demonstrate their prowess, their courtesy, and their eloquence. We intend that they defend Our field, to be defined with the Company of Saint George's list enclosure before Our Pavilion, beginning at {time of day} on the afternoon of July 5, 1996. In the words of the 14th century chronicler Froissart, *“We beg all those noble knights and squires who are willing to proffer challenge, not to imagine for a moment that we are doing this out of pride, hatred, or malice, but in order to have the honor of your company and to get to know you better, a thing which we desire with our whole hearts. And there shall be no unfair advantage, fraud, trickery, or evil design, nor anything not approved by those appointed to guard this lists.”* (Quoted from Foissart, invitation to the Tournament at Saint-Ingelvert, May 1390. Research by Catherine Keegan)

**Item:** This pas d'armes will be held in the customary manner, being contested solely for honor and renown, rather than for the base spirit of victory.

**Item:** The Knights of the West Kingdom will stand to defend the lists, to cross swords and to pass a pleasant afternoon in à plaisance combat at the barrier, with single sword, and with counted blows.

**Item:** All who would fight in this pas d'armes, be they knight, squire or man-at-arms, should come to the field by the hour of Noon on Friday, to the list enclosure before the West Kingdom Royal Pavilion, bearing their pennant and arms as are appropriate for knights to bear: poleaxes, swords, masses, or axes.

**Item:** Shortly after the hour of noon, the Knights of the West Kingdom will introduce themselves, and would invite their challenges to offer their own introductions, that the combatants of our two kingdoms might be better known to one another.

**Item:** Following the introductions, there will be a Grand Mêlée, in which all combatants are invited to take to the field, armed with but a one single-handed sword and no shield, to be fought for the entertainment of the gallery and for the joi de combat of the combatants. This combat will use counted blows, there each combatant may be struck with three good blows before they must retire from the field.

**Item:** The defenders will form a line on the King's side of the lists, holding themselves ready to receive their challenges and then shortly to report for combat.

**Item:** The challengers will then form a line on the Queen's side of the lists, offering persuasive words of challenge while the previous combatants arm and prepare to take the field.

**Item:** For the challenge, the attackers should strike Charlemagne's Tree of Shields, choosing the shield that represents the kind of combat they desire: Argent: counted blows (thrown); Azure, Combats over the barrier; Vert, Single combats in the field, the number of blows received to be one, three, or five; Or, any two combatants with single swords only, fought in the usual way.

**Item:** After everyone has had an opportunity to challenge, a barrier will be erected across the center of the field, and gentles may defend their side of the barrier with single sword. When struck, they must retire to their banner issue their war-cry, at which point they may re-enter the fighting. This combat will take place for fifteen minutes.

**Item:** The ladies of the gallery will then choose five of the challengers whose virtue stands out, requesting of them single combats in any style that is pleasing to the gallery. These gentles may in turn take this commandment to any member of the defenders, sharing their honor with them. These five fights will take place one after the other, for the pleasure of the gallery and the combatants.

**Item:** If there is time, other single challenges might be accepted by the defenders following the five champions.

**Item:** We will close the pas d'armes with a grand mêlée over the barrier, fought with spears. A single kill will be sufficient to eliminate a combatant, but they might petition the gallery to allow them to rejoin their companions. The combat will end when there are no companions left on either side, or when the combatants determine that the fight should be ended.

**Item:** There will be no prize for this pas d'armes, but it is strongly recommended that the individual combatants bear tokens of their appreciation with them that they can present to the combatants or consorts who strike them as particularly worthy of honor. In this way will the renown of virtuous combatants and fair ladies be strengthened, such being the purpose of the pas d'armes.

## E. MAD DOG LIST

A Mad Dog list is a bit like an informal round robin.

- A large list field is staked out; combatants are free to enter the list field, find a marshal and pick a fight.
- The two combatants then report the results of the combat to the list person who keeps track of how many wins each combatant has.
- Sometimes points are assigned to a combatant based on his rank (e.g. Sergeants are worth 1, Knights are worth 2). The victorious combatant gets the number of points the defeated combatant is worth.
- The combatant with the most point at the end of the day is declared the winner.

## F. DONNYBROOK

This is a melee, usually used as a warm-up battle.

- All combatants enter the field and spread out around the perimeter.
- When "lay on" is called, combatants proceed to pick fights with anyone but the person next to them.
- After the initial combat, anyone is fair game.
- The last combatant standing is the winner

## G. CONDUCT OF TOURNAMENTS

The word 'autocrat' is being used below to indicate the persons that are hosting the tournament. This includes, but is not limited to, the Crowns, Minister of Joust & War, Crown Marshal, etc.

1. Targets can be restricted so long as they do not conflict with the safety goals of the Adrian Combat Manual. A tournament may call for 'killing blows only' or 'head shots only.'
2. The autocrat may limit the weapons allowed or mandate the use of a particular weapon, so long as it does not conflict with this manual.
3. A list is always to be held, except for reasons in item 5 at sanctioned Adrian events. Tournament wins and participation points are awarded in accordance with the Adrian Bylaws.
4. Any tournament format may be used as long as there is only a single winner. NOTE: Tournaments in which a win does not count towards knighthood do not have this restriction. Rules and victory conditions of non-standard tournaments must be explained to all combatants prior to the start of combat.
5. Lists that must be canceled due to lack of facilities or acts of 'God' (e.g., floods, poor weather, interference from mundane authorities, etc.) may be made up at another event or date, to be set in accordance with Adrian policy and bylaws, and sanctioned by the Crown. In the event of a canceled list, it will be up to the Crown as to how to handle the eligibility of participation of any make-up list or event.

## APPENDIX C: MARSHAL'S KIT

Each local Crown Marshal should have a marshal's kit that is brought to every event. It contains all the necessary items required to measure weapons, qualify combatants, and do minor adjustments or repairs if necessary. Authorized marshals are encouraged to assemble a kit for personal use as well.

This is the minimum list of recommended items and their uses:

1. Testing and Measuring Equipment
  - Fish scale or similar (good for weighing items under 10 lbs.). This will probably need a cord that loops over the fish scale hook, to suspend weapons and aid in their weighing.
  - 2" diameter washer with a 3/4" diameter hole. This is used to check the curvature of axe and mace flanges. It is also placed over the end of a sword tip to check the depth that the tip will penetrate a legal helm.
  - Six-inch (6") ruler
  - 10-foot (10') tape measure (minimum length)
  - One pound (1#) weight for flexibility testing of rapier blades (See Combat Manual)
  - Metal thickness gauge (or samples of 14, 16 and 18 gauge steel)
2. Repair Equipment
  - Metal file for removing burrs from swords or rounding tips or edges
  - Red plastic or duct tape for rapier tips
  - Black electrical tape
3. Forms
  - Blank combatant qualification cards
  - Combat qualification tests
  - Marshalling authorization tests
4. Manuals
  - Combat Manual
  - Marshal's Manual
  - Missile Weapon Manual (includes sections on combat archery)
  - Missile Weapon Construction Manual
5. Miscellaneous
  - Pen
  - Scissors or knife
  - Two (2) six-foot (6') marshalling staves
  - Sample of ten ounce (10 oz.) leather
  - Duct tape

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## APPENDIX D: OATHS

### A. THE SWORD OATH

Combat in the Empire of Adria is based on the honor system and combatants play with deadly toys. The sword oath is the main method of making certain that the combatants understand what is expected of them. A combatant is bound by his word. The sword oath must be administered after the weapons and armor checks have been completed at each and every Adrian Empire event where combat takes place. No combatant will be allowed on the field until they have been armor/weapons checked and have taken the sword oath.

A marshal may interject discretionary items as a part of the sword oath so long as no part of the basic oath is omitted. The standard sword oath is:

**“Here do I swear by mouth and hand to conduct myself with honor and chivalry, to acknowledge all blows fairly given and received, to heed the words of the marshals and obey the rules of the lists.”**

### B. THE MARSHAL'S OATH

Combat in the Empire of Adria is based on the honor system and combatants play with deadly toys. While the sword oath makes sure the combatants understand this, the marshals also need to be aware of their duties and responsibilities. No marshal will be allowed on the field until they have been have taken the marshal's oath.

The standard marshal's oath is:

**“Here do I swear by mouth and hand to conduct myself with honor and chivalry, to fairly and impartially call all blows, to enforce the rules of the lists, and to hold safety above all else.”**

## APPENDIX E: QUALIFICATION TESTS

The tests contained on the following pages are open-book tests, but must be completed in the presence of the authorized minister conducting the qualification test. The answers are available upon request to authorized ministers.

Prospective marshals must pass all combat-type written tests as well as the marshal's test with a score of 90%.

For scoring procedures, see Article VII. Qualification, Authorization, Training.









ADRIAN EMPIRE COMBAT QUALIFICATIONS TEST: **MISSILE COMBAT** SCORE: \_\_\_\_\_ %

Legal name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

1. *Circle all that apply.* Which of the following bows are permitted for combat:
  - a. Compound
  - b. Composite
  - c. Longbow
  - d. Recurve
2. Archers may not use their arrows as single-handed weapons:
  - a. True
  - b. False
3. You may throw a javelin through the opening in a manlet shield.
  - a. True
  - b. False
4. The maximum draw weight allowed for a combat bow is:
  - a. 30 lbs at 28" draw length
  - b. 30 lbs at your draw length
  - c. 35 lbs at 28" draw length
  - d. 35 lbs at your draw length
  - e. 40 lbs at your draw length
5. Small siege weapons may be fired while moving.
  - a. True
  - b. False
6. Siege weapons have a maximum range of:
  - a. 20 yards
  - b. 40 yards
  - c. 60 yards
  - d. 80 yards
7. Large siege weapons must have a crew of at least:
  - a. 2
  - b. 3
  - c. 4
  - d. 5
8. The minimum distance a small siege weapons may be fired at a target is:
  - a. 5 yards
  - b. 10 yards
  - c. 15 yards
  - d. 20 yards
9. Small siege weapons may not be fired at a target if anyone is within:
  - a. 5 feet
  - b. 15 feet
  - c. The minimum target distance
10. Missiles need to be inspected:
  - a. Only once per war
  - b. By the marshals before each scenario
  - c. By the marshals after being gleaned, and before being fired
  - d. By the marshals before their first use and by the archer or crew before each subsequent use
11. Combat arrow shafts must be:
  - a. aluminum
  - b. carbon
  - c. fiberglass
  - d. wood
12. Large rocks from a siege weapon in Shinai/Rapier combat must be at least:
  - a. 18" in diameter
  - b. 12" in diameter
  - c. 9" in diameter
  - d. 5" in diameter
13. Ballista bolts in armored combat have a maximum weight of:
  - a. 1/2 lb
  - b. 3/4 lb
  - c. 1 lb
  - d. 1 1/2lbs
14. A catapult may fire as many grape shot as will fit.
  - a. True
  - b. False
15. The minimum distance at which an archer may shoot at a target is:
  - a. 5 feet
  - b. 6 feet
  - c. 7 feet
  - d. 10 feet

**Missile Combat Qualifications Test**

**Subdivision:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Minister of Joust and War** \_\_\_\_\_

**Print Legal Name**

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Print Legal Name

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Signature (Legal Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

ADRIAN EMPIRE COMBAT QUALIFICATIONS TEST: **MARSHALS**

SCORE: \_\_\_\_\_ %

Legal name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

1. A qualified marshal is expected to have read all combat related manuals.
  - a. True
  - b. False
2. *Circle all that apply.* Marshals in the Adrian Empire are expected to know how to:
  - a. Conduct armor and weapon inspections for all types of combat
  - b. Describe target areas of the body and demonstrate a legal blow with all weapon styles
  - c. Safely marshal single and melee combat
  - d. Administer the basic sword oath and run a tournament
  - e. Authorize a marshal
3. How much skin can show on the throat of a combatant when conducting armor check?
  - a. ½ inch
  - b. 1 inch
  - c. 2 inches
  - d. None at all
4. When conducting an armor check, it is ok to pull up on the helm to make sure it won't come off easily.
  - a. True
  - b. False
5. If a combatant appears drunk, are they allowed to fight?
  - a. Yes, but only if they can walk a straight line
  - b. Yes, but only until they throw up
  - c. No, but once they start sobering up its ok
  - d. No, not till they are fully sober
6. The command "HOLD" means what?
  - a. Grab something
  - b. Carry something
  - c. Freeze in place
  - d. Stop combat and kneel
7. What must be present for combat to begin?
  - a. Combatants
  - b. Marshals
  - c. Physicker w/first aid kit
  - d. List field (a designated fighting area)
  - e. All of the above
8. *Circle all that apply.* What do marshals need to watch for during combat?
  - a. Timing of blows
  - b. Boundaries
  - c. Breakage
  - d. Health and injury
  - e. Combatants' behavior
9. What is the minimum distance, spectators must stay away from the list field edge?
  - a. They can lean on the list field ropes
  - b. Not less than 1 ft
  - c. Not less than 5ft
  - d. There is no minimum
10. The marshals meeting prior to the start of war scenarios is to:
  - a. Inform all marshals of what the scenario will be
  - b. Discuss special rules of particular scenarios
  - c. Inform the marshals of any potential hazards
  - d. All of the above
11. What can be used by marshals when marshaling to keep combatants a safe distance from them?
  - a. A sword
  - b. An axe
  - c. A 6ft long staff
  - d. A shield
12. What page does the marshals' manual refer to a fighter by the name of "Sir Trots-a-lot"?
  - a. 3
  - b. 10
  - c. 19
  - d. 29
13. What does the phrase "when in doubt, fight it out" mean?
  - a. Fight to the yield
  - b. Fight until the marshals call a blow
  - c. Start the fight over
  - d. Yell at each other
14. *Circle all that apply.* Marshals have the authority to dismiss any combatant from the field at any time for what reasons?
  - a. A combatant loses his/her temper
  - b. A combatant is using offensive (vulgar) language
  - c. The marshal doesn't like the combatant
  - d. If it helps his friends win
15. What is the minimum # of marshals required to conduct a battle with 64 combatants?
  - a. 2
  - b. 5
  - c. 10
  - d. 20
16. When marshalling combat in a scenario that allows missile weapons, marshals must wear eye protection.
  - a. True
  - b. False
17. During combat demos when can the combatants use excessive force?
  - a. Always
  - b. When it looks good
  - c. To impress someone
  - d. Never
18. *Circle all that apply.* An authorized marshal who is sergeant level in combat may qualify other combatants in:
  - a. Shinai
  - b. Shinai pole weapons
  - c. Rapier
  - d. Armored

19. *Circle all that apply.* An authorized marshal who is a Knight Bachelor in combat may qualify other combatants in:
  - a. Shinai
  - b. Shinai pole weapons
  - c. Rapier
  - d. Steel
20. *Circle all that apply.* An authorized marshal who is a Knight Bachelor in combat and the local crown marshal or minister of war and joust may qualify other combatants in:
  - a. Shinai
  - b. Combat archery
  - c. Cut and thrust
  - d. Armored combat
  - e. Siege weapons
21. For areas that have no knight combatants, 2 sergeant level combatants or the local crown marshal or the minister of war and joust are acceptable.
  - a. True
  - b. False
22. What score must a combatant receive on their test to become combat qualified in that style?
 

a. 60%	c. 80%
b. 75%	d. 85%
23. What is the limit of times, a test may be given in one day?
 

a. 1	c. 10
b. 5	d. No Limit
24. *Circle all that apply.* When qualifying new combatants, what is the marshal looking for the combatant to demonstrate?
  - a. Effective defense
  - b. Safely attacking
  - c. Fancy footwork
  - d. The ability to win
25. How many events must a prospective marshal participate in as a marshal under supervision before they can become authorized?
  - a. 3
  - b. 5
  - c. 8
  - d. 10
26. The local crown marshal or minister of war and joust can waive the required number of times a marshal must participate if:
  - a. They are buddies
  - b. They are feeling generous
  - c. They know the person has the required experience
  - d. They were paid off
27. What percent does a prospective marshal have to pass all tests with before he/she will be allowed to start marshalling under supervision?
  - a. 80%
  - b. 85%
  - c. 90%
  - d. 95%
28. What age must a combatant be for armored combat?
  - a. 13
  - b. 14
  - c. 15
  - d. 16
29. May combatants swing blindly where they think their opponents may be?
  - a. Yes
  - b. No
30. A combatant using a shield may not:
  - a. Extend the shield to meet a weapon
  - b. Use their shield to catch and move their opponents shield out of the way
  - c. Strike their opponent with the shield edge
31. Who can participate in Knightly combat?
  - a. Any combatant
  - b. Only beginners
  - c. Sergeants list combatants
  - d. Knights list combatants
32. *Circle all that apply.* When grappling, what can never be grabbed?
  - a. Legs
  - b. Arms
  - c. Helm
  - d. Blade
33. *Circle all that apply.* After “lay on” is called who is allowed on the field of combat?
  - a. Marshals
  - b. Water bearers
  - c. Combatants
  - d. The one whose favor you bear
34. How big can openings be in armored helms?
  - a. ¼ inch
  - b. ½ inch
  - c. ¾ inch
  - d. 1 inch
35. Which weapon are you testing if you are measuring its deflection?
  - a. Shinai
  - b. Rapier
  - c. Shield
  - d. Armored pole arm

**Marshal Qualifications Test**

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