



# *General Requirements for the Order of Sergeantry and the Order of Courtier*



## *I. Petition*

Prior to the Trials, each Candidate must notify the Baroness of their intentions to attempt The Trials in Court. It should be done at least two months prior to the event. If that is not an option, at Her Excellency's discretion, this notification can be via modern letter or e-mail; the notification must include any concerns or impediments The Candidate may have, such as dyslexia, a difficulty in taking written or oral tests, any physical issues that may be evident, etc, so that appropriate accommodations can be made.

Each Candidate must submit a hand-calligraphied petition requesting permission to participate in the tournament to the Baroness of Wastekeep at least one month in advance of the date set for the Sergeants trials. While it is required that the applicant letter their own petition, no advantage will be given for the quality of the document beyond that it must be legible and must be written in a medieval hand(or one appropriate for their persona).

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## *II. Persona*

Persona development and research allows members of the S.C.A. to see how their chosen persona would fit into the context of medieval life and culture. To demonstrate that they have taken time to research and develop a persona, candidates will be asked to submit a text of at least one page describing the culture, daily life, family connections and possessions of their persona; as well as a map locating their homeland and any travels they would have made.

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## *III. Heraldry*

Members of the Order of Sergeantry and the Order of Courtier must be ready to serve as court or field heralds if asked. To demonstrate knowledge of heraldry the candidate must blazon their own device and must have submitted said device for registration with the College of Heraldry. (It will be an expectation that successful candidates will continue the submission process until the device is accepted.) Candidates must display their device on some personal item, for example, shield, armor, garb, etc. In addition the candidate must:

- ❖ Be able to identify the following: The Arms of An Tir, The Arms of Wastekeep, The Sovereign and Consort of An Tir, Baron and Baroness of Wastekeep, The Arms of the

Kingdoms of the Known World, The Arms of the Principalities and Baronies of An Tir, and the Arms of the Branches of the Inlands Region of An Tir.

- ❖ Be able to identify the Arms of a selection of the prominent peers of the Inland Region of An Tir.
- ❖ Be able to identify the arms of the following baronial offices: Herald, Marshal, Gold Key, Chatelain, Equestrian Marshal, Arts & Sciences, Lists, Seneschal, Master of Stables, Exchequer, Pages, Chronicler, Youth and Family Activities, and University of Ithra.
- ❖ Be able to blazon and/or emblazon their own device, as well as the Arms of the Kingdom of An Tir, the Barony of Wastekeep, and the personal Arms of the Baron and Baroness of Wastekeep.
- ❖ Be able to answer questions about basic heraldry, the tinctures, metals and furs, basic field divisions and charges based upon those divisions.
- ❖ Know the basics of introductions on the field, as well as toasts at feasts.

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## *IV. Geography*

Members of the Order of Sergeantry and the Order of Courtier must be knowledgeable in the Geography of the Known World. To demonstrate the knowledge of S.C.A. Geography, the candidate must:

- ❖ Be able to locate the Kingdoms of the Known World on an outline map.
- ❖ Be able to locate the Principalities and Baronies of An Tir on an outline map.
- ❖ Be able to locate the branches of the Inlands region on an outline map.

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## *V. Chivalry, Courtesy and Etiquette*

Members of the Order of Sergeantry and the Order of Courtier must display the traits of Chivalry, Courtesy and Etiquette.

To demonstrate their knowledge of courtly ideals, candidates will be asked to choose one (or more) of the following personal characteristics described by Andreas Cappelanus in The Art of Courtly Love. Candidates will make a short address to the Ladies, (or Lords for female candidates), of the court explaining the importance of said characteristic and how one might go about achieving it.

- ❖ The ability to keep secrets and be discreet
- ❖ Restraint in conduct
- ❖ Wisdom
- ❖ Quickness to confess and redress an offense
- ❖ Pays a reasonable amount of attention to their appearance
- ❖ Generosity
- ❖ Courageousness
- ❖ Offers services and obedience to every lady
- ❖ Humility
- ❖ Good manners within their status

- ❖ Honesty
- ❖ Does not sue over trifles

The candidate's address should be presented in terms of how their persona would view the characteristic or alternately, how it would have been addressed in the tradition of the 12th century medieval Courts of Love. If a candidate wishes to familiarize himself or herself with the style of the discourses of the time or any other information from Capellanus' book, it should be available from the Wastekeep library or from local or college libraries.

The Baroness of Wastekeep will convene a Court of Love to reflect upon the past and present behavior of the candidates, to assure the Barony that those who represent our Barony are those who are held in high regard for their chivalry and courtesy. The Baroness always welcomes written comment about candidates, since those who may not be able to attend the tourney may wish to bring forward information about a candidate.

To further demonstrate courtly manners the candidate must learn the definitions of and the proper forms of address for the following SCA ranks:

- ❖ King and Queen
- ❖ Crown Prince and Princess
- ❖ Prince and Princess
- ❖ Duke and Duchess
- ❖ Count (also called Earl or Jarl) and Countess
- ❖ Viscount and Viscountess
- ❖ Baron and Baroness
- ❖ Knight
- ❖ Master of Arms
- ❖ Member of the Order of the Laurel, Pelican, and Defence

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## *VI. Gaming*

Members of the Order of Sergeantry and the Order of Courtier must demonstrate an understanding of the games of their time period, or alternately of a 12<sup>th</sup> Century European Court. The candidate must be able to:

- ❖ Set up a chess board, identify the pieces and describe their moves.
- ❖ Show an understanding of the game while playing at least ten moves against the Gamesmaster or judge appointed for this category.
- ❖ Play a game of Nine Men's Morris with the judge so that the candidate's tactical ability may be judged.
- ❖ Name and give brief description of play for at least five other games (board, dice, card, etc.) from their personas time period (plus or minus 100 years), or alternately of a 12<sup>th</sup> Century European Court.

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## *VII. Service at Events*

Members of the Order of Sergeantry and the Order of Courtier will be called upon to help during setup and tear-down of Baronial property at events, as well as providing support during the event. Duties and skills required will include:

- ❖ Properly setting up Baronial property, including the Baronial Pavilion, Travelling Pavilion and Coronet Chairs.
- ❖ Be able to serve as a marshal and/or field herald at events.

Regular attendance at Baronial Council, or your local branch council meeting, is required. Exceptions to this requirement can be made for non-local members, with the Baroness' pre-approval.

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## *IX. Dancing*

Members of the Order of Sergeantry and the Order of Courtier must set an example for the populous and show a familiarity with the art of dance. The candidate must be able to perform the following:

- ❖ A Court Dance/Couple Line Dance
- ❖ A Circle Dance
- ❖ A Single Line Dance
- ❖ Persona-type dance or dance of personal choice

The Dancing will be lead by the Wastekeep Dance Mistress/Master. Please contact the Baroness one month before the Trial with the list of dances you wish to demonstrate, this will ensure that music is available.

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## *X. Bardic Presentation*

Members of the Order of Sergeantry and the Order of Courtier must be able to provide entertainment when called upon by Her Excellency. To demonstrate knowledge of Music and Literature, the candidate must do one of the following:

- ❖ Write a fable, poem, morality play or story of chivalry in period style. Language would approximate courtly speech (no slang) and entries must be calligraphied.
- ❖ Write a ballad, round, or a simple song in the spirit of the Middle Ages.
- ❖ Perform from memory a **PIECE OF PERIOD MUSIC** or **PERIOD POEM**, fable, story or play for the populace, alone or in consort with others.

All presentations must be in a form from their personas time period (plus or minus 100 years), or alternately of a 12<sup>th</sup> Century European Court. The candidate must perform all Bardic Presentations, unless the candidate has made arrangements with a bard (with the Baroness's permission). Alternate performance ideas must be approved by the Baroness at least one month prior to the Trials.

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## *X. The Science of War*

Because military activities (war) played a important part in the daily life of the middle ages, all candidates must have a knowledge of methods and material. To demonstrate knowledge of the science of war, the candidate shall be tested on variations of:

- ❖ Identify various machines of war.
- ❖ Identify fortifications and parts thereof.
- ❖ Identify parts of armor generally used in SCA combat.
- ❖ Identify types of weapons generally used in SCA combat.
- ❖ List and explain various siege techniques.
- ❖ Discuss the evolution of fortifications and weapons.
- ❖ Know and discuss the rules of the lists.
- ❖ Know and discuss the difference between war and tournament.
- ❖ Discuss how to prepare for a siege.

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## *XI. Other Miscellaneous Knowledge*

In addition to the other requirements listed above, the Candidate must possess other general knowledge about the Sergeantry, Barony, Kingdom, and Society. These include:

- ❖ History of the Sergeantry Rank of An Tir
- ❖ History of the Barony of Wastekeep
- ❖ Kingdom Officers
- ❖ Kingdom and Society law

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## *XII. Specialty Requirements*

- ❖ Specific Requirements for the Order of the Sergeantry (discussed below)
- ❖ Specific Requirements for the Order of the Courtier (discussed below)



## *Specific Requirements for the Order of Sergeantry*



Following are listed the Specific requirements for the four members of the Order of Sergeantry:

- ❖ Sergeant of Wastekeep (Heavy Fighting)
- ❖ Yeomen of Wastekeep (Archery Combat)
- ❖ Gallant of Wastekeep (Rapier Fighting)
- ❖ Lancer of Wastekeep (Equestrian)

All Candidates will meet the following standards:

- ❖ Possess a current SCA membership.
- ❖ Possess a current fighter's authorization card.
- ❖ Be warranted as a junior marshal in their chosen area and one other discipline.
- ❖ Be able to coordinate small-unit tactics, such as charges, diversions, and field maneuvers. If this cannot be done in war scenarios before the Trials, there will be discussions on that day.
- ❖ Possess a current copy the combat manual for your discipline as maintained on the on-line An Tir Combat bookshelf.

All Candidates must be prepared to list and discuss the **Rules of the Lists**.



# *Combat Requirements for the Order of Sergeantry*

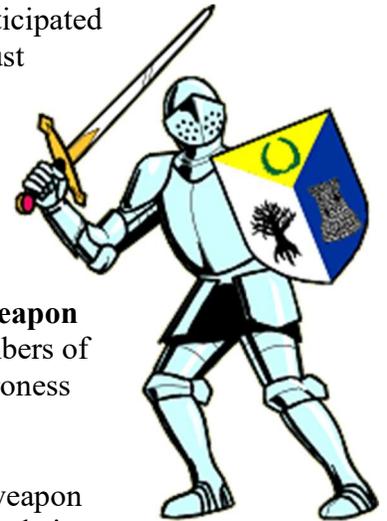


## *Specialty Requirements for Sergeants*

In addition to the general knowledge of armors and weapons required of all candidates, Sergeants should have additional understanding of early-period armors, weapons, fortifications, machines of war, and siege techniques. They should have a working knowledge of different tourneys and be able to lead troops in large engagements.

The Sergeant candidate must have SCA legal armor and weapons for their own use. To demonstrate their skill at arms, prior to the Trials, the candidate must have participated in at least two tournaments or wars. On the day of the Trials, the candidate must participate in whatever challenges and melees are deemed necessary and must:

- ❖ Show their ability with a sword and shield.
- ❖ Show their ability with a pole weapon or great weapon.
- ❖ Show their ability with one other weapon of choice.



The Candidates will be required to show **above average proficiency in one weapon style and average proficiency in at least two other weapon styles**. The members of the Chivalry, the Wastekeep Sergeants and any other people invited by the Baroness will judge this requirement.

The Candidate will be required to demonstrate their knowledge of armor and weapon standards by inspecting pieces of SCA armor and weapons and commenting on their adequacy or inadequacy, as well as inspecting all the fighters who will assist in the testing.

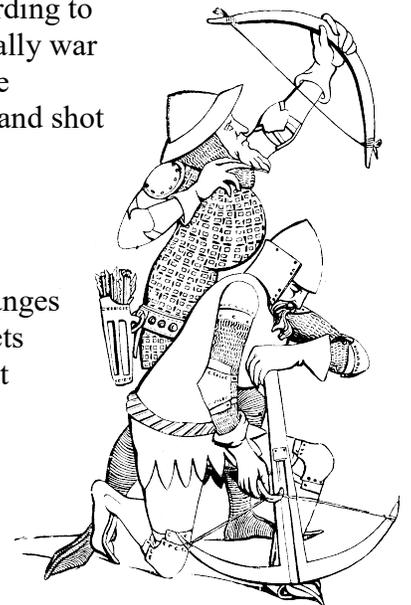
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## *Combat Requirements for Yeomen*

Yeomen candidates must own a complete set of armor. Candidates will display skill in war archery and one other weapon class. Equipment shall be war legal according to current standards and shall be properly marked for identification, especially war arrows, bolts, javelins and tennis balls. In the year prior to the Trials, the candidate must have participated in at least one war as a combat archer, and shot in a tournament.

On the day of, fully armed and equipped, the candidate shall:

- ❖ With a bow weapon and six projectiles, shoot six shots each at ranges of 20, 30, and 40 yards, scoring at least fifty percent hits on targets down range. The targets shall measure two feet wide by four feet high.



- ❖ With war legal javelins, throwing axes, or throwing slings, (six projectiles) cast with one hand six shots each at ranges of 5, 10, and 15 yards, scoring at least fifty percent hits on targets down range. The targets shall measure two feet wide by four feet high.
- ❖ The Candidates shall demonstrate their ability to shoot a fifty-point score in a Royal Round in a maximum of three attempts.

The Candidate will be required to demonstrate their knowledge of armor and weapon standards by inspecting pieces of SCA armor and weapons and commenting on their adequacy or inadequacy.

This inspection ability must also include armor for both men and women fighters.

## *Combat Requirements for Gallants*

The Gallant candidate must own SCA legal armor and weapons. Prior to the Trials, the candidates must have fought in at least two tournaments or wars. On the day of the Trials, to demonstrate their skill at arms, the candidate must show ability in the following categories:

- ❖ Single Sword
- ❖ Sword with Offensive/Defensive Weapon (candidate's choice)
- ❖ Free Style (must be approved prior to the Trials)

The Candidates will be required to show **above average proficiency in one weapon style and average proficiency in at least two other weapon styles**. The test will be conducted in any tournament or field setting deemed appropriate. Wastekeep Gallants, Masters of Defence, and members of the Order of the White Scarf will judge this testing, with assistance from other prominent rapier fighters and people invited by the Baroness.




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## *Combat Requirements for Lancers*

In addition to the general knowledge of armors and weapons required of all candidates. Lancers should have additional understanding of early-period armors, weapons, fortifications, machines of war, and siege techniques. They should also be able to set up and lead equestrian contests.

The Lancer candidate must own or have regular access to their mount and tack. For ease of administering, practical testing, the requirement for the Lancer's riding may be conducted at an event other than and prior to the Sergeantry Trials with the agreement of the Coronets and the standing Sergeantry. Candidates will have had to participate in an Equestrian Event during the year prior to their Trials. The Lancer will be tested in their choice of competitions and games performed on horseback from the following list:

- ❖ Mounted Gaming
- ❖ Mounted Crest Combat
- ❖ Mounted Archery

- ❖ Foam Tipped Jousting
- ❖ Mounted Combat
- ❖ Driving

The Candidates will be required to show above average proficiency in one equestrian endeavor and average proficiency in at least two other endeavors. Riders not wishing to engage in mounted combat may petition the Baroness to allow additional Mounted Gaming challenges. The members of the Lion et de la Lance, the Wastekeep Lancers, and any other people invited by the Baroness will judge this requirement.

## *Specific Requirements for the Order of Courtier*

Following are listed the Specific requirements for the members of the Order of Courtier:

- ❖ Steward of Wastekeep (Service)
- ❖ Artisan of Wastekeep (Arts and Science)

All Candidates will meet the following standards:

- ❖ Possess a current SCA membership.
- ❖ Possess a current copy of the Wastekeep Minor Carte.

The foundation of this Order is service. Whether the Candidate intends to become a Steward or an Artisan, service to the Baroness, the Barony and the Kingdom is of utmost importance. From time to time, the Members of the Order of Courtier may be asked to advise the Baroness on matters concerning Kingdom Law and/or Corpora. They may also be asked to help with one or more of the offices of the Barony if they reside here, or of their home area, if the need arises.

In addition to the General Requirements all candidates of all Orders must meet, the candidates for the Order of Courtier have some additional refinements:

- ❖ Science of War:
  - Be a warranted junior marshal (any discipline) or active field herald,
  - Know parts of early or late period fortifications (candidate's choice)
- ❖ Law:
  - Understand and possess current copies of the Wastekeep Minor Carte, Kingdom Law, and Society Law.



- ❖ Additionally, the candidates shall accomplish two of the following:
  - Attend Fighting Appreciation Class.
  - Attend Field Heralding Class.
  - Do field marshaling at a Baronial Event
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  - Administer the Lists at a Baronial Event.
  - Participated in one Baronial project.

## *Artisan Requirements:*

Your Arts/Science testing will include previously completed work with documentation, work done on site, and the ability to teach the basics of your Art/Science to a novice.

- ❖ Submit two period projects in either Arts or Sciences. They must be from different disciplines, with at least one having full documentation. Entries made in previous SCA competitions may be used. Please make sure your sponsor knows what those projects are.
- ❖ Display at the Trials an on-going project, display the work in progress. Be prepared to discuss with populace.
- ❖ Teach one Ithra or workshop class on a topic of Arts or Sciences. Please make sure your sponsor knows when those classes have been taught.

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## *Steward Requirements:*

Your Steward requirements cover past service to the Barony and/or Kingdom undertaking the following:

- ❖ Demonstrate a leadership role in an event by stewarding, feast stewarding, or being herald-in-charge for a Baronial or Kingdom event.
- ❖ Successfully hold a Major Office for one year or a Minor Office for two years
- ❖ Be able to assemble an Order of Procession based upon a list of people (by titles)

Recognition of equivalent service or special circumstances must be approved prior to testing by the Baroness of Wastekeep.