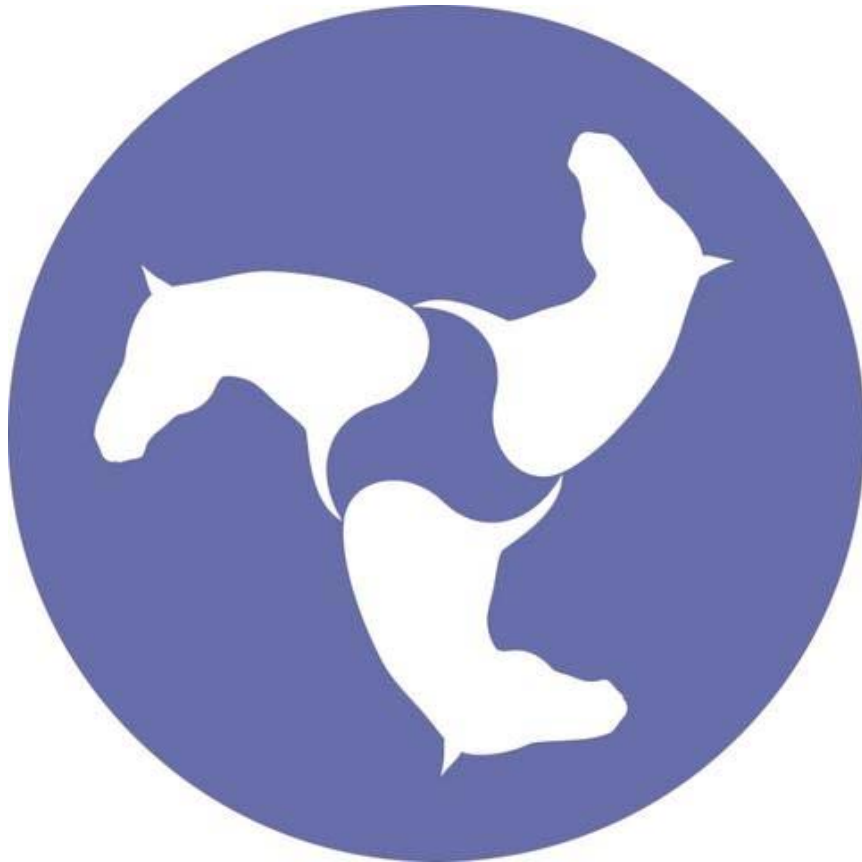


# Trímarís Equestrian Regulations



## **Forward**

The Trimaris Equestrian regulations are the Kingdom specific regulations governing equestrian activities in the Kingdom of Trimaris.

The following regulations are in addition to the current Society Handbook, revision Oct. 20, 2007 as approved by the BOD and implemented the Society Equestrian officer.

These regulations are intended to be used in conjunction with the Society Equestrian Handbook. Please be sure to remain familiar with both documents.

The Trimaris Equestrian Regulations maybe updated as necessary for the safety of both equestrian participants and spectators, and/ or to be in compliance with any revisions made to the Society Equestrian Handbook. Any revisions to this document will be announced by the Kingdom Equestrian Officer on the official Kingdom website and in the official Kingdom publication "Talewinds".

## **I. Equestrian Program**

### **A. Kingdom Equestrian Officer**

1. The KEO shall review all authorization paperwork prior any authorization cards being issued by the Deputy Earl Marshal for Authorization Paperwork. (This process may be arranged between the KEO and the Deputy Earl Marshal for Authorization Paperwork.)
2. The KEO shall maintain all Marshal authorization paperwork received from Probationary Marshals.
3. The KEO shall maintain all paperwork for authorized Equestrian Marshals.
4. The KEO shall ensure that all authorized Equestrian Marshals maintain current membership in the SCA.
5. The KEO shall remove any Equestrian Marshals whose membership is not current from the Marshal roster and notify the Equestrian Marshal that their warrant has been suspended.

### **B. Equestrian Marshals**

1. The Kingdom of Trimaris shall only have Marshals rostered by the KEO as official officers of the Kingdom.
2. All Authorized Equestrian Marshals shall be authorized as ground crew.
3. All Authorized Equestrian Marshals shall be authorized for riding and mounted games. Exceptions may be made for knowledgeable horse persons who may no longer ride due to an existing medical condition. The Kingdom Earl Marshal and Kingdom Equestrian Officer will review these on a case by case basis.
4. All Authorized Equestrian Marshals for special activities shall be authorized for the specific activity. (ie Jousting, Driving, Heavy Mounted Combat, Mounted Crest Combat, Mounted Archery)
5. Authorized Equestrian Marshals who let their SCA membership lapse shall have their warrant suspended. If their membership is not renewed within 30 days of expiration the marshal may be required to complete the Equestrian Marshal authorization process at the discretion of the Kingdom Earl Marshal and/ or the KEO.

### **C. Equestrian Marshal Authorization**

1. The candidate authorizing to be an Equestrian Marshal shall pass an exam to determine their working knowledge of the Society Equestrian Handbook and the Trimaris Equestrian Regulations. A passing score will be 70%.
  - a. Individuals who have successfully passed the Equestrian Marshals exam shall be referred to as Probationary Marshals.
  - b. Probationary Marshals shall obtain a minimum of 3 comment sheets, with the comments and signatures, from 3 different Equestrian Marshals. 2 of these comment sheets shall be from Equestrian Events which were held within the Kingdom of Trimaris.

- c. All comment sheets are to be delivered to the KEO by the Probationary Marshal within 10 days of the end of the event at which they received the comment sheet.
  - d. The KEO and/ or the Kingdom Earl Marshal reserves the right to require additional comment sheets above the minimum 3 before authorizing an Equestrian Marshal.
  - e. Probationary Marshals must complete the authorizing process within 18 months of the date they became a Probationary Marshal.
2. Probationary Marshals may not be the Marshal in Charge of an event or sign the paperwork to authorize equestrians.
  3. Probationary Marshals shall not give final approval of the suitability of weapons or equipment, or be involved in the authorization of participants without the supervision of an authorized equestrian marshal.

#### D. Jousting Marshal Authorization

1. Jousting Marshals shall be authorized Equestrian Marshals.
2. The candidate should show a good working knowledge of the Society Jousting regulations.
3. The candidate should be able to safely run and control a Jousting list.
4. The candidate shall obtain minimum of 2 comment sheets, with comments and signatures, from an authorized Jousting Marshal from 2 different Equestrian events at which jousting took place.

#### E. Heavy Mounted Combat Marshal Authorization- (HMC)

1. HMC Marshals shall be authorized Equestrian Marshals.
2. The candidate should show a good working knowledge of the Society Heavy Mounted Combat Regulations.
3. The candidate should be able to safely run and control a HMC list.
4. The candidate shall obtain minimum of 2 comment sheets, with comments and signatures, from an authorized HMC Marshal from 2 different Equestrian events at which HMC took place.

#### F. Driving Marshal Authorization

1. All Driving Marshal authorizations shall be done in accordance with the Trimaris Driving Regulations.

#### G. Mounted Archery Marshals

1. Mounted Archery Marshals shall be authorized Equestrian Marshals.
2. Mounted Archery Marshals shall also be rostered Target Archery Rangers.
3. The candidate should show a good working knowledge of the requirements for Mounted Archery.
4. The candidate should be able to safely run and control a Mounted Archery list.
5. The candidate shall obtain minimum of 2 comment sheets, with comments and signatures, from an authorized Mounted Archery Marshal from 2 different Equestrian events at which Mounted Archery took place.

## **II. Rider and Ground Crew Authorizations**

**\*\*\*\*All general rider and ground crew authorizations require the signature of 2 equestrian marshals.\*\*\*\***

### **A. General Riding**

1. Individuals authorizing to ride shall demonstrate a minimum of the following movements at the discretion of the authorizing Marshal(s):
  - a. Circle left
  - b. Circle right
  - c. Travel in a straight line down the center of the riding area
  - d. a serpentine/ weaving pattern
  - e. halt/ stop
  - f. Stand while mounted for no less than 1 minute.
2. All movements shall be executed at every gait the rider chooses during the authorization process. The authorizing Marshal may require the rider to repeat any movement more than once.
3. Rider authorizations require 2 signatures from authorized Equestrian Marshals to be valid.
4. Riders are responsible for ensuring that the Deputy Earl Marshal for Authorization Paperwork receives their completed authorization form and waivers in a timely manner. (Illegible paperwork will not be accepted.)

### **B. Mounted Games**

1. Authorizations shall consist of showing proficiency with both a short weapon and a long weapon. The rider shall demonstrate ability to maintain a secure seat, keep control of the mount, and safely handle a weapon. For the short weapon, the rider shall use a baton or similar in one hand and correctly rein the mount through Heads or Reeds maneuvers. For the long weapon, the rider may choose one of the following: spear a ring, a ground target, or the quintain.
2. Lances and spears are to be carried at the ready (point up) until approaching the target, at which time they shall be lowered for use. Upon completion of each pass, the weapon shall be returned to the ready position.

### **C. Jousting**

1. Individuals authorizing to Joust shall be authorized for both general riding and for mounted games.
2. Jousting authorizations shall follow the procedures outlined in the Society Jousting regulations.
3. Individuals authorizing to Joust shall be a minimum of 16 years of age.
4. Minors under the age of majority shall have a parent or legal guardian immediately available to the Equestrian Marshal in Charge when the minor is engaged in jousting activities.

- D. Heavy Mounted Combat/ Mounted Crest Combat
  1. Individuals authorizing for Heavy Mounted Combat and / or Mounted Crest Combat shall be authorized for both general riding and for mounted games.
  2. Authorizations for Heavy Mounted combat and Mounted Crest combat shall follow the procedures outlined in the Society regulations for these activities.
  3. Riders authorized for Mounted Crest combat are NOT authorized for Heavy Mounted Combat.
  4. Riders authorized for Heavy Mounted Combat shall be considered authorized for Mounted Crest Combat.
  5. Individuals authorizing for Heavy Mounted Combat shall be a minimum of 16 years of age.
  6. Minors under the age of majority shall have a parent or legal guardian immediately available to the Equestrian Marshal in Charge when the minor is engaged in mounted combat activities.
- E. Driving
  1. All driving authorizations shall be performed in accordance with the Trimaris Driving Regulations
- F. Mounted Archery
  1. Individuals authorizing for Mounted Archery shall be authorized for both general riding and for mounted games.
  2. Authorizations for Mounted Archery shall follow the procedures outlined in the Society Mounted Archery regulations.
- G. Ground Crew
  1. The candidate must demonstrate a familiarity with the Society Equestrian Handbook and the Trimaris Equestrian Regulations.
  2. The candidate must demonstrate an awareness of the risks inherent to equestrian activities, including recognition of how their current skill level relates to SCA equestrian activities in which they participate.
  3. The candidate must demonstrate familiarity with the equipment and weapons used in SCA mounted games and how the games are set up and scored.
  4. The candidate must demonstrate the ability to show awareness and behave safely around equine both on and off the competition field.
  5. Ground crew authorizations require the signature of 2 authorized Equestrian Marshals.

### **III. Event Requirements**

#### **A. Kingdom Equestrian Officer**

1. The Kingdom Equestrian Officer shall log equestrian waivers once received from the Authorized Equestrian Marshal in Charge.
2. The Kingdom Equestrian Marshal shall ensure that the Kingdom Waiver Secretary has received all waivers from an equestrian event within 14 business days after receiving the waivers from the Authorized Equestrian Marshal in Charge.

#### **B. Equestrian Marshal in Charge**

1. Florida State Equine Liability Act signage shall be posted at but not limited to the following locations, entrance gate of the event, an arena where speed events will take place, and equestrian stabling area.
2. The EqMIC should make arrangements for an on call veterinarian. The veterinarian's contact information should be posted conspicuously or presented as a handout upon horse check-in.
3. The EqMIC shall send all multi- signature participant Equestrian event waivers to the Kingdom Equestrian Marshal within 10 business days of the completion of the event.

#### **C. Marshals on the Field**

1. Marshals should be identifiable from 50 feet away when on the list field by prominently displaying the Society Equestrian Marshal's badge. The Society Equestrian marshals badge is as follows: Sable, two tilting lances in saltire, in chief a chamfron, Or. This may be displayed by a method of the marshals choosing, such as a tabard, belt tab, baldric, etc. Baldrics shall be designed to breakaway in the event of a snag. Mounted marshals may also place the badge on a visible part of a saddle pad or barding.
2. Marshals may also carry a 10 ft staff colored black with yellow spiral striping .
3. Any Authorized Equestrian Marshal reported as not meeting the responsibilities required of an authorized Equestrian Marshal as set forth in the Society Equestrian Handbook and Trimaris Equestrian Regulations will result in having an incident report filed by the KEO. Any Marshal receiving 3 valid incident reports with one year of the initial report shall no longer be warranted as an authorized Equestrian Marshal.
  - a. The KEO and/ or Kingdom Earl Marshal reserves the right to sanction individuals who engage in inappropriate behavior, up to and including the removal of equestrian authorizations per the Society Equestrian Handbook.

#### D. Rider Responsibility

1. No individual shall participate in SCA sponsored equestrian activities as a rider, marshal or ground crew without proof of current SCA membership, with the exception of Sponsored Equestrian Practices. This pertains to stand alone sponsored practices or practices held at Sponsored Equestrian Events.
2. For the safety and courtesy of everyone:
  - a. Riders should make diligent effort to allow warm up time for their horses prior to scheduled activities.
  - b. Riders not at the list on time for scheduled activities may be excluded from those activities at the discretion of the EqMIC.
  - c. Horses that are known biters shall wear a red ribbon on the bridle or halter; horses that are known kickers shall wear a red ribbon tied at the top of the tail; and stallions shall wear a red ribbon on the withers area. Ribbons shall be visible from 20 feet away.
  - d. Do not touch, feed, water, or ride a horse without the owner's or guardian's permission. Do not loan a horse to another rider without the owner's or guardian's permission.
3. Failure to comply with any authorized Equestrian Marshal will result in the issuance of an incident report. Any rider or ground crew receiving 3 valid incident reports within one year from the date of the initial report shall lose all authorizations for a period of no less than 6 months.
  - a. The KEO and/ or Kingdom Earl Marshal reserves the right to sanction individuals who engage in inappropriate behavior, up to and including the removal of equestrian authorizations per the Society Equestrian Handbook.

#### E. Ground Crew Responsibilities

1. Ground crew should be identifiable from 50 feet away when on the list field by prominently displaying the Trimarian Equestrian Ground crew badge. The Trimarian Equestrian Ground crew badge is as follows: Or, a chamfron Sable. This can be displayed on a black or yellow tabard or baldric. Baldrics shall be designed to breakaway in the event of a snag.
2. Ground crew should only handle equines with the permission of the owner, or in the assisting of an emergency situation.

#### F. Minors

1. Non-equestrian minors should not be allowed in designated equine areas or near horses without a parent or legal guardian.

## **Glossary of Terms**

Designated Equine area- Any area where horses are or may be present.

Marshal on the Field- An authorized Equestrian Marshal designated by the EqMIC of an event and/or practice to assist with the marshaling duties for the event/ practice.

Non- equestrian- Any person who does not have an equestrian authorization.

Valid Incident Report- An incident report which has been investigated by the KEO and/or the Kingdom Earl Marshal and has been found to be accurate and factual.