

QLHF Marshal By Laws

PURPOSE

To advise Marshals and QLHF members on the categories and responsibilities of marshals. It is also to be an aid to Marshals in carrying out their duties.

1. Marshals

- This By-Law contemplates several levels of marshalling:
- QLHF Marshal (and QLHF Assistant Marshal)
- Senior Marshal at an event
- Group Marshal
- Assistant Marshals

2. QLHF Marshal-

- 2.1. The QLHF Marshal is an elected position appointed at the Annual General meeting or if the position becomes vacant before an Annual General Meeting, the QLHF Marshal can be appointed to fill the vacancy by the QLHF Committee.
- 2.2. The QLHF Marshal has the ultimate responsibility for the resolution of disputes arising at events, decisions regarding the de-authorisation of combatants and escalating disciplinary issues to the QLHF Committee where termination, suspension or probation of a member is also to be considered.
- 2.3. The QLHF Marshal is also responsible for signing off on the accreditation of Group Marshals and in consultation Committee revoke accreditation if warranted.
- 2.4. Should any combat related issues need to be brought to the QLHF Committee, these matters should be brought to the QLHF Marshal for investigation and reporting to the QLHF Committee. Should, for any reason, the QLHF Marshal be unable to act in their capacity to resolve a dispute, the QLHF Committee can delegate this duty to another group marshal.
- 2.5. The QLHF Marshal may choose a QLHF Assistant Marshal, whereby they have the QLHF Marshal's authority in his absence (as per Assistant Marshal rules).



3. Senior Marshal

- 3.1. For all intergroup displays and events – the host member group’s Group Marshal shall be the Senior Marshal. Where no member group is hosting the event or display the Group Marshals present shall appoint a Senior Marshal from among QLHF members. All Group Marshals will be considered subordinate to the Senior Marshal present for the duration of the event and subsequent debrief.
- 3.2. Prior to any event, the Senior Marshal is to brief the attending Group Marshals about the event.
- 3.3. After the event/combat – the Senior Marshal is to hold a debrief among participating Group Marshals.
- 3.4. The Senior Marshal is to adjudicate on all comments, enquiries and questions in regards to combat rules/standards.
- 3.5. The Senior Marshal’s primary duty is to oversee the safe conduct of all combatants, participants and the public at the event, regardless of group. This includes all of the powers normally exercised by the Group Marshal at events.

Note: The QLHF committee will NOT adjudicate on a Senior Marshal’s decision at the time of the decision.

- 3.6. The Senior Marshal is to mediate between Group Marshal's in the event of a dispute relating to intergroup combat.
- 3.7. The Senior Marshal will have the power to issue any instruction on the field as the Senior Marshal deems appropriate.
- 3.8. The Senior Marshal will have the power to remove ANY combatant or participant present should the Senior Marshal deem it required.
- 3.9. In issuing any instruction, the Senior Marshals word is final. Failure to comply with the Senior Marshals instructions may result in disciplinary action by the QLHF committee should the matter not be dealt with within between Group Marshals.
- 3.10. Should a serious injury occur, the Senior Marshal is to insure the combat ceases immediately, appropriate medical attention is sought and the event OH&S supervisor is informed. A serious injury is considered to be any injury requiring medical intervention.
- 3.11. The Senior Marshal has the right to refer any concern to the QLHF Committee for further investigation.
- 3.12. While this By-Law will not instruct on the appointment of the Senior Marshal, it is expected that the appointment be made with reference to: Temperament, competence, experience and level of authority the individual has within the members present. Ideally the Senior Marshal should be an ex-Marshal or one chosen from attending group Marshals.



4. Group Marshal

- 4.1. Every QLHF group which undertakes combat or combat scenarios must appoint a senior combatant as Group Marshal and ensure that the Group Marshal is accredited. The individual appointed is at the discretion of the group.
The Group Marshal is to oversee the training, safety and conduct of the combatants of their group and the safety of all participants of the public in and around a display.
- 4.2. The Group Marshal is to mediate all disputes between the combatants within their group and in the resolution of intergroup disputes with the Group Marshall/s of other groups involved.
- 4.3. Should the Group Marshal be part of a dispute that cannot be resolved to the satisfaction of all parties, the issue must be referred to the QLHF Marshal.
- 4.4. The Group Marshal will assess a combatant's suitability for combat while at training or an event through a documented Authorisation Process. The Group Marshal's word will be final on authorisation.
- 4.5. The Authorisation Process must include accreditation of a combatant that considers as a base, the following:
 - Understanding and execution of basic combat safety as per QLHF guidelines
 - Assessment of the temperament of the combatant and their suitability to undertake combat activities
 - Proven Competency in the weapon/s being used in displays and a demonstrated understanding of the group's combat regulations
 - Continued practice through minimum attendance at training in the weapons being used by that combatant in displays
 - The general consent of the combatants of the group for the authorisation of new combatants and ongoing peer review of combatants
 - Ensuring an individual's compliance with all State Weapons legislation and court orders

The group Marshal shall be responsible for the maintenance of authorisation records.

Note: The QLHF committee will NOT adjudicate on a combatant's suitability for combat unless the QLHF Marshal is invited to by the Group Marshal at the time of assessment.

- 4.6. The Group Marshal has the duty to assess the condition of all weapons and equipment of all members within the group to insure they meet basic safety requirements. The Marshal will have the right to remove any member's weapon or equipment, or remove a combatant from a display should their equipment or performance not meet minimum standards.

Note: The QLHF committee will NOT adjudicate on a weapon's suitability for combat unless a competent member of the committee is invited to do so by the Marshal at the time of assessment.



- 4.7. While the group is conducting a performance, the Group Marshal is inviolable from abuse. Any abuse will result in such disciplinary action as the group determines.
- 4.8. Should an incident occur that requires the QLHF Marshal's involvement, the Group Marshal will be expected to assist the QLHF Marshal in any investigation.
- 4.9. The Group Marshal shall be responsible for the accreditation of the incoming Group Marshal upon their resignation or removal. If, under any circumstance, the outgoing Marshal is unable to accredit their successor, the group will be required to approach the QLHF Marshal to undertake the accreditation.
- 4.10. The QLHF Committee reserves the right to hold the Group Marshal to account for the group's combat activity.
- 4.11. The Group Marshal should be present at each recognised group activity or event. Should they not be able to attend such event or activity they must appoint an Assistant Marshal/s.
- 4.12. Assistant Marshal/s can also be appointed to assist the Group Marshal or Senior Marshal with the running of an activity or event.
- 4.13. Should the Group Marshal fail to attend an event or activity or fail to appoint an Assistant Marshal, the authorized combatants can appoint an Assistant Marshal from their number.

N.B. While this By-Law will not instruct the group on the appointment of the Group Marshal or Assistant Marshals, it is expected that the appointment be made with reference to: Temperament, experience and level of authority and competency within the group.

5. Assistant Marshal

- 5.1. The Assistant Marshal is appointed from time to time by the Group Marshal, or in their absence by the group's combatants. There may be more than one Assistant Marshal appointed at any time.
- 5.2. They assume the responsibilities of the Group Marshal during the period of their absence or if assisting the Group Marshal at an event or activity.
- 5.3. The duration of the role of Assistant Marshal is at the discretion of the Group Marshal.



6. Combat Competence

- 6.1. It is the primary responsibility of the group to ensure that group combatants have the required skill and training for the combat undertaken.
- 6.2. Assessment of competence will focus on the individual's temperament, safety and understanding of the group's combat regulations.
- 6.3. It is the responsibility of the Group Marshal to assess and vouch for the individual's competence. A record of the levels of attainment and authorizations of combatants is to be maintained by the Group Marshal. (See 4.5)
- 6.4. The QLHF committee can be requested to appoint a suitably competent person to assess a group combatant on the group's request. Should such a request be made, the assessment of the person is final.
- 6.5. While the QLHF committee will not generally be involved in the assessment of an individual, the committee may become involved if concern is expressed by other groups regarding the safety of an individual or group or if the committee becomes aware of serious or life-threatening injury.

7. Conduct of Combat

- 7.1. No individual has the obligation to engage in combat with any other person under any scenario or situation. No reason or explanation will be required by that individual. The QLHF committee may ask as to the reason for the refusal for future reference
- 7.2. No group has the obligation to engage in combat with any other group under any scenario or situation. Further a group has the right to request the exclusion of an individual of another group as condition of entry into combat. No reason or explanation will be required by the group. The QLHF committee may ask as to the reason for the refusal or condition for future reference.

8. Insurance

- 8.1. It is the duty of group to ensure that all participants are suitably insured for the activity being conducted (Note: QLHF members are provided insurance coverage as part of being a member)
- 8.2. QLHF members are NOT considered insured if the member has membership fees outstanding
- 8.3. It is the duty of the group to inform the QLHF committee of events that they are attending, preferably via E-mail.
- 8.4. The QLHF Group Marshal or QLHF Committee can be requested to appoint a suitably competent person to assess a group combatant on the group's request. Should such a request be made, the assessment of the person is final.

9. Injuries

- 9.1. Should a combatant or performer suffer an injury that results in bleeding, the combatant or performer should cease combat and remove themselves as soon as it's safe to do so.
- 9.2. Should a combatant suffer an injury that may affect their safety or the safety of others in continuing combat, the combatant should cease combat and assess the injury. The Combatant should only return to combat once it's safe to do so.
- 9.3. Should an injury be serious or life threatening, all combat and performance activity is to cease immediately and medical attention sort.
- 9.4. The QLHF committee reserves the right to investigate any injury with the view to instigating disciplinary action as it sees fit.

10. Profanities

- 10.1. No member shall use profanities while at an event in any language.
- 10.2. In implementing this guideline, suitable allowance will be given to the specifics of the incident.
- 10.3. Persistent repeat offenders may be removed from the event by the Senior Marshal after a warning.

11. Group Marshal's Duty regarding Vehicles.

- 11.1. Group Marshals are responsible for making sure all members of the vehicle crews are aware of the rules of usage before the display commences.
- 11.2. All licensed owners and users of vehicles in a group shall conduct safety checks on their respective vehicles before the display commences. They are then to report to their Group Marshal whether their vehicles are safe or unsafe.
- 11.3. Vehicle owners shall meet after any event with their Group Marshal to report any incidents or matters of safety requiring further action to be taken.

12. Marshal Accreditation:

A Group Marshal can accredit Marshals by:

1. conducting the Marshal Accreditation as provided by QLHF;
2. issuing the QLHF Marshal Certificate; and
3. ensuring that the Muster is updated.



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