

## West Kingdom Equestrian Authorization Form (3/08)

**Modern Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **SCA Name:** (if the rider has not chosen a name, use "First Name" + "of Branch" i.e. *John of the Mists* \_\_\_\_\_)

**Please check one:**

- ☐ New authorization / information change  
☐ Information same as before (re-authorization / addition to current authorization)

Address (street/city/state/zip) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Principality/Branch \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth (if Minor) \_\_\_\_\_

### Sample Riding Authorization Procedure

A riding authorization may consist of any procedure that the authorizing marshal deems necessary, so long as the rider demonstrates the requirements set forth in Section II.B.1 of the Society regulations. A suitable procedure might consist of the following:

- 1) Complete the contact information section above and sign the SCA standard Equestrian Waiver. Submit this form and the waiver to the KEO within 10 days of authorization.
- 2) A conversation with the rider to determine familiarity with the rules, the games, and the nature of SCA equestrian activities.
- 3) A verbal examination of the rider that shows the rider understands his or her current skill level and how well he or she knows the horse he or she is intending to ride that day.
- 4) The rider should demonstrate the ability to control his or her mount by riding a pattern that includes circles in both directions, changing of gaits and halting on command. The rider should demonstrate either the ability to ride at any gait, or the ability to recognize that a gait is beyond his or her current skills.

**Marshal:** This form is to be used when authorizing, adding an additional authorization, or re-authorizing (every 4 years). Completely fill out all applicable fields. This form contains a check list that follows the steps in the authorization process. The Marshal in charge of the authorization should initial each section as it is completed. After this form has been completed, issue a permanent card to the newly authorized (or update their existing card) and send this form to the Kingdom Equestrian Officer. A signed SCA Equestrian waiver must be completed or on file with the Kingdom Equestrian Officer. Equestrian waivers must be signed at each event with Equestrian activities.

### Basic Riding Authorization

### Mounted Games Authorization

Authorized By \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized By \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Special Authorizations** (Rider must also be an authorized Equestrian Rider) (circle one): Driving Mounted Archery  
Crest Combat Jousting Mounted Combat Authorized By \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Basic Riding checklist:

Initials/date

Rider demonstrates ability to maintain his/her seat and control their mount at the gaits for which the rider is authorizing. This includes transitioning between gaits (if applicable), turning, and bringing the horse to a stop from the fastest gait. Stops at marshals "hold" call.	
Understands personal responsibility for tack inspection and horse treatment	
Understands role of marshalate, authorization process, and different authorizations	

### Mounted Games checklist

Demonstrates control of mount and weapon while completing a "Beheading the Enemy" or alternate pattern that demonstrates the rider's ability to control both their mount and the weapon. Stops at marshals "hold" call.	
Demonstrates proper swing of sword or mace (away from horse)	
Demonstrates proper use of spear or lance during games and at end of run (tip up)	
Understands what to do if a horse becomes unruly, uncontrollable, or if the rider becomes unbalanced	
Demonstrates proper handing of a weapon to/from Ground Crew (does not point tip at crew)	