

Kingdom of Calontir Minors' Policy
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1. Parents are responsible for providing proper supervision of their children at all times. Children who are being disruptive, destructive, or who are without appropriate supervision will be returned to their parents, who will be informed of the situation. If, after being so informed, the parent still fails to provide proper supervision or control the child's behavior, both parent and child will be asked to leave the site.
2. **Waivers:** All minors (under age 18) must have a minor's waiver filled out and signed by the parent or court-appointed legal guardian. If the minor is an SCA member with a blue card, this constitutes the required waiver. If the minor is not a member, then the parent must complete a waiver for each SCA function the minor attends.
3. **Medical authorizations:** All minors not accompanied by a parent or legal guardian must have a medical authorization which has been completed and signed by the parent. The authorization must designate a person over 18, who accompanies the child to the event, as the person responsible for the child's medical treatment. This person is also responsible for supervising the child during the event.
4. Waiver policy for Lilies War: If a child under 18 attends the Lilies War without a parent or court-appointed legal guardian, then he/she must have both a minor's waiver and a medical authorization, filled out and signed by the parent, and notarized. The person named on the medical authorization must be over 21, and must accompany the child to the event and remain on site while the child is on site. The notarized forms must be provided for any child attending without parents, regardless of whether he or she is a member or has a blue card. At all times a minor child is present on site, there must also be on site a parent, legal guardian, or responsible adult named in a NOTARIZED waiver. This means parents either take their children with them when they leave site, or have NOTARIZED medical waivers for their children.
5. **Combat activities:** Sixteen- and seventeen-year-olds may participate in armored combat with their parents' permission. The parent must also witness armored combat at an event or fighter practice. There are additional requirements for 16- and 17-year-olds to participate in armored combat; these are available from the Earl Marshal's office.
6. **Archery:** Children age 12 and older may participate in target archery and thrown weapons competitions with their parents' permission. Children under the age of 12 must have a parent or legal guardian with them on the archery line within arm's reach. There is no lower age limit for archery activities, but any individual incapable of safely handling a weapon will not be allowed to use it. Any individual, regardless of age, who is not capable of safely following the rules of the line and the commands of the line marshal will not be allowed to participate in target archery.

It is possible for children under 12 who demonstrate sufficient skill and safety to be granted a Special Dispensation to participate in archery activities without the standard parental

presence. This dispensation requires the signatures of the parent and two recommending warranting marshals--at least one of which should be from outside the child's local group. This dispensation must be approved by the Archer General or one of his/her deputies. A card confirming this status will be issued. The card can be revoked if the child consistently demonstrates a lack of safe practices, and must be presented for the child to shoot without a parent present.

7. Equestrian Activities: Minors must have a parent or legal guardian within view at all times while they participate in any equestrian activity. The parent or legal guardian must sign an equestrian waiver each time the minor participates in an equestrian activity. Children under age 5 will not be allowed to participate in equestrian activities; no child who cannot stay in the saddle and control their mount unassisted may participate. Minors must authorize on the horse they will use and with the specific equipment they will use. All minors must wear ASTM or Snell Equestrian Riding Helmets, with chin strap fastened, at all times while mounted. There are certain other restrictions on minors' participation in equestrian activities; the Earl Marshal's deputy for equestrian activities can provide further details.
8. Ministry of Children: The Ministry of Children exists to provide educational activities in an SCA setting for children between the ages of 3 and 17. Ministers of children are teachers, they are not babysitters. Children may attend MoC activities without a parent if they are old enough to recognize and take care of their own physical needs (such as going to the bathroom, eating or drinking), and if they can follow simple directions and control their behavior. The Minister of Children may put an upper limit on the number of children attending activities without their parents if adequate assistance is not available for there to be a safe teacher/student ratio. Any children attending MoC activities who become uncooperative or disruptive will be returned to their parents and may be barred from further participation in that day's activities unless accompanied by a parent. Furthermore, any children who have had to be removed from MoC activities on more than two occasions may be barred from participating in any future activities unless accompanied by a parent. Parents are required to sign their children in and out of MoC activities.