

## EQUESTRIAN WAIVER POLICY CLARIFICATION

We have been quite fortunate in recent years to be able to enhance our historical recreation and event ambiance by involving horses more in our normal proceedings and activities. In addition to the typical equestrian activities traditionally enjoyed we now frequently have processions, demonstrations and folks just riding around at events on horseback. Along with the added enjoyment such inclusion affords come some inherent risks, however. Horses are large animals and while we are quite careful about oversight and control of all horses at events, we can never completely rule out the possibility of an incident occurring which could result in an injury. The SCA Legal Committee has determined that our standard waiver is insufficient for proper coverage where equines are concerned, so we are required to also sign an Equestrian Waiver anytime we are around horses at an event. We understand that this is a minor inconvenience, but it is important enough to warrant the additional requirement.

Society policy requires that anyone attending an SCA event that might come into contact with horses sign the SCA Equestrian Waiver. *Therefore, anytime equines are to be allowed at an event outside of a designated equestrian area, all event attendees must sign the SCA Equestrian Waiver in addition to any other required waivers before being allowed to enter the site.* The only feasible way for this to be accomplished is for everyone to sign the waiver at the gate as they enter. Please note that the equestrian waiver is a separate waiver and will need to be signed by everyone in these situations, including members with a blue card.

If you are uncertain as to whether or not an event should require the additional Equestrian Waiver, please contact the Equestrian Marshallate in your Kingdom for clarification. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Sincerely,  
*Duke Eringlin Aldhelm*  
Society Equestrian Officer