

Society Seneschal's Corpora interpretation regarding the authority of a Kingdom Earl Marshal to issue or confirm martial authorizations, upheld by the Board July 24, 2022

Per Corpora IX.A.1: "The Earl Marshal shall warrant marshals in order to conduct martial activities within their kingdom. Marshals are officers of the Society and shall be warranted in accordance with Society procedures laid down for warranting officers. In addition, marshals shall be warranted with particular authorities as defined by the Earl Marshal, whether those be by discipline (e.g. armored vs. fencing), role (e.g. field marshal or authorizing marshal) or other defined roles in the chain of command (e.g. Deputy Earl Marshal)."

If the Earl Marshal has the authority to warrant all other marshals in the kingdom (as they clearly do from the above) and to define the areas of authority within the marshallate of their kingdom, then it stands to reason the Earl Marshal is the ultimate arbiter of authorizations for all martial systems within their kingdom. For the duration of the Earl Marshal's term, they are able to issue or confirm authorizations in any such system, in accordance with any relevant kingdom laws, regardless of whether they had previously been an authorized marshal in that particular system.