



Medieval Combat Society

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COVID-19 EVENT POLICY

1) Purpose and Scope of the COVID-19 Event Policy

- a) To ensure that all members of The Society in response to COVID-19 act in a consistent manner, to acceptable standards and are aware of their responsibilities.
- b) The Society COVID-19 Event Policy consists of a set of rules and advice which The Society will follow with regard to the handling of the COVID-19 virus.

2) Advice to Members

- a) The UK government has removed all the remaining COVID-19 restrictions in England. There are still steps you can take to reduce the risk of catching and spreading COVID-19. The UK government offers the following advice.
 - Get vaccinated.
 - Let fresh air in if meeting indoors, or meet outside.
 - Consider wearing a face covering in crowded, enclosed spaces.
- b) While not a requirement, members are encouraged to perform a COVID-19 lateral flow test the day before an event if they have symptoms of COVID-19 (high temperature, a new continuous cough, a loss or change to the sense of smell or taste or difficulty breathing) and to consider not attending an event for the benefit of others within the society, particularly those members with co-morbidity issues.
- c) Face coverings are no longer necessary in any location; members can / should however continue to wear masks out of the arena if they feel more confident doing so.

3) Actions by the Society

- a) The Society will maintain a record of attendance for each event although no longer required for track and trace requirements. This is to allow the committee to inform members if a new outbreak occurs at an event.
- b) The Society will follow any and all government guidelines/legal requirements which arise now or in the future at the time of any event. Members are expected to support and follow that guidance.

4) Shared Use of Equipment

- a) Whilst sharing eating and drinking utensils is no longer prohibited, normal common-sense dictates this should be done with care and attention for the other members.
- b) When fighters receive water, it is expedient if each member provides a tankard or other suitable drinking vessel for their personal use.

5) General Requirements

- a) It is each members responsibility to be COVID-19 aware and take any appropriate measures they personally consider or advice from the government to limit the potential spread of the virus.
- b) The committee reserve the right to amend/change this policy without warning at any time in light of any new / recurring strain or pandemic that may or may not occur in the future.