

## Combat Safety Guidelines – [www.lms.asn.au](http://www.lms.asn.au)

*At the Leongatha Medieval Society we strive to uphold the ancient and sacred law that thou must have fun!*

All rules below apply to combat conducted within the activities of LMS Inc.

1. Any person partaking in combat activities associated to LMS must abide by the club safety rules and obey all verbal rulings directed by the Sergeant At Arms, Safety Officer, and acting Safety Officer or by any committee members present.

2. **Non-members** may attend a total of 3 training sessions before being required to become a member. A disclaimer (Training session role book with a cost of \$2 per session) must be signed and paid for prior to commencement of participation.

The LMS Combat Rules must also be read by either the attending adult or by the attending child's parent/guardian.

**LMS members** must 'sign in' in the Combat attendance role book and pay the attendance fee per training session.

3. All members or non-members participating in LMS combat activities must be accompanied by an adult or guardian if under the age of 18 years.

4. Safe and responsible behaviour must be up-held at all times by all persons involved with LMS. Should a person breach this ruling, and depending on the nature of the offence, a verbal warning will be given by the Sergeant at Arms or other present authorities as mentioned in rule No. 1. (A direct suspension of membership may also be issued and non-members will be exempt from any further participation from thereafter the incident. A committee decision will be made as to determine the suspended member's ongoing involvement with the club, if any.)

5. All new LMS members will be given a briefing of Re-enactment safety in general. Lack of competence in understanding these rules will result in no further participation within the club regarding combat.

6. We strongly advise that those participating in LMS combat training wear the appropriate protective gear. We thereafter take no responsibility if a participant incurs injuries due to not wearing recommended protective gear.

7. LMS require combat participants to wear historical 14<sup>th</sup> Century English soft-kit as well as hard-kit to certain events. Such events with this requirement will be clearly stated and advertised on the forum under Events or in any other appropriate section. Any attire deemed inaccurate will result in the member being asked to remove such attire.

If you are intending to partake in any form of pictorial advertising whilst representing LMS Inc. you must seek Committee approval prior to the event.

(Please refer to the Forum in the section Arms, Armour and Combat, LMS Historical Attire, to seek recommended period correct attire. Otherwise please seek the advice from the current secretary.)

8. Any person using LMS Inc. club equipment must follow safety and usage instructions and show competency of understanding them. Breaching any instruction will result in being banned from using club equipment.

9. As we at LMS are a 14<sup>th</sup> Century English re-enactment club we encourage new members to obtain their own training gear (All new equipment obtained by a new member must be safety checked by the Sergeant at Arms or Safety Officer prior to use at any LMS activity or event.)\*. Suppliers can be found in the Links section on the Forum.

\*Please seek advice from the club Sergeant at Arms before finalising your choice of Equipment.

10. Respect between personalities within the club must be adhered to at all times. As the committee we do not tolerate any verbal slurring, any physical violence or bullying of any kind outright. This also extends to visitors to our club and the general public whilst a member is representing LMS Inc. in any way. Your safety is also the safety of fellow combatants and public alike. This even includes when wearing any LMS Inc. official garment before or after partaking in an LMS associated event and/ or in your own free time. Our aim is to gain a healthy interest in our club, not to cause disinterest.