

Frequently Asked Questions on Medical Minor Authorizations (MMAs)

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SECTION I: Information for Participants

When does a minor need a signed and notarized MMA?

A minor (under 18 years of age) attending an event or engaging in fighting activities without their parent or legal guardian present must bring two additional things with them:

- 1) an adult responsible for the minor
- 2) an MMA form, signed and notarized by the minor's parent or legal guardian, giving the responsible adult the authority to seek medical treatment for the minor.

A copy of the MMA form can be found on the webpages of the Atlantian Senechal.

An MMA and responsible adult will be required at three times:

- 1) when checking in at troll;
- 2) when checking in to fight at an MoL table; and
- 3) when checking in to fight at a fighting activity outside of an event (fighter practice or demo).

If a minor's parents or legal guardians are present, does the minor need an MMA?

No. Even if a minor is fighting, the minor does not need an MMA if the minor's parent or legal guardian is present.

How long do MMAs last?

MMA forms have a space for an expiration date, and the MMA can be utilized over and over until that expiration date, which can be several years in the future. The easiest way to make sure that an MMA does not expire before the minor no longer needs it is to make the MMA form expires on the minor's 18th birthday.

Why do MMAs have to be notarized?

Some local jurisdictions within the Kingdom do not provide treatment to minors without a signed and notarized MMA form. The pertinent jurisdiction will be the jurisdiction to which the minor and responsible adult go for treatment, and in some cases, this jurisdiction will not even be the same jurisdiction as the event. While traveling to and from far away events, minors and responsible adults could pass through several jurisdictions during their travels. As a result of all of these things, the decision was made to require notarization for all MMAs in the Kingdom, thereby ensuring that any MMA will be sufficient for attending all events within the Kingdom.

Do I need to have a separate MMA for each minor?

Yes.

Do I need to have a separate MMA for each responsible adult?

No. There are several spaces on the MMA form for responsible adults, so that several adults can be listed on the same form. It is recommended that as many potential future responsible adults be added to the form as possible when it is originally signed and notarized, to decrease the need to pursue additional MMA forms.

Do I turn in a copy of the MMA at the event?

No. Neither the troll nor the autocrat (and especially not the Kingdom Waiver Secretary!) will need the MMA form, as they will not be the ones obtaining medical treatment for the minor. It is recommended that either the responsible adult keep the form with them, or that the form be kept with the minor, depending on the maturity level of the minor involved. In either case, the form will be with the responsible adult and the minor when medical treatment is sought, which is the point of the MMA in the first place.

Do I need to have a new MMA signed and notarized for each event?

No. As the MMA form does not get turned in, the same form can be used over and over again, for up to 18 years if necessary until the minor can legally be considered an adult.

SECTION II: Information for Seneschals, Event Stewards, and Reservationists

When does a minor need a signed and notarized MMA to enter an event?

A minor (under 18 years of age) attending an event without their parent or legal guardian must bring two additional things with them:

- 1) an adult responsible for the minor; and
- 2) an MMA form, signed and notarized by the minor's parent or legal guardian, giving the responsible adult the authority to seek medical treatment for the minor.

If a minor's parents or legal guardians are present, does the minor need an MMA?

No.

Do I need to see picture ID proof of an adult's or minor's identity? Do I need to see proof of parenthood or guardianship?

No. For all minors checking in to an event with their parent or legal guardian, ask the adult if they are the parent or legal guardian of the minor. If they say yes, then we require no proof. Alternatively, for all minors checking in to an event with a responsible adult and MMA, ask the adult if they are the responsible adult and minor listed on the MMA form. If they say yes, then we require no proof.

How can I tell if an MMA is expired?

There is a place on the MMA form for expiration date. This date can be several years in the future and be legal, no matter how long ago the original MMA form was signed and notarized. If the expiration date has passed, then the MMA form is expired.

Can I accept a photocopy of an MMA?

No. Photocopies of notarized signatures are no longer considered notarized, and are therefore not valid.

Do I collect the MMA at the event?

No. It is recommended that either the responsible adult keep the form with them, or that the form be kept with the minor, depending on the maturity level of the minor involved. In either case, the form will be with the responsible adult and the minor when medical treatment is sought, which is the point of the MMA in the first place. If you collect the form, then the form will not be where it is needed should the minor require medical assistance.

What do I do if a minor comes to an event without their parent or legal guardian, and without a signed and notarized MMA?

The minor cannot be admitted to the event. You will have to tell both the minor and the responsible adult with the minor that they must leave the premises of the event until they can return with a signed and notarized MMA form. Under no circumstances should the minor remain outside of the event alone while the responsible adult enters the event.

SECTION III: Information for Marshals

When does a minor need a signed and notarized MMA to participate in a fighting activity (fighter practice or demo) outside of an event?

A minor (under 18 years of age) attending an fighting activity (fighter practice or demo) without their parent or legal guardian must bring two additional things with them:

- 1) an adult responsible for the minor; and
- 2) an MMA form, signed and notarized by the minor's parent or legal guardian, giving the responsible adult the authority to seek medical treatment for the minor.

If a minor's parents or legal guardians are present, does the minor need an MMA?

No.

Do I need to see picture ID proof of an adult's or minor's identity? Do I need to see proof of parenthood or guardianship?

No. For all minors checking in to a fighting activity outside of an event with their parent or legal guardian, ask the adult if they are the parent or legal guardian of the minor. If they say yes, then we require no proof. Alternatively, for all minors checking in to a fighting activity outside of an event with a responsible adult and MMA, ask the adult if they are the responsible adult and minor listed on the MMA form. If they say yes, then we require no proof.

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No. Photocopies of notarized signatures are no longer considered notarized, and are therefore not valid.

Do I collect the MMA at the fighting activity?

No. It is recommended that either the responsible adult keep the form with them, or that the form be kept with the minor, depending on the maturity level of the minor involved. In either case, the form will be with the responsible adult and the minor when medical treatment is sought, which is the point of the MMA in the first place. If you collect the form, then the form will not be where it is needed should the minor require medical assistance.

What do I do if a minor comes to a fighting activity outside of an event without their parent and legal guardian, and without a signed and notarized MMA?

The minor cannot participate in the fighting activity. The minor is allowed to remain at the site where the fighting activity is being held, and is allowed participate in other non-fighting activities taking place at the site.

SECTION IV: Information for Ministers of the List (MOLs)

When does a minor need a signed and notarized MMA to sign in to fight at an event?

A minor (under 18 years of age) signing in to fight at an event without their parent or legal guardian present must bring two additional things with them:

- 1) an adult responsible for the minor; and
- 2) an MMA form, signed and notarized by the minor's parent or legal guardian, giving the responsible adult the authority to seek medical treatment for the minor.

If a minor's parents or legal guardians are present, does the minor need an MMA?

No.

Do I need to see picture ID proof of an adult's or minor's identity? Do I need to see proof of parenthood or guardianship?

No. For all minors signing in to fight at an event with their parent or legal guardian, ask the adult if they are the parent or legal guardian of the minor. If they say yes, then we require no proof. Alternatively, for all minors signing in to fight at an event with a responsible adult and MMA, ask the adult if they are the responsible adult and minor listed on the MMA form. If they say yes, then we require no proof.

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Can I accept a photocopy of an MMA?

No. Photocopies of notarized signatures are no longer considered notarized, and are therefore not valid.

Do I collect the MMA at the MoL table?

No. It is recommended that either the responsible adult keep the form with them, or that the form be kept with the minor, depending on the maturity level of the minor involved. In either case, the form will be with the responsible

adult and the minor when medical treatment is sought, which is the point of the MMA in the first place. If you collect the form, then the form will not be where it is needed should the minor require medical assistance.

What do I do if a minor comes to sign in to fight at an event without their parent or legal guardian, and without a signed and notarized MMA?

The minor cannot sign in to fight until they return with either:

- 1) their legal parent or guardian; or
- 2) an MMA form and designated responsible adult.