

Kingdom of the OUTLANDS COVID 19 Policy

The Kingdom of the Outlands has adopted the Society COVID 19 Policy with 1 modification. The policy, and Kingdom modification is detailed in the following document.

Disclaimer: Due to the nature of the pandemic, policies at all levels may change frequently and the document will be updated as they do. The most current documents will be found on sca.org. We will follow these policies unless they are superseded by mundane law. In the Kingdom of the Outlands, this policy is superseded in the State of Texas.

Current Society policies:

Variance to Board Resolution of May 25, 2021, Regarding Preregistration Requirements

JUNE 17, 2021

The Reopening Resolution approved by the SCA Board of Directors at their May 25, 2021 conference call meeting required preregistration for all SCA functions. As attendance caps will no longer be required, and the need to collect attendee information for contact tracing, while still present, is reduced, the Society Seneschal in cooperation with the President has issued an implementation variance to the May 25 Resolution regarding preregistration. The goal is to allow for the efficient operation of Society events while still preserving the ability to provide attendee information to government or health authorities if requested.

Therefore, preregistration for SCA events will no longer be required starting July 1, 2021.

All who attend any SCA sponsored event in North America including local meetings, fighter practices, etc. must be signed in on a roster, at Troll, etc. prior to entering the event. This can be a roster sign-up sheet for small events, but along with a legal name the attendee must provide some method of contact. That can be email, phone number, or street address. Kingdoms may add additional requirements for events as they choose, but in all cases, there should be a complete list of those who are at any SCA event. Such event/meeting rosters should be kept by the local Seneschal or in the manner prescribed by the Kingdoms for such information. Such information will be held pending further instructions by the Society Seneschal or President.

Kingdoms and groups may continue to require preregistration for certain functions at their discretion.

JULY 27, 2021

The SCA Board of Directors further lifts the suspension of in-person activity in North America, effective August 1, 2021, provided adherence to the items in this resolution;

1. All attendees in North America must follow all national, province, territory, state, and local health guidelines at SCA events. In addition, at all North American SCA events:
 - a. Kingdoms may continue to require the use of masks at their events as they deem necessary;
 - b. As research has shown that minimal transmission occurs from food, the serving of feasts, inns, day boards, and buffet-style food is now allowed at the Kingdom's discretion;
 - c. Large coolers to dispense water into individual personal containers are now permitted;
 - d. To facilitate contact tracing, all who attend any SCA-sponsored event in North America (including local meetings, fighter practices, etc.) must be signed in on a roster prior to entering the event; and
 - e. The following language is required to appear on all event notices, flyers, online announcements, and advertisements, as well as being posted in multiple locations (including gate) at any and all SCA-sponsored functions going forward:
Although the SCA complies with all applicable laws to ensure the health and safety of our event participants, we cannot eliminate the risk of exposure to infectious diseases during in-person events. By participating in the in-person events of the SCA, you acknowledge and accept the potential risks. You agree to take any additional steps to protect your own health and safety and those under your control as you believe to be necessary.
2. Any Kingdoms that propose any deviation from the above restrictions must request a variance from the Society Seneschal in order to hold the proposed event. The Society Seneschal shall have the authority to grant or deny these requests. These requests will be reviewed by the Board using the same review method used for variances to Corpora; and,
3. Enforcement of this resolution will be coordinated by the Society Seneschal and President of SCA Inc.

SEPTEMBER 27, 2021

Proof of Fully Vaccinated Status or Negative COVID Test

In addition to the existing policy allowing Kingdoms to establish a mask policy, Kingdom Seneschals in consultation with the Crown shall have the discretion to implement the following policy requiring proof of COVID vaccination or a negative COVID test taken within 72 hours of an event start time from all event attendees:

Proof of being fully vaccinated must be in the form of a government issued card (original or photograph) or an electronic record.

Proof of negative COVID test must be issued from a licensed medical provider and presented in such paper form or electronic form that the event staff can verify its authenticity. Letterhead from a medical provider or an email address clearly identifying the medical provider as the sender of an electronic record shall constitute authentic proof.

All persons over the age of 18 must present government issued photo identification along with the proof of being fully vaccinated or a negative COVID test. Parents and guardians of minors must present their own identification along with proof of being fully vaccinated or a negative COVID test for all minors attending an event in their care.

Proof of vaccination or a negative COVID test shall not be required for children under 12. Children that are aged 3-11 shall wear a mask.

In addition to the normal sanctions process, anyone challenging event staff regarding the enforcement of this COVID policy shall be denied entry to or be immediately removed from the event.

OCTOBER 25, 2021 The Kingdom must check for proof of being fully vaccinated or a negative COVID test at an event. The event organizer may designate multiple people to perform the vaccination/negative COVID test check where each person performing the check is responsible for all people whose last name begins within a specified subset of the alphabet (for example, one person for A-H, one person for I-M, etc.)

The event organizer, or their designee, shall maintain a list of names and times of the person(s) conducting the check at the entrance. A separate list shall be maintained for each alphabet group. Once the entrance is closed at the event, said person(s) will sign a statement at the bottom of the list of names and times, which reads:

“I have monitored the event entrance at the times noted above, and I have verified that each person age 12 and over with last names through __, entering the event during that time to have shown me proper identification, along with either proof of being fully vaccinated or a negative COVID test taken within 72 hours of the start of the event.”

The event organizer, or their designee, shall forward the signed statement(s) to the Kingdom Seneschal, or their designee, who shall maintain such records in accordance with the standards for retention of waivers.

Kingdom Seneschals shall notify the Society Seneschal where local, state, provincial, or national law supersedes this policy.

NOVEMBER 29, 2021 All persons over the age of 18 must present government issued photo identification or a current SCA membership card along with the proof of being fully vaccinated or a negative COVID test. Parents

and guardians of minors must present their own identification along with proof of being fully vaccinated or a negative COVID test for all minors attending an event in their care.

DECEMBER 28, 2021 Proof of vaccination or a negative COVID test shall not be required for children who are ineligible by virtue of their age. In addition to the normal sanctions process, anyone challenging event staff regarding the enforcement of this COVID policy shall be denied entry to or be immediately removed from the event.

Summary of Society Policies:

Everyone must sign in with contact information at any SCA function--practices, meetings, weekend events, etc.

Those sheets are to be retained by the local seneschal for 60 days.

The "COVID notice" that the Board enacted which states that people attend at their own risk must be included in all event copy and also posted on the site, including at practices, etc., so it can be seen by everyone.

The kingdom has enacted the COVIDSafe policy with regard to vaccines or negative tests, which means everyone needs to provide proof of one or the other at every SCA function they attend.

COVIDSafe policies--

- One or more people check at the event entrance. *No record of this checking is made--no check-off sheets, etc.* For something with larger attendance they should not perform any other gate function at the same time.
- The people doing the checking must sign the "I checked" statement, which is then submitted to the waiver officer following waiver procedures.
- It is the responsibility of the event steward, or other person responsible for the event (such as the local marshal for a practice) to ensure this is done.
- It's okay to give out some sort of token to show that the vaccine/test check has been done.

- *At this time* it does not apply to children who are of an age where they cannot be vaccinated.

Kingdom policies:

- The Kingdom of the Outlands is strongly suggesting pre-registration at all events as to prevent overwhelming the site. This is not intended to keep them out of the event
- The Kingdome of the Outlands is requiring masking at all indoor events. As pursuant to New Mexico State requirements, and CDC recommendations.

OUTLANDS CURRENT POLICIES

(Unless superseded by mundane law)

	Outdoor Practices/Meetings	Indoor Practices/Meetings	Outdoor Events	Indoor Events
Permitted	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Suggested Pre-Registration	No	No	Yes	Yes
Requires Proof of Vaccination / Proof of Negative COVID-19 Test Within 72 Hours) for eligible individuals	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Masks Required Vaccinated children	No	Yes	No	Yes
Masks Required Unvaccinated children except under 3.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Feasts Allowed	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Individuals May Hand Out food	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Social Distancing Required	No	No	No	No
Sign Regarding COVID-19 required	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Water Coolers for dispensing into drinking vessels allowed	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Outdoor Practices/Meetings	Indoor Practices/Meetings	Outdoor Events	Indoor Events
Method for Contacting Required Participants Required	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

COVID CHECK POLICIES

- Government Issued ID or membership card Must be shown for everyone ages 18+
- Negative tests must be within 72 hours of arriving
- Negative tests must contain proof of being a licensed provider
- A single person shall be responsible for checking this for a given period of time and set of last names. In other words, multiple people may check for a specified period of time but may only be assigned to a certain set of names (potentially A-Z). The specified period of time could be the whole event. It is recommended where possible to have one individual in charge of the COVID check area at any given time.
- Each person checking must sign a testimonial provided by the seneschal, and as pursuant to Society guidance.
- As per society policy, individuals attending an event need to sign in and give their contact information. This will be sent to the local seneschal who will keep it for 60 days. To keep this simple, it is recommended that this be kept separate from gate sheets.