



# Society for Creative Anachronism Ltd (Australia)

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## Information for Legal Guardians

### Authorising Minors to Attend SCA Ltd Events

#### Summary

This document contains information for Legal Guardians and Nominated Caregivers in charge of minors at SCA Ltd events, and the consent form required to be completed for a minor to attend an SCA Ltd event.

#### Authorisation

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#### General Information

The Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA) Ltd. is a not-for-profit nationally incorporated body dedicated to the recreation of pre-1600s medieval European life. This includes martial activities, Arts and Sciences and social activities.

SCA Ltd endeavours to create an environment that is safe and friendly, where anyone can have fun in a medieval setting. Although SCA Ltd is NOT an organisation devoted to the running of events specifically for minors, there are several activities that are provided for minors who attend. SCA Ltd allows minors to participate in the activities only where it is considered safe that they may do so.

As a responsible Legal Guardian, we expect you to be fully aware of the SCA Ltd activities in which the minor will participate. Be aware that SCA Ltd does not have insurance that will cover accidents and injuries to participants. The indemnity you must sign for the minor to attend SCA Ltd events identifies you as the person responsible for all costs associated with the minor attending the SCA Ltd activities as well as any costs if they are injured whilst participating in SCA Ltd events.

Minors may not consume alcohol, smoke tobacco or use illicit substances at SCA Ltd events. Any minors involved in these activities, and their accompanying guardian, will be asked to leave the event. Law Enforcement or other emergency services may need to be involved depending on the incident. Adults who have facilitated minors participating in these activities in the past have had their SCA Ltd membership revoked or denied for doing so.

#### Guardianship

If you are not attending an SCA Ltd event that you wish the minor to attend, to fulfil SCA Ltd's requirements, you will need to formally appoint an adult (18+ years of age) who fully understands the responsibilities of the role of guardian. This person is the Nominated Caregiver. ("Caregiver")

At all times, the safety and behaviour of the minor remain the responsibility of the Legal Guardian (“Guardian”). However, the Caregiver is responsible for the behaviour of the minor at an event where the guardian is not present. If the minor requires medical treatment, the Caregiver will be asked to contact the Guardian. If the Guardian cannot be reached, the Caregiver will be asked to make a decision. If the Caregiver leaves the event, the minor must accompany them.

A copy of a completed Nominated Caregiver Form will be required every twelve months to be provided to the local group Constable, and a copy of the Form must be carried by the Caregiver at each event and presented for sighting to the gatekeepers. If a member the Minors current membership card, with indemnity date, should also be presented at each event or a minors’ indemnity form will need to be signed.

Indemnities are required to be signed by members annually if an ongoing arrangement is desired, but may also be completed for the purposes of a single event. Non-members are required to sign indemnities each time they attend an official SCA Ltd function.

Without the required paperwork, the minor will not be allowed to attend SCA Ltd events.

### Further Information

For further information, please contact your local group constable (where available) or group seneschal.

For information on activities in Australia and New Zealand, start by visiting <http://lochac.sca.org/newcomers/>.

All those attending SCA Ltd events are expected to abide by the Code of Conduct, which can be found at <http://sca.org.au/board/documents/policy/code-of-conduct>. Those who work with children in the SCA are required to follow the Child Protection policy that which can be found, along with all other SCA Ltd policies and procedures, at <http://sca.org.au/board/documents/policy>.

<b>Further Information</b> For further information on the above policy, please contact the SCA Ltd Secretary by sending an email to <a href="mailto:secretary@sca.org.au">secretary@sca.org.au</a> or by writing to: The Secretary Society for Creative Anachronism Ltd PO BOX 4160 WESTON CREEK ACT 2611	<b>Revision History</b> First Draft: 05 Dec 2016 Adopted: 09 April 2017 Next Review: 09 April 2022
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**APPOINTMENT OF NOMINATED CAREGIVER**

**Original to Event Constable: must be archived with minor indemnity. Copy to be with Minor at all times.**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ being the legal guardian of  
(Print full legal name of legal guardian)

\_\_\_\_\_ (“the minor”), SCA Membership No. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print full legal name of minor)

being a minor of the age of \_\_\_\_\_ years (DOB: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_), request permission for the minor to participate in the events and activities, for which they are authorised, of the Society for Creative Anachronism Ltd (“the Society”) under the full care of:

\_\_\_\_\_ known in the Society as \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print full legal name)

The minor suffers from the following medical conditions (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

The Nominated Caregiver will be present at all times in my absence, or the minor will be required to leave the event.

My emergency contact details are: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Address and Phone number)

**I understand and agree**

1. That I am fully aware of the activities to be engaged in and that they may be dangerous to the minor and voluntarily accept the risks involved.
2. That I understand that some activities in the Society may be constrained by local laws and I shall take personal responsibility for ensuring that the minor knows and follows those laws.
3. That the minor will not participate in any combat related or equestrian activities that he or she is not appropriately authorised to participate in.

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_ WITNESS: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE:     /     /  
(Legal Guardian)

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I, \_\_\_\_\_ of, \_\_\_\_\_  
(Caregiver) (address)

agree to act as caregiver for the above Minor for SCA events and activities mentioned from \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_. I understand that if I leave an event or activity at any time, the minor will be also required to leave the event or activity. I understand that I am fully responsible for the safety of the minor in the absence of the Parent or Legal Guardian.

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_ WITNESS: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE:     /     /