

Shire of Lionsdale Policy #3

Champions Requirements Policy

Introduction

These policies were updated at the June 2008 Council meeting

Policy

1. Requirements and Non-requirements for Champions:

- a. The champion does not have to be a member of the SCA
- b. The champion will not be limited by proximity to the Shire
- c. The champion must provide current contact information to the autocrat of the event so contact with the Shire can be maintained
- d. The winner of the championship or a representative, must attend closing court/awards ceremony to receive the championship award
- e. The champion must have contact with the autocrat of the next championship event if they wish to run the tournament and not compete
- f. The champion or a representative must attend the tournament the following year to award the new champion with the shield (as part of the ceremony)
- g. It is requested that the champion provide an article related to their discipline, training, related interest, etc to the Pawprint for publication
- h. During the following year's championship awards ceremony, it is requested that the outgoing champion pass along a token to inspire the incoming champion to excel during their term

2. Requirements of Autocrats and Officers of the Shire:

- a. The autocrats of each championship event will be required to submit the list of new champions to Kingdom OP so they can be listed
- b. Champions will be invited to all Lionsdale events
- c. Current champions will be given free admission to all Lionsdale Champion's events (Winter's Tourney and Lionsdale Champions Tourney) and practices.
- d. Champions will have a set place at court at either championship event
- e. Championships must be awarded at closing court or a closing ceremony with the champion in attendance (extenuating circumstances will be taken into consideration and a representative can take the champion's place)
- f. There will be a list or "Hall of Champions" on the Lionsdale website for current and past champions of the Shire and listed with them, the winning entry if applicable
- g. Considerably raise the pageantry and ceremony related to recognising championships. If the event includes a feast then the recognition should be given at that time. If the event includes a closing court, recognition will be given then. If no closing court or feast, set a specific time for the recognition of championships with no distractions to limited the participation of the onlookers.

3. Repeat Champions:

- a. Champions will be allowed to repeat. Where a champion wishes to compete in the current year's tournament, the officer in charge of the discipline will determine the format and rules of the tournament, not the champion. This is to avoid the appearance of bias and conflict of interest.

4. Number of Competitors Required:

- a. It has been determined that the minimum number of competitors for a championship is three. If there are fewer than three competitors for any championship, the position will stand vacant until the following year.