

# Frequently Asked Questions on Medical Minor Authorizations (MMAs) for Marshals

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## **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 a 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.

## **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 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.