

# Frequently Asked Questions on Medical Minor Authorizations (MMAs) For Participants

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## **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.