



## THE CLASSICAL ACADEMY OF ARMS GOVERNING RULES

Amended 2 November 2018 to update the parliamentary authority language and to  
clarify procedures for dissolution  
Amended 7 July 2016 to add continuing education as a program  
Amended 12 March 2014 to better define the Academy's programs  
1 December 2004

### ARTICLE 1: Name

The name of this organization shall be the Classical Academy of Arms, hereinafter referred to as the Academy.

### ARTICLE 2: Form of Organization

The Academy is a non-profit membership professional association of individuals engaged in the study of classical fencing and composed of the Academy's faculty, staff, credential holders, and students as defined in Article 5.

### ARTICLE 3: Purpose

The Academy is organized exclusively for the educational purpose of conducting research as to the technique and practice of fencing during the classical period 1880-1939 CE and teaching and training fencers and coaches to value, preserve, and practice this portion of the sport of fencing's heritage.

### ARTICLE 4: Programs

In furtherance of the purpose of the Academy, the following educational programs shall be conducted:

Section 1: Training and credentialing individual trainers to teach the various Schools of classical fencing through a professional credentialing program.

Section 2: Provision of a program of non-professional training to expose individuals to the role of the trainer in the development of fencers.

Section 3: A continuing education program to assist members in maintain current knowledge of classical fencing.

Section 4: A skill development program that will support trainers by providing a curriculum and supporting materials for the delivery of training in classical fencing to individual fencers.

## ARTICLE 5: Membership

Section 1: The classes of members shall be:

Paragraph 1: Members – those individuals who hold a credential issued by the Academy attesting to their ability to research and teach classical fencing. Individuals currently pursuing completion of requirements for a credential are accorded membership for the period of their studies.

Paragraph 2: Faculty – those individuals who are qualified to teach the courses conducted by the Academy and who regularly do so.

Paragraph 3: Examiners – those individuals qualified to conduct the Academy's oral and practical examinations for credentials.

Paragraph 4: Research Fellows – those individual scholars who conduct and publish research on the social context, technique, teaching, and practice of classical fencing.

Paragraph 5: Review Board Members – those individuals with such appropriate qualifications as needed who volunteer to assist the Academy in the development of its programs by providing advice and guidance based on their experience.

Section 2: Requirements for each membership class shall be published in the Academy's Program Manual. Membership shall be by election by majority vote of the existing members.

Section 3: The membership of the Academy may establish membership fees as necessary to support the operations of the Academy.

Section 4: Members, Faculty, and Examiners shall conduct an annual program of continuing education in order to retain their credentials. Failure to maintain their credential will result in a lapse of membership.

#### ARTICLE 6: Officers

Section 1: The members of the Academy shall elect a Director to manage the affairs of the Academy. The Director shall serve consecutive one year terms starting at the start of the fencing year until such time as he or she resigns from office, is unable to continue in office, is removed from office for cause, or a new Director is nominated and elected.

Section 2: The Director shall appoint such additional officers as may be necessary for the effective management of the Academy.

#### ARTICLE 7: Reports

The Director shall deliver an annual report to the membership each year at the close of the fencing year.

#### ARTICLE 8: Operational Years and Annual Meeting

Section 1: The fiscal year of the Academy shall extend from 1 January to 31 December.

Section 2: The operational year of the Academy shall be the fencing year from 1 August to 31 July.

Section 3: The annual meeting of the Academy shall be held each year in July and may be conducted in person or by electronic means.

#### ARTICLE 9: Affiliations

The Academy shall maintain an affiliation with the United States Center for Coaching Excellence, work to achieve and maintain accreditation by the National Committee for the Accreditation of Coaching Education, and establish a working relationship with a national or international body that serves professional fencing coaches.

#### ARTICLE 10: Conducting Business by Electronic Means

The business of the Academy, including meetings and voting, may be conducted by electronic means.

## ARTICLE 11: Finance and Dissolution

Section 1: No part of the net earnings of the Academy shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, officers, or other private persons, except that the Academy shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article 3 above. No substantial part of the activities of the Academy shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Academy shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the Academy shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that aren't in furtherance of the purposes of the Academy.

Section 2: Dissolution of the Academy shall be by two-thirds vote of members present and voting at a meeting called for the purpose, providing that at least 30 days notice be provided to the members.

Section 3: Upon the dissolution of the Academy, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

## ARTICLE 12: Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the Academy in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these governing rules and any special rules of order which the Academy may adopt.

## ARTICLE 13: Amendments

These governing rules may be amended by majority vote of the members present and voting at any meeting called for the purpose of amending the rules, providing that at least 30 days notice be provided to the members.