

## **D. Youth Combat**

Youth Combat (YC) is a program of combat all in and of itself and should never be confused with those who participate on the adult martial fields. Those who are hoping to take part in either armored and rapier fighting will practice and compete against opponents of their same age and general capabilities, and at no time ever face an adult in combat.

### **Parent/Legal Guardian Responsibilities**

- Parent/legal guardian must be present initially and must complete all forms for authorization of weapons additions.
- A notarized Medical Authorization for Minors can be used so the youth may participate in practices and event activities when their parent/guardian are not present.
- For unauthorized youth parent/guardian must be at the fighting field.
- For authorized youth under 10 years (generally Division 1), parent/guardian must be at the fighting field.
- For authorized youth over 10 years (generally Division 2 and above), parent/legal guardian must be on site.

### **Sign In Sheets**

Youth fighters must sign in, similar to adults. There is a separate sign in sheet for both youth armored and youth rapier combat.

### **Procedures for Youth Fighter Authorizations**

- Youth and parent sign in as a youth fighter, with parent signing the minor waiver
- Make sure that both parent and the marshals authorizing have an AEL
- Youth attempts to authorize:
  - If successful, have parent and marshals fill out and sign a Youth VOA
    - Youth gets their copy of the VOA as their temporary card
    - MOL gives instructions to the parent to create a youth profile using their AEL so that the KMOL can add the youth fighter to the online authorization database
- When submitting their event report, the MOL sends the original completed VOA and minor waiver to the KMOL via mail, and includes a copy in their event report if submitting electronically

### **Creating a youth profile in the online authorization database**

The parent/legal guardian must create a youth profile in the online authorization database under their AEL after the youth has successfully authorized. This will send a notification to the KMOL to confirm the information from the event report sent in by the MOL. The KMOL will then enter the youth fighter's authorization into the online authorization database. This will then send an email to the parent of the youth fighter, letting them know that they can access their youth fighter's authorization card, to be printed or stored electronically.