

# School of Historical Defense Arts Policies and By-Laws

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1. Definitions:
  - a. “SHDA” will stand for the School of Historical Defense Arts
  - b. Any ranks referred to, i.e. Novice, Apprentice, Scholar, Free Scholar, Provost or Master will refer to ranks within the SHDA
  - c. “Combat and Armour Standards” will stand for the latest version of the SHDA Combat and Armour standards
2. Addendums and deletions:
  - a. This document will be edited as required by the SHDA
3. Failure to abide by these Policies and By-Laws may have consequences including Suspension and Expulsion from the SHDA.
4. All students of the SHDA will abide by the Combat and Armour Standards when participating in full-speed bouting or competition.
5. Only those students of the SHDA who have achieved the rank of Apprentice may participate in full-speed bouting
6. An Apprentice may only be examined for the rank of Scholar once they have purchased all of their protective equipment.