

Stromgard Sergeantry Trials

All candidates must undergo a series of assessments through candidacy trials for Stromgard. These trials can be either knowledge tests or performance requirements. The trials are split up into base requirements that each candidate must complete and specific tasks for the specialized paths. This handbook will be the jumping off point for many activities as well as a progress check.

When a candidate undertakes a task, it is their responsibility to ensure it meets the needs of the trial and that completion is recorded by your Baron and Baroness. However, there will be ample opportunities to confer with their Excellencies and other mentors.

This guide is segmented into smaller modules that will have a short test at the end. Each test will need to be delivered to their Excellencies and the Sergeantry Captains when completed.

Sergeant Candidate Base Requirements

Reading Requirements:

- An Tir Kingdom Law
- The Customary of The Barony of Stromgard
- Tri-Baronial Alliance
- SCA Organizational Handbook
- Depending on a Candidate's focus, other manuals may be required. Check the Specific Sergeantry Path for path related reading requirements.

Skills and Projects:

- One Arts / Science project with documentation.
- Examples of two forms of illumination
- Examples of your name in three different styles of calligraphy
- Learn three Medieval dances
- Learn a Medieval board game, card game, and dice game
- Preform One bardic song, story, poem, or musical piece.
- Research and perform an excerpt from Medieval literature, bonus points if not Shakespeare.
- Initiate the process of registering a name and set of arms if you have not already done so.
- Become a Jr. marshal in one area or advance to a senior marshal in one area. This will be encouraged but not required of those on a Service or Arts and Science path.
- Create a personal item, such as a piece of clothing, jewelry, a pouch, etc.
- Demonstrate three different types of hand needlework stitches, Examples clothing embellishment, embroidery families, or leatherworks.

Sergeant Candidate Base Requirements (cont.)

Research and Knowledge:

- Learn basic book heraldry
- Know the arms of:
 - The Kingdoms of the Known World,
 - The Principalities of An Tir
 - The Baronies of An Tir.
- Learn the following dates,
 - The founding date of the SCA and be able to name two guests at the original party.
 - The Kingdom of An Tir
 - i. Founding Date
 - ii. First Reign
 - The Barony of Stromgard
 - i. Founding Date
 - ii. First Reign
- Learn the main parts of a castle

Activities and Classes:

- Attend at minimum two Baronial Business meetings
- Attend a Gate class
- Attend a class on event stewarding
- Attend/Participate in one demo
- Do a shift as a guard or retinue at any level
- Learn how to set up the Baronial Pavilion
- Learn how to set up the Baronial Thrones
- Create and maintain an SCA dossier

Culture:

- Learn the Consort Requirements
- Know the rules of the list and the field conventions of An Tir
- Learn about the creation and importance of Guilds in medieval life
- Comport yourself as benefits a Noble, be able to answer about forms of address, chivalry, honor, and courtly behavior.
- Know how to submit recommendations for an award at baronial and kingdom level
- Know the officers of the barony and their required duties
- Know the officers of the kingdom and their required duties
- Recognize and know the purpose of baronial and kingdom level awards
- Know how to use the An Tir Roll of Arms to search for people
- Know how to use the Order of Precedence to search for people

Specific Sergeantry Paths – Arts and Sciences

In addition to the base requirements each Sergeant is required to pick a path to specialize in. The main paths are Arts and Sciences, Service, and Martial.

Arts and Sciences:

- Candidates are expected to be diverse in their skills and knowledge. They are not required to know everything but should seek out experts in the specific craft. To further that goal candidates will attempt a diverse set of crafts.
- Create an Arts and Sciences item for display with research and documentation. This is not required to be submitted at a competition but encouraged.
- Show improvement to Her Excellency's satisfaction

Scholar or Artisan (Arts and Sciences)

- Candidates are expected to study and improve their talents to the satisfaction of the Baron in three different forms of skills.
- Teach two classes throughout the trials
- Candidates must participate in a baronial level or above arts and sciences competition. They can use their Arts & Sciences project.
- Have an in-depth walk-through judging of your work and assess another participant's work based off Kingdom rubric. The goal is to experience the judging and being judged using the Kingdom Rubric.
- Candidates must take a class on Kingdom Judging Rubric. Or if a class is not an option, please speak to two former Kingdom Judges.

Specific Sergeantry Paths - Martial

Martial Sergeants

- All Martial Path candidates will have a final test of their skill
- All candidates are recommended to participate in a tournament
- Must obtain Jr Marshal Certification.
- Grow the sport
- Show improvement to Her Excellency's satisfaction

Sergeant (Heavy Fighting)

- Read the An Tir Book of Combat
- Study and improve their skill to the Baroness's satisfaction.
 - Candidates should be challenging in one style and proficient in two others.
- Read the Armored Rose
- Possess their own complete kit
 - one piece of armor and one weapon must have been made by their hand
- Candidates should run a novelty or prize tournament (such as ones done at fight practice)
- Candidates should participate in a war practice or as part of the Baronial levy

Gallant (Rapier)

- Read the An Tir Book of Rapier Combat
- Study and improve their skill to the Baroness's satisfaction.
 - Candidates should be challenging in one style and proficient in two others.
- Identify three different period styles
- Read a period manual on sword fighting
- Be able to demonstrate skill and understanding of one period style
- Candidates should run a novelty or prize tournament (such as ones done at a fight practice)

Specific Sergeantry Paths - Martial (cont.)

Yeoman

- Read the An Tir Book of the Target
- Read Toxophilus by Roger Ascham or other archery related period works.
- All candidates should run a novelty or prize tournament (such as ones at normal practice)
- All candidates should demonstrate knowledge of spine of arrows, fletching, and different shooting styles/bow types.
- Must obtain Jr Marshal Certification.
- Grow or the sport

Yeoman consists of 3 possible areas of focus: archery, throwing, combat archery.

- Archery Focus candidates are expected to improve their skill to the Baroness's satisfaction. Archery focus candidates should own their own bow and have made a piece of their own gear (arrows, bracers, quiver, bow etc)
 - Archery Royal Round Score increase by 10 points or more
- Throwing Focus candidates are expected to improve their skill to the Baroness's satisfaction. A Royal Round score of 95 in throwing is the baseline for this. They are also expected to maintain a target archery royal round of 40 and achieve an IKCAC score of 75. Throwing weapon candidates should have made at least one of their weapons.
 - Throwing Royal Round Score increase by 10 points or more
- Combat archery Focus Candidates are expected to improve their skill to the Baroness's satisfaction. Combat archery candidates must own their own complete armor kit and have made half a dozen or more arrows/bolts for combat archery.
 - 3 IKCAC score increase by 10 points or more

Specific Sergeantry Paths - Service

Service Sergeants

Courtier (Service)

- Candidates are expected to study and improve their talents to the satisfaction of the Coronets
- Candidates must hold an office in the region or be a deputy during the trials
- They must be a significant part of an event team at least twice. (I.e.: gate coordinator, land steward, event steward, herald, etc.)
- Volunteer at three events. They must include one kingdom/principality level and on for another barony.
- Run lists for a tournament or coordinate gate
- Put together a proposal for an event. It does not have to be officially submitted but will be turned in and reviewed.
- Show improvement to Her Excellency's satisfaction

Specific Sergeantry Paths - Other

Not every path is laid before you. If you have and a path that you would like to pursue please bring it to Her Excellency. Your path should show a measure of investment, quantifiable improvement, and relate to the SCA.