

East Kingdom Thrown Weapons Practice Re-Start Guidelines 10 June 2020

**Please note: these guidelines will be updated and revised as the pandemic situation changes.
Watch for announcements.**

Practice Approval Requirements

To re-start an official EK TW practice, the TMC must request and receive approval from the DEM-TW or the appropriate TW Regional Deputy. The TMC must provide evidence that:

- state and local guidelines permit such outdoor activities/gatherings;
- the TMC is familiar with the guidelines and will enforce them;
- the site owner is willing to allow the practice on their property;
- any geographic limitations on who may attend are based on recent infection data;
- the practice site and all attendees will comply with all rules about group size and precautionary measures;
- the practice site is outdoors and has at least 250sf of space for each attendee in the immediate practice environment;
- there will be no shared food or drink at the practice;
- the TMC has a way to accept and manage advance sign-ups for the practice;
- the TMC will use and keep contact tracing sheets as required by EK re-opening guidelines.

Requirements for Practice Attendees (throwers, and everyone else)

- Please understand that by attending a thrown weapons practice you are assuming some level of risk. Please be aware of this, and only assume the level of risk you're comfortable with.
- If you don't feel well in any way, don't come to practice!
- If you develop symptoms of COVID-19 after attending a thrown weapons practice, notify the marshal as soon as possible.
- If you can't get to a practice that you've signed up for, notify the marshal as soon as you know so they may let someone else take that slot.
- If you're not planning to throw, please check with the marshal before signing up, in case there are more throwers who want to practice at the practice.
- SCA members: bring your member card. Non-members: complete and sign a waiver form in advance and bring it with you, or send a scan or photo of the completed waiver to the marshal before the practice. Everyone: be prepared to provide your contact tracing information.

[SCA Adult Waiver Form](#)

[SCA Minor Waiver Form](#)

- Plan to stay not more than 90 minutes, so more people have a chance to throw during the practice.
- Bring hand sanitizer! And use it!
- Consider *carefully* before lending your personal weapons, or borrowing another thrower's weapons. Handling someone else's weapons is potentially additional risk for everyone involved.
- When retrieving, handle only your own weapons. Don't be helpful with someone else's.
- **Attendees who don't maintain distancing and comply with all other requirements will be required to leave the practice and may not be permitted to return (this could be by the marshal or the site host).**

Pre-Practice Management

- If any restrictions or limitations apply to the practice, those must be clearly stated in all notices for that practice. Examples: how many gentles may be at the practice at any given time (based on state and local guidelines, and predetermined site capacity); whether there are any geographic limitations on who is permitted to attend the practice; what is the mask policy for the practice; whether some/any loaner weapons will be available; whether there will be toilet facilities available, and any other similar.
- Total attendee capacity will be capped at whatever the state/local requirements are, but may be reduced to stay within the 250sf/person limit. The total attendee capacity includes the marshal, all throwers, and any other attendees.
- All attendees must sign up in advance for practices. Sign-up is first-come, first-served. The TMC may bump no-shows to the end of the sign-up for the next practice.
- Masks will not be required if distances are maintained. State or local guidelines, the TMC, or the site host may require masks; if so, the TMC will include this information in the practice announcement.

Range Management

- Targets must be minimum 8ft apart (on center). 10ft is recommended wherever possible.
- It's recommended that throwers in adjacent lanes should not retrieve at the same time.
- Weapons inspection must be done, in a way that minimizes risk for the marshal and the throwers. Possible options: 1) visually by the marshal, with the thrower handling and manipulating the weapon(s) under marshal direction; 2) the marshal using non-latex gloves, or towels, to handle weapons. Other options may also be considered. Masks are encouraged for all participants during weapons inspection.
- Loaner Weapons: No barony/shire loaner weapons with handles made or wrapped in a porous material (wood, leather, fiberglass, and similar) are permitted. All-metal (non-porous) loaner weapons are allowed if they're wiped down with a disinfectant-wipe until visibly wet and then allowed to air-dry at least 10 minutes between throwers. The TMC is responsible for making sure this happens but may require that the thrower actually do it.
- Consider splitting the practice (and the sign-up) into shorter slots, so more throwers have the opportunity to practice and fewer gentles are present at any given time. (Example: if the practice would usually be three hours, possibly two 90-minute sessions (with advance sign-ups) would let more throwers practice with less contact risk.)
- Consider options to reduce contact from handling roster waiver clipboards and pens, such as 1) have disinfectant wipes handy for each signer to wipe down the pen after signing the waiver; 2) encourage everyone to bring their own pen for signing the waiver; 3) have non-members complete and sign a waiver form in advance and bring it with them, or send a scan or photo of the completed waiver to the TMC before the practice (SCA members bring their member card (or other proof) with them and show it at practice). Other options may also be considered.