



Welcome to the Jararvellir A&S Champion role!

Champions in Jararvellir represent what the Baronage wishes to see in their respective areas, including not only skill but also generosity, honor, and enthusiasm. This means that the details of the role change from year to year as it is shaped by the person who holds it. We look forward to hearing your ideas! There are no rules for the job, but here is a quick summary of what to expect.

Champion Expectations:

Our champions encourage their activity in the Barony of Jararvellir and represent the barony with courtesy and enthusiasm in the field, from local practice to kingdom or society competitions. In practice, that means:

- Please participate in local practices and events when you can. When you do, remember that you are representing not just yourself but the barony as well.
- Champions are invited to attend the Baronage in court at events, adding to the pageantry and being recognized as a leader in the barony.
- Champions may sponsor activities or competitions during their tenure. This can be anything from a shared activity at a weekly gathering to a kingdom wide challenge at Warriors & Warlords or another event.
- Please take good care of the champion's regalia/equipment. You may use the regalia at any time, but it is not a requirement. Especially in martial arts, it is often safer and more comfortable to use personal equipment. Regalia is primarily intended for ceremonial activities such as court.
- Life happens! Don't worry if you are not able to attend a particular event or are balancing other obligations. Champions are not expected to attend every single activity in their field. Please let the Baronage know if you need a long break or to find a successor earlier than planned.
- Championships are typically held for a year, but the timing is flexible. The Baronage will typically check in with champions about when they would like to step down, but champions can also proactively suggest an event at which they would like to seek a replacement.
- Champions are invited to create or co-create the championship challenge in which their replacements are chosen. You do not have to do this alone! Contact the Baronage for assistance in arranging a championship activity.

More On Court:

- "Attend the Baronage in court" typically means processing into court with the regalia and standing/sitting behind the thrones during court. Sometimes space is limited and champions process out again instead of joining the Baronage.

- Champions are welcome to join us whenever we sit court, at home or abroad. Attending gives you a front-row seat to baronial and kingdom court business. If you do not have your regalia with you, you are still welcome to join us in court.
- If the Baronage will be holding a court, they will typically let champions know a week or two in advance. Sometimes this falls through the cracks: feel free to ask if you haven't heard anything, particularly about local events.
- We recognize that not everyone is comfortable with heightened visibility and that physical capacity for standing/walking varies. Let the Baronage know what is most comfortable for you! Champions may take turns in long courts to avoid fatigue, bring a chair, process in and return to the audience, or decline to attend.

A few administrative details:

- Championships fall under the territorial baronage, which means that the best starting point for questions is the Baronage themselves.
- At present, we reach out to the champions using a Facebook Messenger chat. If you prefer to be contacted by email or text message, please let us know.
- Champions' SCA names are listed on the website at <https://jararvellir.org/awards/champions/>. If you have concerns about online visibility, please talk to the Baronage.
- As a champion you are not an officer, but you are a visible leader in your activity. While it's uncommon, you might encounter personality conflicts, negative attention, or issues that fall under the SCA's anti-bullying and harassment policies. Please bring any concerns, no matter how minor, to the Baronage or your group seneschal, or to your group marshal if relevant. The kingdom anti-bullying and harassment policies are available in the Seneschal section of the Northshield website at <http://northshield.org/Officers/Display.aspx?ID=6>.

This looks like a lot, but mostly we hope you will keep growing in your field, share your joy with others, and add to the barony's renown as an ambassador for your activity. You do us great honor by accepting this role. If you have any questions, please ask!