



Becoming a Marshal-in-Training for Archery and Thrown Weapons in Calontir

First, thank you for your interest! Being a Marshal is a service position, and Calontir has long had the philosophy that more marshals is a good thing. It is not a position of status or prestige; instead, it is a position of service to the archery community and the kingdom as a whole. I am grateful for your interest!

The steps are as follows:

1. Read through the handbooks. At the Society level, archery and thrown weapons are separate categories, so there are separate handbooks. Links to these can be found on the archer general's page at <https://calontir.org/armored-combat/archery>
You don't have to have the handbooks memorized, but you should be familiar with the information they contain.
2. Fill out the **Marshal's Agreement to Serve**. You can find a link on the archer general's page at <https://calontir.org/armored-combat/archery>
3. Send an E-mail to the Archer General via archergeneral@calontir.org to let me know you are beginning your training. I will get the Marshal in Training (MIT) authorization added to your profile. You don't have to wait for this to be added before beginning the other steps..
4. Print out the **Marshal in Training Form**, which can be found on the archer general's page at <https://calontir.org/armored-combat/archery>
The archer general also usually has a copy of this form, so you can also catch me at an event.
5. If you have the opportunity, attend one of the training classes at Lilies or potentially at other events. If you have questions about the rules, get with a warranted marshal who can teach you. This isn't required but can be helpful.
6. Work with a warranted marshal to do each of the items on the list. You need two different people to sign off on each item, and they can also provide instructions. For inspections, they can tell you what to look for.
7. The item that requires preparation is 'Run a Shoot'. Running a thrown weapons activity can also count for this requirement. Find an archery event that is coming up and reach out to the marshal in charge to see if they have time for you to run something. Most of the time, especially if you contact them in advance, they will be very happy to have one less shoot they have to create and run!
8. Once the form is completed, take a picture of it and send it to archergeneral@calontir.org
The AG will look over it, ask any questions, and then get the WAM (Warranted Archery Marshal) authorization added to your profile.
9. Begin sending in reports using the CALON system. You can send reports as an AMIT but it is not required – but a great habit to get into!

Suggestions

1. I recommend that you take a picture of your form with your phone as you get things signed off. If you lose it, you can just get a new form and fill out the other items. Yes, I'm happy to accept two partially completed forms as long as everything is there between the two.
2. Even if something is signed off, take every opportunity you can to get more practice or experience. Hang out during inspections and talk to the marshals, have them share things they've seen and what to look for. Offer to help and gain more experience.
3. Run the line when you can, or offer to take the other end of the line from the marshal running things. Getting a feel for how the line works can help to train your instincts, so that something "out of place" will grab your attention quickly.
4. Have fun! This isn't just work, and the idea of having a *lot* of marshals is that nobody gets stuck doing all the work. The running joke in Calontir is that everybody just passes their bow to the left for inspections, because ideally nearly everyone is a marshal. Marshals tend to be safer participants in an activity and that is never a bad thing.
5. Never be afraid to ask another marshal or the Archer General if you are unsure about something. There's no shame in asking questions or requesting a second opinion even after you are warranted!

Thank you again for your interest, and of course if you have questions, feel free to contact me at archergeneral@calontir.org