

**Informed Consent, Waiver and Release of Liability in consideration of entry into  
Viva Italia! Celebrating 600 Years of Italian Martial Arts,  
September 16-18, 2016**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (please print name) intend to be legally bound and do hereby agree to be legally bound for myself and for all successors in interest I may have, by this Contract, Waiver and Release of Liability, and hereby agree to hold harmless and indemnify the Chicago Swordplay Guild and the DeKoven Foundation as well as any officers, members, employees, assistants, volunteers, assigns, or agents of any type whatsoever acting on or in behalf of the aforementioned entities and persons, against any claims for damages or other claims for injuries or losses of any kind suffered by me or any others, directly or indirectly, arising out of any practice, instructions, or other activity related to this program as well as participation in this program or traveling to or from this program or any other activity related to this program.

I understand that the DeKoven Foundation has merely leased space to the Viva Italia! workshop, and neither it, its officers, members, employees, assigns nor agents specifically promote or endorse the workshop's programming, and are to be held blameless for any issues arising therein. I understand that the martial art exercises and training methods to be taught will require me to be in good physical condition. I certify that I am physically able to participate in this activity and will further hold the Chicago Swordplay Guild and the DeKoven Foundation, as well as any officers, members, employees, assistants, volunteers, assigns, or agents of any type whatsoever acting on or in behalf of the aforementioned entities and persons, harmless for any injury sustained in the course of this training due to any physical defect or condition that I may have, whether now known or hereinafter discovered. I further acknowledge that in consideration for this training, this release shall not expire and shall be considered effective in perpetuity.

I understand that the program curriculum reflects a study of Western weapon and grappling arts for the purposes of cultural heritage and recreation, and the instructors in no way advocate that I should seek confrontations. I hereby understand that in light of these statements, I hold myself exclusively responsible for the ethical and legal repercussions to my behavior and actions, and, I hereby waive the Chicago Swordplay Guild and the DeKoven Foundation, as well as any officers, members, employees, assistants, volunteers, assigns, or agents of any type whatsoever acting on or in behalf of the aforementioned entities and persons, of any liability for my actions.

I acknowledge that if I am uncomfortable with any situation or individual that I may immediately state so, and that it is my right to remove myself from the situation immediately and that I am encouraged to do so.

I understand that all decisions are made in consideration of my personal safety and the safety of others, and that all decisions made by the Chicago Swordplay Guild and the DeKoven Foundation, as well as any officers, members, employees, assistants, volunteers, assigns, or agents of any type whatsoever acting on or in behalf of the aforementioned entities and persons, are done so irrespective of race, creed, color, nationality, affiliation, gender, or sexual orientation. I have understood all that is expressed in this waiver and release of liability, and I certify that I am of sound judgment, legally competent to agree to this waiver. Additionally, I certify that I am eighteen years of age or older, or a legally emancipated adult.

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Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Witness

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

In Case of Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_

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