The following shall be used as authorization procedures

1.Knowledge of Rules
- Fighter knows Rules as shown in *SCA Rapier Handbook, Section, Conventions 1-4*, and *Conventions and Rules of Rapier in Meridies* found on http://www.meridianrapier.org/rules/adult/
- Fighter must know Meridian specific rules

2. Testing Procedure
Authorization are performed by Authorizing Marshal and Usher, who will be opponent of authorizing fighter.

Authorization testing is to show that Fighter can be **safe** on the field, not skilled

Basic Authorization includes use of *Single Sword* and *Sword and Dagger*

Testing for *Single Sword*
- Passes will be done with 1-3 as ½ speed and the remainder at full speed until Authorizing marshal is satisfied
- Fighter must show proper calibration of blows when striking Usher
- Fighter must show acknowledgement of blows but does not need to act them out
- Usher will strike Fighter to test for proper calibration in receiving blows
  - Important areas include, torso, arms/hands, and head/neck
- Fighter must show proper acknowledgment of blows
- Fighter must not overly grasp Usher's blade to the point of pushing or pulling it and if Usher twists or pulls blade must show proper acknowledgment of cut on hand
- Fighter will not chop or perform percussive blows with blade
- Any physical contact between Fighter and Usher must be fleeting with no pushing or shoving by Fighter
- Usher will quickly advance at Fighter to test for proper calibration when pressed
- Usher will bind blades and press Fighter to test that Fighter does not become over physical when pressed and blade bound

Testing for *Sword and Dagger*
- Testing will include procedures of Single Sword, with the following additions:
- Usher will bind Fighters sword blade and press to get Fighter to strike with Dagger to rest proper calibration
- When pressed, if Fighter strikes with Dagger it must only be with blade

Advanced Authorization includes use of *Rigid Parry*, *Soft Parry*, and *Case of Swords*

Testing for *Rigid Parry*
- Testing will include procedures of Basic Authorization with the following additions:
- Fighter will show use of safely binding Ushers blade, if appropriate with tested Rigid Parry
- Fighter shall not strike Usher with Rigid Parry
- Usher will bind blade of Fighter and press to test that Fighter does not strike Usher with Rigid Parry

Testing for *Soft Parry*
- Testing will include procedures of Basic Authorization with the following additions:
- Fighter will show use of safely binding Usher's blade
- Fighter will show ability to not hinder own safety while using soft parry

Testing for *Case of Swords*
- Testing will include procedures of Basic Authorization with the following additions:
- Fighter must show proper calibration in use of both weapons simultaneously
- Fight must show safety while using two weapons
- Usher will bind primary blade and press to test that Fighter has proper calibration when striking with secondary blade when pressed