



CLASSICAL ACADEMY OF ARMS  
ORAL EXAMINATION FOR PROFESSIONAL RANKS

Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Examination: \_\_\_\_\_

President of the Examination Panel: \_\_\_\_\_

Examiner: \_\_\_\_\_

Examiner: \_\_\_\_\_

Examination for: \_\_\_\_\_ Classical Fencing Demonstrator  
\_\_\_\_\_ Classical Fencing Instructor  
\_\_\_\_\_ Classical Fencing Provost  
\_\_\_\_\_ Classical Fencing Master

Score: \_\_\_\_\_ Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_ PASSED \_\_\_\_\_ NOT PASSED

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ President of the Examination Panel.

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**Format:**

The oral examination will be a discussion between the candidate and the examiner or examiners. An examiner will pose a question from the *Discussion Questions for Oral Components of Professional Examinations*, the candidate will respond to the question, and as appropriate examiners may ask additional questions to explore the level of the candidate's knowledge.

**Question source:**

The oral examination for Candidates for credentialing as Classical Fencing Demonstrators, Classical Fencing Instructors, Classical Fencing Provosts, and Classical Fencing Masters is based on the current edition of *Discussion Questions for Oral Components of Professional Examinations* published by the Classical Academy of Arms. The examination panel may choose any question from the *Discussion Questions* appropriate for the rank for which the Candidate is testing. There may be reasonable differences in responses based on the School and Master which the Candidate has studied.

**Distribution of questions:**

Classical Fencing Demonstrator:	General Knowledge – 2 questions.
Classical Fencing Instructor:	General Knowledge – 3 questions. Foil – 2 questions. Teaching – 1 question.
Classical Fencing Provost:	General Knowledge – 4 questions. Foil – 2 questions. Second weapon – 2 questions. Teaching – 2 questions.
Classical Fencing Master:	General knowledge – 5 questions Each weapon – 3 questions (9 total). Teaching – 3 questions.

## Grading scale:

5 – Superior performance for this level. Candidate's answers show in depth knowledge in addressing all elements of the answer provided in the *Discussion Questions*, providing additional information, and showing the ability to relate the technical, tactical, and instructional implications of the subject matter.

4 – Solid presentation of the answer to the question, with all elements present and related in an order that logically would bring a fencing student to understanding of the question topic. Candidate is confident of his or her answer, and there are no errors in the answer. On questioning by an examiner, the candidate is able to supply additional information about the topic.

3 – Minimum acceptable performance. The candidate addresses all of the elements of the answer in the *Discussion Questions*. Only minor errors with little or no impact are present. The candidate may require minimal questioning by the examiners to reach a correct answer.

2 – The candidate addresses most of the elements of the answer in the *Discussion Questions*. However, he or she has difficulty conveying the information in a logical sequence, questions by examiners are needed to substantially clarify the response, and/or the candidate obviously lacks confidence in the answer.

1 – The candidate attempts to answer the question and may address some of the elements of the answer, but there are substantial errors that would confuse or incorrectly inform a student to his or her detriment. Hints by the examiners do not result in improvement of the answer.

0 – The candidate is completely unfamiliar with the question and its appropriate answer.

Values assigned will be based on the expected level of performance of a typical holder of the rank for which the candidate is testing. Some questions require only a simple, direct answer. However, the answers to questions in general should show the following progression of the understanding of the topic by rank:

- Classical Fencing Demonstrator – able to recall the knowledge elements of the answer to a question.

- Classical Fencing Instructor – able to recall the knowledge elements of the answer to a question and to relate them to specific instructional requirements.
- Classical Fencing Provost – able to identify the applicability of the knowledge to the overall training of the fencer, to compare or contrast the specific applicability of the knowledge to the two weapons the candidate teaches, and to explain the evolution of the subject in the Classical Period.
- Classical Fencing Master – able to identify the application of the knowledge to the overall conduct of a fencing program and specifically to the training of trainers.

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**Record of Revisions:**

- 25 January 2018
- 5 December 2016

## Part 1 – The Oral Examination

No.	Discussion Questions Number and Topic	CFD	CFI	CFP	CFM
<b>1</b>	<b>GENERAL KNOWLEDGE</b>				
1.1		1	1	1	1
1.2		2	2	2	2
1.3			3	3	3
1.4				4	4
1.5					5
<b>2</b>	<b>FOIL</b>				
2.1			4	5	6
2.2			5	6	7
2.3					8
<b>3</b>	<b>SECOND WEAPON</b>				
3.1				7	9
3.2				8	10
3.3					11
<b>4</b>	<b>THIRD WEAPON</b>				
4.1					12
4.2					13
4.3					14
<b>5</b>	<b>TEACHING</b>				
5.1			6	9	15

5.2				10	16
5.3					17

**Additional Comments:**


**Part 2 – Scoring**

No.	Section	CFD	CFI	CFP	CFM
1	General Knowledge	10	15	20	25
2	Foil		10	10	15
3	Second Weapon			10	15
4	Third Weapon				15
5	Teaching		5	10	15
	<b>Total possible points</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>85</b>
	Points achieved by the Candidate				
	<b>Minimum passing score</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>68</b>
	Enter P if passed or NP if not passed				

**Part 3 – Critique**

Discuss with the candidate his or her overall performance on the examination, any areas of weakness (scores of 2 or 1), and areas of strength (scores of 4 or 5) as appropriate.



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CERTIFICATE OF EXAMINATION PERFORMANCE

Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

Has scored: \_\_\_\_\_ resulting in a: \_\_\_\_ PASSED \_\_\_\_ NOT PASSED

Examination for: \_\_\_\_ Classical Fencing Demonstrator (maximum 10 points)  
\_\_\_\_ Classical Fencing Instructor (maximum 30 points)  
\_\_\_\_ Classical Fencing Provost (maximum 50 points)  
\_\_\_\_ Classical Fencing Master (maximum 85 points)

Date of Examination: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ President of the Examination Panel.

\_\_\_\_\_ Member of the Examination Panel.

\_\_\_\_\_ Member of the Examination Panel.

This is a record of your performance on a professional examination as a classical fencing instructor. It is part of your permanent fencing records and should be safeguarded. You will be expected to include a copy of this document in the promotion portfolio for this rank.