

THROWN WEAPONS OFFICER'S GUIDE

RUNNING TW PRACTICES AND EVENTS

- Have copy of the An Tir Book of Target on the range
- Have a copy of the An Tir Missile Guild scoring rules on the range
- Arrange for weekly practices if possible
- Arrange for Thrown Weapons activities during events
- Oversee all aspects of running the range including:
 - Range set up
 - Safety
 - Making sure everyone has a blue card or signed waiver
 - Making sure that Minors between 12 and 18 years have signed releases
http://www.antir.sca.org/Pubs/forms/04_MinorMedical_US.pdf
http://www.antir.sca.org/Pubs/forms/05_Minor_Consent.pdf
 - Posting and monitoring sign-in on An Tir roster (Ask frequently "Did everyone sign-in?")
http://www.antir.sca.org/Pubs/forms/21_Roster_Waiver.pdf
 - Scorekeeping using An Tir form
 - Teaching new people how to throw
 - Reporting accidents on An Tir form
http://www.antir.sca.org/Pubs/forms/20_Accident_Incident.pdf
 - Delegate, delegate, delegate. You need help to do all of this for a large group.
- Ask other Thrown Weapons Marshals to help out with routine duties. It is easier to make sure everything is running smoothly and safely if you are not calling the line, scoring someone, and trying to do everything else yourself. At events, people will approach you with questions. You can't run a range and talk to them at the same time safely. Delegate. Then you will be available to promote the activity.

THROWN WEAPONS DEPUTY

- Designate a responsible Thrown Weapons Deputy as soon as possible
- Deputy steps in when the Officer is unable to attend either meetings or practices.
- You can have more than one deputy.
- Ask your current Champion to be a deputy
- Train your Deputy to take over as Officer when you step down

RECORDKEEPING

- Keep hard copy of all paperwork in a waterproof file case
- Forward photocopy of documents to Kingdom Officer if requested

REPORTS

Monthly reports at Branch business meetings:

- How many people come to practice on average [names are not necessary]
- Any problems or safety concerns
- Needs - weapons replacement, target stands, target rounds cut, paint, tools, etc.
- Notable achievements

Submit hard or electronic copy to the appropriate person as is customary in your Branch. Attending the business meeting and presenting your report is a way for the populace to get to know your face. You will get to know the populace and get their support & involvement for Thrown Weapons activities in general & for events. It will help your transition into being an officer a little easier.

Monthly Score Reports to Missile Guild Scorekeeper:

- Send scores from events and published practices at the end of each month to the An Tir Missile Guild Scorekeeper: Arion@oz.net
- Send the following information from each score sheet: SCA Name, Legal Name, Branch, Date, Knife score, Ax score, Spear score and Total score
- Include your name. Branch and An Tir region

Quarterly reports to Kingdom:

- Send quarterly report with the following information:
 - Number of practices: either a count, or a statement (weekly, monthly, etc)
 - Number of active throwers in your branch: either a count from each practice, an average, or an estimate
 - Events: Name and dates of event and number of sign ups on roster
 - Events: Any special competitions? Who won?
 - Any problems or injuries
- Send to the An Tir Thrown Weapons Officer: thrown-weapons@antir.sca.org
- Send a copy to the appropriate person as is customary in your Branch
- Quarterly reports are due: by the 7th of January, April, July and October

GLORY

- **Ranking** = Average of 3 highest scores from 3 separate days:

Ludicrous Thrower = 140 +

Grand Master Thrower = 120 - 139

Master Thrower = 100-119

Accomplished Thrower = 80-99

Two Weapon Skilled Thrower = 60-79

Thrower = 59 and under

After three scores are submitted, new ones replace old ones if they are higher than the lowest one on the list

- **Medalions** are given for the top ten averages and for the top single score for ax knife and spear.

EQUIPMENT

Target stand for wood round

- Generally a tripod of 2 x 4s or poles
- Bolt or lash together at top
- Cross piece on front legs with or without arms to hold the wood round
- Eyebolt on back leg to secure wood round
- Center of wood round must be 40" to 60" off the ground
- May need up to 4 stands for big event

Wood rounds

- 16" diameter x 12" thick
- Eyebolt in back of round to tie off to back leg eyebolt. This keeps round from falling forward and breaking someone's foot when they yank an ax out
- Soft woods are generally better than hardwoods
- Good: cottonwood, hemlock, pine, maple
- Bad: cedar (splits easily), elm (bullet proof), fir (short lived)
- Soak targets in hot weather to keep from splitting
- Target face:
 - Use a cardboard mask with a 3" hole and spray paint the center ring
 - Cover the 3" center ring with an 8" round cardboard mask and then attach a mask with a 14" hole on to the wood round
 - Spray paint the outer ring
 - You should now have a target face with 3 concentric rings (3", 8", 14")

Straw bales

- Set a bale on its side with strings down
- Set another bale on top of it
- Set a third bale standing upright in front of these bales with strings to the side
- Tie the 3rd bale to the first two
- Extend the life of the bales by wrapping them with metal baling wire following the existing strings
- String and/or baling wire may get cut by sharp spear
- Will need 2 sets of 3 bales for a large event plus some back up bales to replace those with strings cut by spears.

Spear target

- 8 ½" x 11" cereal box material or cardboard
- Use mask with a 3" hole and spray paint the center ring

Live steel weapons

- Knife
 - Selection of 12” to 16” throwing knives
 - Must look like a knife, i.e., no sharpened rebar, spikes, etc
 - One point only
 - NOT SHARP
 - Leather scales OK
 - Wood handles should be discouraged since they tend to break
- Ax
 - Wood handles 12” to 24” long
 - 4” bit, measured point to point
 - No double bit axes
 - No top or butt spikes
- Spear
 - Wood shaft, hemlock dowel rod from lumber yards works well
 - 4’ to 7’ long from point to back of shaft
 - Metal spearhead

Toolbox to hold:

- Weapons
- Coarse/fine metal file
- Coarse/fine wood rasp
- Sand paper
- Target pins
- 75’ measuring tape
- (10) 8” galvanized nails to set throwing line
- Brightly colored string for throwing line
- Lineman’s pliers
- Baling wire
- Adjustable wrench
- Spare hardware for stand, especially nuts and washers

Keep Branch property in good repair

- If rust begins to show up on the weapons, oil them
- If slivers are coming loose on wooden handles, file and sand them
- If metal burrs appear on knives or axes, file them
- Store weapons in a dry area

Clipboard that opens to hold forms with calculator attached

- Pencils or pens

Range delineation

- Eric poles and rope
- Table

- 10' x 10' day shade

WEBSITES OF INTEREST

- Thrown Weapons Interkingdom Challenge
<http://mysite.verizon.net/interkingdom/twic/twicmain.html>
- The Great Throwzini
<http://www.throwzini.com/>