

General Terms of Membership of *The Vikings - Vinland Society*

- a.** A member of *The Vikings - Vinland* is any person who has paid his/her annual subscription to the Society for the current year and who has been granted a membership card. Only those whose dues are fully paid are entitled to the privileges of membership. *The Vikings - Vinland* reserves the right to refuse membership, without explanation. *The Viking - Vinland* has the right to withdraw membership from any individual or group should it consider this action to be in the best interests of *The Vikings - Vinland*. All membership applications must be submitted to the Membership Thegn and will be not be effective until the date of issue of a membership card.
- b.** Membership expires on the 31st December of each year. Members must have paid their renewal fees before attending any function in the following year.
- c.** The minimum age for adult membership is 18 years. Only adult members may be combatant members of *The Vikings - Vinland*. Junior members 16-17 years of age may participate in combat with written parental consent. Junior membership is available, with parental consent. Only members of *The Vikings - Vinland* may take part in events.
- d.** The member agrees to be bound by the rules and Constitution of *The Vikings - Vinland* made now or in the future and by the terms of any contract entered into by *The Vikings - Vinland* on his/her behalf.
- e.** *The Vikings - Vinland* is not liable for any injury, loss or damage incurred by a member arising from any of the activities organized by *The Vikings - Vinland*.
- f.** *The Vikings - Vinland* is not liable for any injury, loss or damage inflicted by a member on a member of the public during any event, if that member was acting in contravention of the rules *The Vikings - Vinland*.
- g.** The member agrees not to organize musters, shows or commits *The Vikings - Vinland* to any undertaking without the approval of the Konungr or his or her representative.
- h.** Any member appearing in a public display must be suitably dressed and equipped. The member agrees to dress and equip himself/herself in accordance with the Authenticity guidelines laid down by *The Vikings - Vinland* and to accept the authority of the Authenticity Thegn in judging the standard of this equipment. The member should never combine 20th century apparel with period costume when on a showground or representing *The Vikings - Vinland* in any way.
- i.** All members are expected to comply with safety guidelines, whether laid down *The Vikings - Vinland* or event organizers. All members are expected to be conversant with safety rules - ignorance is not accepted as an excuse.
- j.** All members are expected to follow directions given to them by an Officer of *The Vikings - Vinland*. Grievances must be aired afterwards, **in private**.
- k.** Members are at all times responsible for the welfare and behaviour of any children or animals in their care.
- l.** The member agrees to assign to *The Vikings - Vinland* the copyright of any photographic, film or written material, which the member either produces or appears in, on behalf of *The Vikings - Vinland*. The member retains no rights over the subsequent use of the material by *The Vikings - Vinland* for advertising or promotional purposes.
- m.** Membership in *The Vikings - Vinland* entitles the individual access to society publications, the private members Yahoo group, a membership card, member's handbook, international safety and training assessment recognition. The member is also permitted to participate in any Vikings UK or Vinland event.
- n.** Members are not to be under the influence of any substance during shows, events, or training during public or training hours. Any member found under such influence will be directed to return to their place of residence and may face possible disciplinary action for any breach of this clause.
- o.** Members are required to behave in a responsible manner at all times when in attendance at an event of any type. Failure to comply with this general term may result in disciplinary action up to and including expulsion from the Society.