



Tattershall School of Defence: Study Group Definition and Requirements

A study group in the Tattershall School of Defence is formed to promote the study and practice of Historical European Martial Arts in a cooperative environment following the teaching standards and general concepts of the Tattershall School of Defence. The goal of a study group is eventual accreditation and license in the methods employed by the Tattershall School of Defence instructors and researchers for Historical Combat methods. The purpose of the study group is to allow members to practice and work out together, as well as provide a source of information and education for personal development and certification. Once an instructor is certified, the study group is converted into a Tattershall Official Practice, and is expected to contribute in a greater manner to the overall improvement of the Tattershall School and the WMA community at large.

Study Group Requirements:

1. Core of Members (Minimum of 3 paid Tattershall members) with a designated Group Leader. This group leader is responsible for any reporting and administration of the local group. Each study group must have a designated regular practice schedule of at least one practice per week.

note: Once past the minimum membership of 3, the group must maintain at least 30% TSD membership (with a strong preference towards 100%) to retain the groups official status.

Example:

Study Group A: 3 members, all TSD

Study Group B: 4 members, 3 of which must be TSD

Study Group C: 15 members, 5 of which, minimum, must be TSD

2. Commitment to attend the yearly Tattershall training event (generally 3 days over a weekend). This is a required annual event to both train with the Tattershall instructor cadre, but also to provide an opportunity to observe the groups training and methodology. Any future 'rank' testing or certification examinations will preferably take place during this event.

note: All Tattershall members are invited and requested to attend such events. Group leaders are required to attend, and every effort will be made to accommodate varying schedules. These events will be announced on the Tattershall mailing list several months prior to the date to provide sufficient notice for all.

3. The group leader must have proven outside experience in one or more forms of combat, instructional experience, or be working directly with a TSD instructor to establish a good teaching method and curriculum. This form of this interaction is at the discretion of the instructor and group leader, but may be overseen by the Board of Directors if deemed necessary.

4. Quarterly reports to the Study Group Coordinator on practices, progress and future goals. A designated schedule will be given to the group leader on reporting deadlines. The Study Group Coordinator will collate individual reports and provide information to the Board of Directors on the progress of each study group and the members.

Study Group Benefits:

1. Access to course curriculum and research materials for the topics under practice by the study group.

2. Ability to use TSD logos and brand symbology.

3. Discounts with Tattershall approved vendors for equipment and merchandise.

4. Dedicated priority instruction from TSD Instructors and potential discounts in Tattershall seminars and instruction.

5. A practice listing on the TSD study groups page and contact information made available on www.tattershall.org

**A growing and vibrant membership is important in any organization, especially a non-profit academy such as Tattershall. However, we do not believe in excluding interested students due to financial or other difficulties. A minimum membership ratio is required, and a greater ratio is of course preferred and expected.*