



# NEW MEXICO GUNFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATION

2008

## **RESTRICTION**

You must be 18 years of age. You must have transportation. You must be gainfully employed or financially capable of funding the necessary expenses. You must have Sunday afternoons free (From 12:00pm to 5:00pm). You must be able to carry 30 lbs. You must want to have fun and get along in a group. To be an actor is NOT a requirement; this Club is not springboard training to become an actor. There are no monies to be made in this club, this hobby COSTS money. Because we do stunts and have a high risk of injuries, the NMGA will not accept any applications received from women who are pregnant.

## **PROCESS**

Read, understand and fill out this application to the best of your knowledge. Upon receipt, the Board of Directors will review the application. If accepted, you will be assigned a mentor. This mentor will be your contact and is available to answer questions you might have about the group and becoming a NM Gunfighter. The first Sunday you are in attendance, you will observe the shows to become acquainted with our process. Your training will begin the second Sunday you are in attendance if you have an approved costume. Membership dues will be collected upon initiation. In the event that you are terminated, the dues are non-refundable. Annual dues will be collected at the first show of the season.

## **TRAINING**

The NEW MEXICO GUNFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION training is approximately a ten week process. You will have to report to your mentor, or an officer, no later than 12:30 every Sunday for the next 10 weeks in Old Town. If you cannot attend you need to let one of the officers know why. Your training will then be pushed back one week. If you do not contact your mentor or a board member, your application will be terminated. The schedule is as follows:

- Week 1: The first week will be spent observing and doing crowd control.
- Week 2,3: You will be given minor roles, as appropriate, with progressively more dialog.
- Week 4: You will be allowed to shoot for the first time.
- Week 6: Conditional audition.
- Week 6-9: The next four weeks, your participation in the shows will increase as your skills permit.
- Week 10: Conditional audition. If accepted you will now become a member of the NEW MEXICO GUNFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION upon successful completion of your initiation.

## **SAFETY**

Any act of negligence that results in potential or actual personal injury or pain to anyone is a Safety violation. During the application process any safety violation will be reviewed by the Board of Directors and the consequences will be based upon the severity of the violation, which could include immediate termination of the applicant

Be prepared for a few bruises & scratches. Ear protection, elbows and knees pads are recommended.

During the training period, the NMGA will assist you with any clothing or props you might need. It is recommended that you begin building your costume(s) as soon as you can. Once you become a member, you will be required to have one approved weapon and one approved period correct costume (see guidelines).

This is an expensive hobby. Expect to spend between \$500 and \$1000 the first year. It will be cold in the winter and very hot in the summer. When you are ready, fill in the application and turn it in to any NMGA Officer.

Contact info: For more information, contact us at [info@nmgunfighters.com](mailto:info@nmgunfighters.com) or (505) 843-6642.