## What does SCA youth combat look like?



Two Division 2 youth fighters face off: a 12-year-old with sword and shield, and an 11-year-old with a polearm.



The shield man blocks a blow from the polearm with his shield.



The sword and shield fighter has taken a blow to a leg, so he must fight from his knees. The polearm fighter took a blow to his right arm, so he must put his right arm behind his back and fight using only his left arm. Who will win?



The shield man has taken a blow to the head and "died." Don't worry, he's just pretending to be dead — he's actually fine, and will get up and fight again. Here he demonstrates the correct position to "die defensively." It's important to use this position, especially in a melee, to ensure that you don't get hurt if other fighters trip or fall over you.