

Rules of the Lists for West Kingdom Rapier Combat

Rapier Combat shall be conducted in accordance with the Rules of the Lists for Rapier of the SCA, Inc. found at:

<http://sca.org/officers/marshal/combat/rapier/index.html>

These further rules are established by the West Kingdom:

1 The Kingdom of the West only allows Heavy and Cut and Thrust Rapier categories.

2.1 A fighter struck with a valid blow to any part of the leg may continue fighting on their knees.

2.2 A fighter struck on the hand below the wrist bones may parry with closed fist.

2.3 Tip and Draw/Push cuts must be at least 6 inches.

3.1 Referring to Society Appendix 1 on Testing Standards. The 'broken foil' method is not a standard permitted in the West Kingdom.

3.2 Rapier blade tips must have a metal object designed to spread impact either welded(as Hanwei) or inserted into the Blunt(washer) unless the blade fully occupies the space as in slotted Rapier specific Blunts.

4.1 Weapons with a handle/guard or haft greater than 12" are Great Weapons with a separate authorization when used in Heavy Rapier.

4.2 Fighters may choose to use a Great Weapon one handed or two handed during any hold. One handed fighters may not grab the weapon with their off hand except to switch between hands. Two handed Great Weapon users must keep both hands on the handle or haft at all times while in engagement with an active opponent. Letting go with a hand results in loss of that hand. "Pool cue" shots are to be avoided.

4.3 Two handed swords that otherwise qualify as a rapier are acceptable. Pole weapons of commercial manufacture with at least a 30" blade meeting the flex test for Heavy Rapier are acceptable. All other pole weapons including home brew spears/pikes with a 30" minimum blade length must be approved by the KRM or designated representative.

4.4 All Great weapons without a clear guard at the handle/blade connection(in essence Swords) are thrust only weapons.

The "West Kingdom Rapier Marshal Manual" provides further clarifications.

It may be found with other official rapier documents at:

http://www.westkingdom.org/wk_rapiercombat.htm