

## Open/Ladies Steel Longsword Tournament, Novice Nylon Longsword

### Mandatory Protective Equipment Open:

- Fencing Mask: FIE ranked fencing mask with no signs of serious damage, dents, rust etc.,
- Back of the Head Protection: rigid protector covering back of the head with no significant gaps
- Throat Protection: rigid throat guard (gorget) or a layered throat protection preventing the blade to go under the bib
- Jacket: well padded HEMA jacket or similar offering good protection against cuts
- Elbow Protector: hard shell protection of the elbow joints
- Knee Protector: hard shell protection of the knee joints
- Shin and Forearms Protection: solid protection of the shin and forearm area is required
- Gloves: fencing gloves with full level of protection applicable to longsword, eg. sparring gloves, SPES heavy gloves etc., Metal Gauntlets and Red Dragon gloves are NOT allowed!
- Groin Guard: Obligatory for men, strongly encouraged for women.
- Rigid Chest Protection: Mandatory for women, strongly encouraged for men.

### Mandatory Protective Equipment Novice:

- Fencing Mask: FIE ranked fencing mask with no signs of serious damage, dents, rust etc.,
- Back of the Head Protection: rigid protector covering back of the head with no significant gaps
- Throat Protection: rigid throat guard (gorget) or a layered throat protection preventing the blade to go under the bib
- Jacket: well padded HEMA jacket or similar offering good protection against cuts
- Gloves: fencing gloves with full level of protection applicable to nylon longsword, eg. red dragon or heavier.
- Groin Guard: Obligatory for men, strongly encouraged for women.
- Rigid Chest Protection: Strongly encouraged for all

Please note there will be spare equipment available for the novice tournament

### Longsword Dimensions:

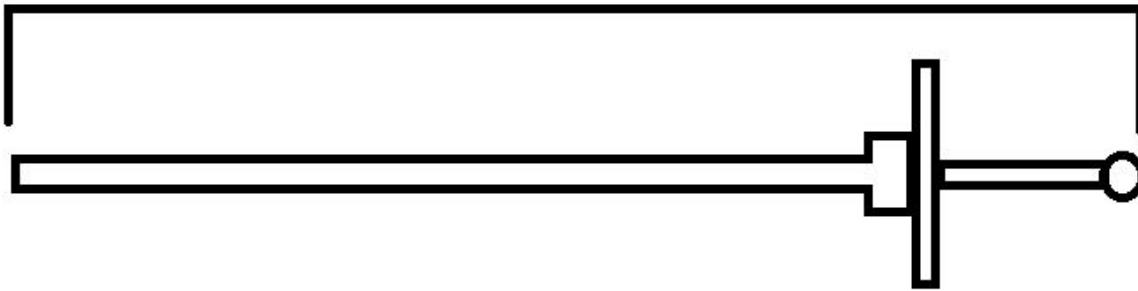
- Only swords from pre approved, reputable swordsmiths will be allowed. These are Regenyei, Ensifer, Danielli and Chlebowski (Red Dragon and Black Fencer Nylon allowed). If you have a sword from a manufacturer not listed here please contact us before coming.
- Banned swords are: Red Dragon Feder, Hanwei Feder.
- Maximum sword length from tip to pommel is 138 cm
- Maximum total mass of sword is 1800 g

**Max Sword length tip to pommel**

**138 cm**

**Max Sword Mass**

**1800 g**



### Rules:

Each fight consists of five engagements in which fighters have the opportunity to score. An engagement is considered to have finished when at least one of the fighters has struck the other, disarmed and dominated them or driven them from the ring.

If a referee believes they have seen a strike land they will call hit. The engagement is not considered to have ended however until the main judge calls halt. When the judge has called halt both fighters must immediately stop fighting and return to their corners. The judge will then ask the referees for their scores. The judge then declares the score and notifies the secretary.

If one fighter strikes another within one tempo of being hit they will be awarded an afterblow. If both fighters strike at the same time it is counted as a double. In the case of doubles neither fighter is awarded points but an engagement is considered to have occurred.

A tempo is defined as one action (approximately 1 second) which may include one step but does not have to.

A fight will end after five engagements are over or two minutes of time, whichever is first.

The Open Longsword tournament is divided into two stages:

Qualifying pools and direct elimination. When all fighters have fought all opponents in all pools their scores will be tabulated. The top 16 fighters overall progress to the direct elimination based on points scored during the pool stages.

The Novice Nylon Tournament will be divided as follows based on numbers:

A single pools of fighters at the end of which the fighters points will be totalled. The bronze medal will be awarded based on total points scored. The top two fighters will then fight for Gold and Silver.

### Scoring:

Strike to the end or neck, deep body thrust to the torso - 5 points

Cut to the arms, legs or hands - 3 points

After blow - 2 points for first strike regardless of target area

- 1 point for the afterblow strike

Strikes with the pommel to the mask - 2 point

Double - 0 points

#### Banned Strikes:

Strikes to the groin, back of knees, back of head, back of neck, spine. Strikes with the crossguard.

All grapples, locks and joint manipulations

#### Dangerous Fighting:

Fighters who use illegal strikes or techniques will get an official warning. If a second infringement is made the fighter will be deducted 2 points from their score. After a third infringement all points are deducted from the fighters score and the fight is ended.

However the judge may decide at any point to end the fight immediately if a fighter is felt to have used dangerous, excessively forceful techniques which may endanger their opponent.

#### Official Protests:

If a fighter feels that the referees or judge have made an incorrect decision against them in their fight they may make a single official protest in their fight. The judge will listen to their protest, discuss the protest with their referees and then decide on whether to change their decision or not. The judge is under no obligation to accept the protest but they are required to listen to it. After a fighter has made an official protest they may not make any further protests for the duration of the fight.

A fighter may make a protest for a decision which favours their opponent over themselves at any stage in the fight. **THIS DOES NOT COUNT AS AN OFFICIAL PROTEST**. However repeated protesting of the judge and referees decisions during a fight regardless of whether it is in favour of the fighter or their opponent may result in an official warning which counts towards any official warnings as outlined above in the section on dangerous fighting.