

MHS – WEAPON STANDARDS

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1. LONGSWORD CATEGORY (FEDER)

General:	No part of the weapon is allowed to be sharp or pointed, it cannot cause any harm to the bare hand or the protective gear. The crossguard, grip and pommel must be fixed (i.e. not able to move or turn).
Total length:	Allowed overall length: min. 116 cm – max. 140 cm
Weight:	Allowed overall weight: min. 1350 g – max. 1700 g
Tip:	Must be rolled back or widened. This will be checked by the organizers before the competition and, if it is deemed safe, the tip will be taped. Any previous tapes must be removed.
Blade:	Allowed length: min. 97 cm – max. 104 cm <i>(measured from crossguard – to the tip)</i> Blunt edged, with a straight structure, well maintained and free of damage (cracks, fissures, crevices, etc.). The stiffness of the blade will be checked by the organizers.
Crossguard:	Allowed width: min. 24 cm – max. 30 cm Crossguards with and without rings are permitted. The size of the ring is not determined.
Grip:	Allowed length: min. 28 cm – max. 34 cm <i>(measured from crossguard – to the end of the pommel)</i> The cover of the grip should be in a good condition or, if it is damaged, it must be fixed with duct tape or by other means so that it does not come off.
PoB:	Allowed point of balance: min. 5 cm – max. 9 cm <i>(measured from crossguard – to the tip)</i>

2. SABER CATEGORY

General:	No part of the weapon is allowed to be sharp or pointed, it cannot cause any harm to the bare hand or the protective gear. The crossguard, grip and pommel must be fixed (i.e. not able to move or turn).
Total length:	Allowed overall length: min. 90 cm – max. 110 cm
Weight:	Allowed overall weight: min. 700 g – max. 1000 g
Tip:	Must be rolled back or widened. This will be checked by the organizers before the competition and, if it is deemed safe, the tip will be taped. Any previous tapes must be removed.
Blade:	Allowed length: min. 70 cm – max. 90 cm <i>(measured from guard – to tip)</i> Blunt edged, with a curved structure, well maintained and free of damage (cracks, fissures, crevices, etc.). The stiffness of the blade will be checked by the organizers.
Guard:	Allowed width: min. 3 – max. 12 cm Goes for all style of handguards (baskets & stirrups)
Grip:	It is not allowed to use a grip which uses a hook or loop for a better hold in the hand.
PoB:	Allowed point of balance: min. 7 cm – max. 15 cm <i>(from guard – to the tip)</i>

3. RAPIER CATEGORY

General:	No part of the weapon is allowed to be sharp or pointed, it cannot cause any harm to the bare hand or the protective gear. The crossguard, grip and pommel must be fixed (i.e. not able to move or turn).
Total length:	Allowed overall length: min. 100 cm – max. 130 cm
Weight:	Allowed overall weight: min. 900 g – max. 1300 g
Tip:	Must be rolled back or widened. This will be checked by the organizers before the competition and, if it is deemed safe, the tip will be taped. Any previous tapes must be removed.
Blade:	Allowed length: min. 85 cm – max. 110 cm <i>(measured from guard – to tip – including the ricasso)</i> Blunt edged, with a straight structure, well maintained and free of damage (cracks, fissures, crevices, etc.). The stiffness of the blade will be checked by the organizers.
Crossguard:	Allowed width: max. 30 cm
Guard:	Both cup-hilted and ligamental guards are valid. Please be sure to use the appropriate protecting gloves for the more opened hilts.
Grip:	The cover of the grip should be in a good condition or, if it is damaged, it must be fixed with duct tape or by other means so that it does not come off.
PoB:	Allowed point of balance: min. 3 cm – max. 15 cm <i>(measured from guard – to tip – including the ricasso)</i>

4. PARRYING DAGGER SIDE WEAPON

General:	No part of the weapon is allowed to be sharp or pointed, it cannot cause any harm to the bare hand or the protective gear. The crossguard, grip and pommel must be fixed (i.e. not able to move or turn).
Total length:	Allowed overall length: max. 60 cm
Weight:	Allowed overall weight: no restrictions
Tip:	Must be rolled back or widened. This will be checked by the organizers before the competition and, if it is deemed safe, the tip will be taped. Any previous tapes must be removed.
Blade:	Allowed length: max. 45 cm <i>(measured from guard – to tip – including the ricasso)</i> Blunt edged, with a straight structure, well maintained and free of damage (cracks, fissures, crevices, etc.). The stiffness of the blade will be checked by the organizers.
Crossguard:	Allowed width: max. 30 cm
Guard:	Both sail and ligamental type guards are valid. Please be sure to use the appropriate protecting gloves for the more opened hilts.
Grip:	The cover of the grip should be in a good condition or, if it is damaged, it must be fixed with duct tape or by other means so that it does not come off.
PoB:	Allowed point of balance: no restrictions