

AEthelmearc Policies of the Marshal of Fence: Changes from previous edition:

Summary:

The February 7<sup>th</sup> Kingdom Rapier Policies contained an error in measurements needed to test the flexibility of rapier blades. The error was made when the Kingdom Rapier Marshal (that's me) mistakenly copied the flexibility requirements for Cut and Thrust legal blades from Society standard, and erroneously used these in AEthelmearc's rapier flexibility standards. This change brings our policies up to Society standards. No other changes are made in this edition.

February 7, 2016 (previous. In error)

### III. Weapons Specifications

#### A. Rapiers

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17. All blades must be able to pass a flexibility test as follows: Hold the weapon parallel to the ground, supporting the handle against a table or bench if necessary. Hang a 3 ounce weight (85 grams) just behind the tip. A dagger blade (out to 18 inches blade length) that flexes visibly (more than  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch / 6 mm) is sufficiently flexible. A rapier blade (greater than 18 inches) must flex a minimum of  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch (12 mm).

November 21, 2016 (current. Corrected)

### III. Weapons Specifications

#### A. Rapiers

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17. All blades must be able to pass a flexibility test as follows: Hold the weapon parallel to the ground, supporting the handle against a table or bench if necessary. Hang a 6-ounce weight (170 grams) just behind the tip. A dagger blade (up to 18-inch blade length) that flexes visibly (more than  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch / 12 mm) is sufficiently flexible. A rapier blade (greater than 18 inches) must flex a minimum of 1 inch (24 mm).

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