

- I. THESE POLICIES ARE IN ADDITION TO SOCIETY LAW AND POLICY AND TO THE AETHELMEARC RAPIER POLICIES. IN THE CASE OF ANY DISCREPANCY, SOCIETY POLICY TAKES PRECEDENCE.
- II. Armor Requirements
 - A. Torso and Arm Armor
 1. The inner half of the clavicle must be protected by rigid material.
 - B. Groin/Breast Armor
 1. Rigid breast protection for female fighters is highly recommended
 - C. Rigid protection for the wrist is required on both arms.
 - D. Rigid protection for the knees and elbows is required. (Winged cops or commercial hard plastic pads that have been augmented to cover the three outside points covered are suggested.)
- III. Combat Conventions
 - A. A participant must be at least 18 years of age in order to participate in any Cut and Thrust related activities.
 - B. Acknowledgment of blows: demonstrations may be held which define areas of the body as if armored and to what degree so long as all the participants are made aware of these special conditions prior to the start of combat.
 - C. Marshaling
 1. All bouts must be supervised by a warranted Cut and Thrust marshal
 2. Tournaments must be over seen by two-warranted Cut and Thrust marshals.
- IV. Cut and thrust authorization process
 - A. Candidates must hold a current rattan or heavy rapier authorization from the kingdom of Æthelmearc.
 - B. Prior to primary authorization candidates may train under the supervision of an Æthelmearc warranted C&T marshal.
 - C. There will be two authorizations for C&T combat in Æthelmearc. Primary authorization - sword and buckler & Complete authorization - the remaining forms consisting of single sword, sword and dagger, sword and parry object, case of swords (two sword).
 - D. To successfully obtain a primary authorization for C&T combat the candidate must
 1. Must be thoroughly familiar with the Æthelmearc policies for Cut and Thrust.
 2. The candidate must display controlled cuts and thrusts against a stationary target.
 3. The candidate must show consistently safe levels of calibration and control in a bouting/free fight situation.
 4. The candidate must display consistently safe, courteous behavior in a bouting/free fight situation.
 - E. The candidate is to be evaluated by two warranted Æthelmearc C&T marshals.
 - F. The primary authorization enables the candidate to participate in C&T tournaments (with the sword and buckler form only) and to train in all other forms with other C&T authorized fighters to obtain a complete authorization.

- G. To successfully obtain a complete authorization for C&T combat the candidate must
 - 1. Be thoroughly familiar with the Æthelmearc policies for Cut and Thrust.
 - 2. The candidate must show consistently safe levels of calibration and control in a bouting/ free fight situation in all Heavy Rapier forms.
- V. Deputy for Cut and Thrust
 - A. Appointed by the Kingdom Rapier Marshal.
 - B. The Deputy for Cut and Thrust shall enforce the policies of the Kingdom Rapier Marshal and the kingdom of Æthelmearc.
 - C. The Deputy for Cut and Thrust shall warrant Cut and Thrust marshals at his/her discretion.
 - D. The Deputy for Cut and Thrust may revoke the warrant of any Cut and Thrust marshal for just cause. At that time, a report must be made to the Kingdom Rapier Marshal, who may set up a hearing on the subject if necessary.