

Appendix 5 - Blade Types and Conventions

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* - See the notes for further details.

For questions or comments, please email the Society Rapier Marshal – rapier@sca.org.

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Purpose of this list: The official purpose of this Appendix is to show what blades are allowed at Society level for the different categories of rapier combat. The listings of blades allowed and conventions by Kingdom is merely a convenience. While every attempt is made to ensure the accuracy of that information, the true source of what a Kingdom allows are the rapier rules specific to that Kingdom.																				
Society Approved Use: L = light rapier, H = heavy rapier, C = cut and thrust rapier. Multiple letters separated by a “/” indicate a blade allowed in multiple categories. Keep in mind that any blade still must pass other restrictions, such as flexibility tests and being in good condition. Anything used in light rapier must also satisfy the guard opening restrictions.																				
Blank Cells - Some blades or conventions may not have been evaluated (or at least recorded here) for an individual kingdom. These are denoted by blank cells in the matrix below. See Kingdom rules.																				

Manufacturer	Model	Society Approved Use	Æthelmearc	An Tir	Ansteorra	Artemisia	Atenveldt	Atlantia	Caid	Calontir	Drachenwald	Ealdormere	East	Gleann Abhann	Lochac	Meridies	MidRealm	NorthShield	Outlands	Trimaris	West
Last updated:			Jul-06	Jul-06	Jul-06	Jul-06	Jul-06	Jul-06	Mar-05	Jul-06	Jul-06	Jul-06	Jul-06	Jul-06	Jul-06	Jul-06	Jul-06	Jul-06	Jul-06	Feb-05	Jul-06
Rapier Blades																					
Various	Foils	L	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes		No	No	No	No	No	No	No
	Epees	L	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No*	Yes		No	No*	No*	No*	Yes	Yes	No
	Double-wide epees/musketeers 35" – 42"	L	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No*	No	Yes		No	No*	No*	No*	Yes	Yes
Alchem (straight or curved)	Broadsword Safeflex 34" – 40"	H/C	Yes	No	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes		No	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Colichemarde Safeflex 36"	H	Yes	No	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes		No	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes			Yes	Yes	Yes
	Flat tang Safeflex 30" – 40"	H	Yes	No	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	No		Yes	Yes	Yes
	Rod tang Safeflex 27" – 40"	H	Yes	No	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	No		Yes	Yes	Yes
Angus Trim	Rapier DDPR01 or ATPR01	H/C	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Practice Sidesword - ddPR02	C	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			No	Yes*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Darkwood Armory	Bated Rapier 37" – 45"	H/C	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		No	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Practice Rapier 37" – 45"	H/C	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		No	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Flexible Sidesword	C	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			No	Yes*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Backsword	C	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Del Tin	Bated Rapier	H/C	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Practice Rapier	H/C	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Flexible Backsword	C	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			No	Yes*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Flexible Sidesword	C	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			No	Yes*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Fibreglass	n/a	H	No	No*	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No		Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Yes*

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Hanwei	Practical Rapier 37" – 43"	H/C	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Heavy Renn Rapier	C	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			No	Yes*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes
MK Armory	MKA30 – MKA45 30" – 45"	H/C	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes				Yes*	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes
Popinjays	Curved Blade	H/C	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes				Yes*	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes
	Longsword	H/C	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes				Yes*	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes
Scotty	Rapier Blade	H	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes
	Renblades	C	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			No	Yes*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes
Starfire	RP-34	H	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		No	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes
Weyersberg, Kirschbaum and Cie (WKC Solingen)	Schlager (WKC-SCH)	H	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes			No	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes		Yes
Zamarano	Rapier Blade 35" – 40"	H/C	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes*	No	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Zen Armory (Triplette)	TCA Schlager T01, T01L, T01X	H	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes
	TCA Rapier T03, T03X	H/C	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Daggers																					
Various	Flexidagger	L/H	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	No*	Yes	Yes	Yes
Alchem	Safeflex 15/6	L/H/C	Yes	No *	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes*	Yes*	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Angus Trim	AT 1691 / ddPD01	L/H/C	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Darkwood	DiamondFlex	L/H/C	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	WideFlex	L/H/C	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Fibreglass	n/a	L/H/C	No	No*	No	No	No	No	Yes*	No	No	No	No		Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Yes*
MK Armory	MK15 - MK18 15" – 18"	L/H/C	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes				Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes
Scotty	"Scotty Dagger"	L/H/C	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Zen Armory (Triplette)	T04, T04X flexidagger	L/H	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	No*	Yes	Yes	Yes
	T05 wide flexidagger	L/H/C	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Conventions:																					
Blade Grabbing (Heavy Rapier/C&T only)			Yes*	Yes*	Yes*	No	Yes	No		No	Yes*	Yes	No		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No		No
Buckler Size Restriction			Yes	Yes	No		No	No		No	Yes	No	No		Yes*		No	Yes	Yes		Yes
Combat Archery			No	No	Yes		Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No		Yes*	No	No	No	No		Yes
RBG's			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Separate Authorization for Melee			No	No	No	No	No	No		No	No	No	No		Yes		No	No	No		Yes

Society:	
Curved Blades – Curved blades are considered another “normal” type blade. Some manufactures sell separate curved blades and some will add a curve to their normal (straight) blades on demand.	
Banning individual blades: Some manufacturers have more variation in their blades than others. Keep in mind that a marshal can disallow any specific blade for safety reasons, including an extreme curve or excessive stiffness (perhaps caused by curving a straight blade or shortening a blade). Disagreements need to follow the normal appeals process for your Kingdom.	
Experimental Blades - The following blades are not fully accepted by Society yet. Kingdoms may elect to use them on an experimental basis. Full reporting of any usage is required by the KRM to the SRM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Windlass Flamberge Blade (MidRealm only) 	
By Kingdom:	
Æthelmearc	Æthelmearc approves all SCA legal blades with the exception of anything fiberglass. Blade Grabbing - Experimentally approved with announcement at the beginning of each tournament in which it will be used. Buckler Size Restriction - limit 315 sq inches in silhouette area (area of a 20” round). Combat Archery - Not Yet
An Tir	Fibreglass Rapier/Dagger – Will not be allowed in new rules coming out some time after July 2006. Safe Flex Daggers - model 15/6 only Buckler Size Restriction - limit 530 sq inches in silhouette area Blade Grabbing - Experimentally approved with announcement at the beginning of each tournament in which it will be used.
Ansteorra	Ansteorra does not allow fiberglass blades. Blade Grabbing - By agreement beforehand (and warning the marshal) only!
Artemesia	Alchem Blades - Experimental Status, MIC & opponent must agree to use Hanwei practical rapier – For heavy rapier only, not allowed for cut and thrust.
Atenveldt	Atenveldt will allow any steel heavy or cut and thrust rapier and dagger blade (excepting rectangular cross-section 'flexi' daggers of the type marketed by Prieur, Black Tulip, etc.)
Atlantia	All blades legal on the society level are legal in Atlantia with the exception of anything Fibreglass.
Caid	Zamarono Blades - Must be less than 40" Fiberglass Blades - Case-by-case basis per MIC Fiberglass Daggers - Case-by-case basis per MIC
Calontir	Rapier is not yet allowed.
Drachenwald	Any metal heavy rapier or dagger sanctioned at society level will be sanctioned for Drachenwald. Double wide epees and equivalents are excluded Combat Archery - Coming soon Alchem Curved Blades - Coming soon Blade Grabbing - By agreement beforehand (and warning the marshal) only! Buckler Size Restriction - 20 inch (51cm) diameter, unless scenario rules state otherwise Cut and Thrust Blades – subject to approval of new rules allowing C&T combat
Ealdormere	Any society approved steel heavy rapier or dagger is approved for Ealdormere Epees - Only at practice and out of kingdom
East	Any society approved blade is legal in the East--except Fiberglass
Gleann Abhann	Cut and Thrust blades – Not allowed at this time. Mixed use blades (i.e. L/H/C and H/C) can still be used for heavy rapier.
Lochac	Automatically accepts every heavy rapier and C&T blade approved at the Society level Cut and Thrust Blades – subject to approval of new rules allowing C&T combat Blade grasping and tip cuts are an optional convention to be used with the consent of both combatants and the marshal Combat Archery – Experimental program Buckler Size Restrictions – No restriction on bucklers. For batons - 680g maximum weight and up to a reasonable length as determined by the RMIc
Meridies	Epees - Only at out of kingdom events SafeFlex Daggers - Only Mark 2
MidRealm	Epees - Only at practice and out of kingdom
NorthShield	Epees - Only at practice and out of kingdom

	Flexidaggers – to Jan 1, 2006 then no longer allowed Buckler Size Restriction – 30" overall diameter
Outlands	
Trimaris	
West	Heavy Rapiers and C&T only - All types as approved by the SRM. All Dagger types as approved by the SRM Fibreglass blades are considered non-standard for tournament purposes. Buckler silhouette must fit inside a 20" diameter circle or be considered non-standard.