

Kingdom of Meridies

Youth Combat Handbook

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This document outlines the Kingdom differences from the Society Youth Marshal's Handbook dated July 2017. Marshals, parents, & combatants should follow the Society Handbook, except as noted below. Society references are noted in blue font. Kingdom specific items related to the Society reference are annotated in black.

Participants' Section - Youth Armored Combat

V. General Information

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Kingdom: Please see section XIX below.

F. Authorization Requirements

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Kingdom Procedures: Both youth combatants and adult sparring partners must demonstrate safety while sparring, as well as have sufficient knowledge of youth combat rules (how it is alike and different from adult combat).

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Participants' Section - Youth Rapier Combat

XI. General Information

A. Divisions

1. Kingdoms may have as many divisions as they deem appropriate. Divisions may be based on age, type of weapon, or weapon style. Kingdoms shall follow modern law from local jurisdictions as necessary when setting age divisions.

Kingdom age divisions for rapier will be the same as armored:

Div I: Ages 6-9

Div II: Ages 10-13

Div III: Ages 14-17

Div III (Adult): Ages 16-17

D. Society rules allow a minor, aged at least 14, to authorize in Adult Rapier Combat

Kingdom: The age for youth rapier to authorize for adult combat will be 16, not 14.

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XIV. Protective Gear

B. Protective Gear for Plastic Rapier. The following shall be the minimum required protective gear for Youth Rapier age groups using the plastic rapier as their weapon.

2. Torso and other Killing Zones

a. Male fighters are strongly recommended to wear a youth athletic cup or other equivalent rigid groin protection.

Kingdom: Groin protection for biological males is required, not optional

3. Arms and Legs

a. Exposed skin in these areas is acceptable.

b. Hands: gloves are recommended, but not required.

Kingdom: There should not be any exposed skin. Gloves for hand protection are required, not optional.

Marshals' Section

XIX. Adult Training of Youth at Official SCA Activities

A. Kingdoms must establish policies to regulate who may, or may not, spar with youth combatants. Parents may actively train their own children.

Kingdom Policy: Anyone sparring with youth as defined under the Society Youth Marshal's Handbook Section XIX Adult Training of Youth at Official SCA Activities, must have a separate sparring authorization with the appropriate weapons.

1. Armored – foam weapons (Div I, II & III, ages 6-17), rattan (ages 16-17)
2. Rapier – separate authorizations for plastic rapier, light rapier (Div I & II, ages 6-13) & heavy rapier (Div III, ages 14-17)