

Rapier Handbook Appendix 6 – Exceptions to Allowed Blades Rules

Permitted and Restricted Blade Types

The purpose of this list is to serve as an appendix to the Rapier Combat Handbook indicating blade types that are specifically allowed or forbidden.

Section 2 of the Weapons and Parrying Devices of the Rapier Combat Handbook lists criteria under which a blade may be used in Society rapier combat without further review. This appendix lists blade types that have been reviewed by the Society Rapier Marshal's office, and either found to be acceptable for use in the Society, or that may not be used in the Society.

Note that while individual Kingdom rules may not allow a blade that is not specifically approved by the Society, Kingdoms may restrict the use of certain types of blades that have been approved by Society. Consult the rules for your Kingdom to determine if a particular blade is approved for use.

Any blade used in rapier combat must still pass the flexibility testing described in section 1.B of the appendix to the Rapier Combat Handbook.

Permitted Blades

The blade types below have been reviewed and deemed acceptable for use
by the Deputy Society Marshal for Rapier Combat

| Blade | Notes | Approved for | Last reviewed on |
|---|--|--------------|------------------|
| Commercially manufactured fiberglass or plastic foil blades | These blades are often used in youth rapier | Youth Rapier | Oct 2013 |
| Fiberglass constructed blades | Home-made blade simulations made from fiberglass rods. These types of blades were constructed before the wide availability of metal heavy rapier blades and are still used in some parts of the Society due to restrictions imposed by modern law. | Heavy Rapier | Oct 2013 |

Restricted Blades

The blade types below have been reviewed and may not be used in any Society rapier activities

| Blade | Notes | Last reviewed on |
|-------------------------|---|------------------|
| Bud K blades, all types | | Oct 2013 |
| Saber blades | Saber blades used in modern (olympic) fencing | Oct 2013 |