



## **HMBIA Regulations for Full Plate Harness Two-handed Sword, Bataille de Lions, Longsword, Poleaxe, German Duel categories Ver.1.0**

### **1. General Provisions**

1.1 The fights of the Full Plate Harness Longsword, Poleaxe, German Duel categories are held without weight classes division in hard-surface lists, and a barrier measuring 6-10m wide and 6-20m long. The height of the barrier is 0.9 - 1.3m. There must be a fenced, 2m-wide safety zone around every side of the list. Only Marshals, Squires (Seconds) of the fighter, technical brigade and accredited photo/videographers are permitted into the safety zone. Any extra fighter or non-combatant of the team entering the safety zone during fights will result in a penalty (yellow card) for the individual or their team (club).

1.2 The team of Marshals includes a Knight Marshal (chief official), Marshals (fight officials) in the list, a Secretary, a Timekeeper (possible to combine) and an Authenticity Committee Representative (AC Rep).

**Important!**

**In case of disagreement, the chief official makes the final decision.**

1.3 The Knight Marshal (chief official) invites two (2) fighters to the list and announces the fighters preparing for the next fight.

**Important!**

**Invited fighters must report to the designated area of the list to pass a pre-fight authentic, aesthetic, and technical equipment check.**

1.4 Invited fighters are granted up to 180 seconds (3 minutes) to report to the list.

**Important!**

**The Knight Marshal can ask the fighters to enter the list with their helmets off. When the correspondence between the fighters present in the list, and fighters registered for the fight, has concluded, they will then be given 30 seconds to put on their helmets and prepare for the fight. Seconds outside of the list can assist the fighters in preparation. The fighters are not allowed to leave the list before the start of the fight. This measure excludes the possibility of team roster replacement.**

**If the fighter fails to report to the list within three (3) minutes, or enters the list unprepared, their opponent is awarded a technical win.**

1.5 The Knight Marshal requests marshals and fighters to confirm their readiness.

1.6 The Knight Marshal signals the beginning of the fight with the command "Fight!"

1.7 Lines Marshals (4 officials) supervise the fight and score the clean blows delivered with the combat (striking) part of the weapon to the permitted strike zones. Moreover, the marshals take note of rule violations committed during the fight, but do not interfere with the fight.

Combat (striking) part of the weapon includes the first and second third of the blade, the edge of the blade, the blade of the ax, the hammer of the steel part of the polearm, the thorn of the steel part of the polearm, the thorn of the opposite end of the shaft.

**Important!**

**Only the Knight Marshal can interfere with the course of the fight.**

1.8 The Knight Marshal observes the general course of the fight and assesses actions of the fighters in the list.

1.9 The timekeeper times the rounds of the fight.

1.10 A round ends after:

- 120 seconds of effective time and the "Stop fight" command of the Knight Marshal - for the Two-handed Sword, Bataille de Lions categories.
- After ten (10) effective strikes delivered by one fighter during the round (up to 120 seconds) and the 'Stop fight' command of the Knight Marshal - for the Two-handed Sword category
- If one of the fighters destroys a crest or a badge of the opponent with the accentuated thrust delivered with the blade of the weapon, after the 'Stop fight' command of the Knight Marshal - for the Bataille de Lions category.
- After 1.5 minutes of effective time or implementation of the 'Sudden Death' and the 'Stop fight' command of the Knight Marshal for the Longsword and Poleaxe categories.

**'Sudden Death' is the situation when one of the fighters is granted with an immediate victory when he makes an accented, amplitude strike with a preliminary hauling off the edge of at least 15 cm (palm length) from the target point into the following zones: armpits, shoulder blades, elbow bends, the inner side of the biceps not covered with a plate. The thrust is counted if it hits the part of the body protected by the chain mail, and not the inner surface of the armor.**

- After 2 minutes of effective time and the 'Stop fight' command of the Knight Marshal for the German Duel category.

**Important!**

**If the Knight Marshal halts the fight, the timekeeper stops timing the round and resumes timing when the fight is authorised to continue by the Knight Marshal.**

**Important!**

**The organizers can alter the length of the fights/number of rounds/orders of the rounds (one category, duathlon, triathlon, four fights type of competition) provided this decision is coordinated with the HMBIA and is registered in the Tournament Regulations.**

1.11 The fighters return to their initial positions. Replace badges or crests for the Bataille de Lions category. Fighters are allowed up to 120 seconds to replace the crests or badges for the Bataille de Lions category.

1.12 All marshals in the list report to the Knight Marshal to announce the score and any rule violations. Based on the marshals' reports and personal observations, the Knight Marshal makes a decision about the result of the round, considers the appeals (if any were submitted), issues rebukes or warnings (yellow and red cards) to the fighters, and announces the result of the round.

1.13 The secretariat of the tournament registers the results of the round in rating protocol. Registered results include

- round victory;
- score of the round;
- warnings;
- fight victory.

1.14 Yellow and red cards are registered in the scoresheet

1.15 Fighters return to their original positions and remain in their places in the list until the results of the round / battle are announced; after the results of the battle are announced, the fighters have the right to leave the list.

1.16 The winner of the fight is announced:

- In the Longsword, Poleaxe after the end of the main or additional rounds, or upon confirmation by the marshals of the 'Sudden Death';
- in the Two-handed Sword category after the main or additional round;
- in the Bataille de Lions category - after two or three rounds;
- In the German Duel category after the end of the main or additional rounds.

1.17 The winner is awarded the basic rating point – one (1) victory point. The rest of the rating scores (victories in the rounds, loss of the points because of yellow cards) are considered only in case of a draw in points, and provide an extension of the fights.

1.18 The winner of a tournament is determined by the highest number of points scored during the tournament.

If it is impossible to identify the winner based on the number of victory points, the winner of the battle is determined by the following indicators:

- the results of the fight between two fighters provided it has been held during the tournament
- a difference between initiated and missed 'Sudden Death'
- a difference between points gained (strikes) and points lost (missed strikes) during the tournament.
- the number of penalties received during the current competition in this category

1.19 Provided the fighters are informed in advance, the rounds and break time can be decreased under extraordinary circumstances.

## 2. Penalties

2.1 Penalty is a sanction imposed on a fighter during one fight for:

2.1.1 Armour failure that prevents the fighter from continuing the fight. If the issue was fixed within the time limit (set by the Knight Marshal), the fight can continue. The decision on the severity of the armour failure and time limit is made by the Knight Marshal;

**Important!**

**Reprimands are not imposed in cases of weapon failures.**

2.1.2 Weapon loss during the fight for Longsword and Poleaxe categories;

2.1.3 Passive attitude;

**Important!**

**A fighter's refusal to conduct offensive actions during the length of time (not less than 30 seconds) is considered a passive attitude.**

2.1.4 Falling or stepping outside the boundaries of the list;

2.1.5 Failing to report to the list within the designated time frame.

**Important!**

**A reprimand to a fighter will result in three (3) points added to their opponent's score. The points gained because of the reprimand are registered separately in the rating protocol.**

**A fighter who gains three (3) reprimands during one fight loses the fight automatically, and his opponent is granted with a technical victory.**

**Reprimands are noted in the tournament protocol and personal dossiers of the fighters along with the other penalties.**

2.2 Warning (Yellow Card) - is a penalty imposed for a rule violation that is registered in the protocol of the tournament, and affects the fighter's and team's rating. A fighter can receive up to two (2) Yellow cards within a tournament. A yellow card is imposed in cases of:

2.2.1 A fighter performs any prohibited action listed in the Rules for the Poleaxe, Longsword, German Duel categories

2.2.2 A fighter performs any action not listed in the authorised techniques section of the Rules for the Poleaxe, Longsword, German Duel categories.

2.2.3 For a demonstration of poor sportsmanship, derogatory behaviour, obscene language, comments directed at marshals, opponents, or spectators;

2.2.4 A fighter starts the fight before the 'Fight' command;

2.2.5 A fighter performs offensive actions after the 'Stop Fight' command;

2.2.6 A fighter ignores the Knight Marshals' orders;

### Important!

The fighter can receive one (1) or two (2) yellow cards for all aforementioned actions depending on the severity of the violation and the Knight Marshals' decision.

2.2.7 A fighter is not allowed in the list if they are using low quality, dirty, rusty, dented equipment or anything without historical plausibility or not meeting the rules of technical safety requirements. If the fighter attempts to use such equipment, they receive a warning (yellow card) and are required to replace the elements of equipment in accordance with technical requirements or authentic requirements. Warnings (yellow cards) will be given:

- for the use of modern boots or shoes with explicitly modern outsoles with deep lugs;
- for the use of modern adhesive tape, plastic ties, and other modern materials for repair if they are clearly visible;
- for the use of the slogans and imagery which are not historically plausible or derogatory in the decoration of any piece of equipment (weapon, shield, tabard);
- for the use of any other modern equipment or decoration if they are clearly visible.

2.3 A verbal warning is a penalty imposed for insignificant rules violation aiming at indicating the rules violation to the fighter. A verbal warning is not registered in documents.

2.4 Disqualification (red card) is a penalty resulting from severe or regular (second yellow card) rule violations and is registered in the tournament protocol. The red-carded fighter will be withdrawn from the tournament. Only the Knight Marshal of the tournament can impose red cards.

Reasons for disqualification of a fighter:

2.4.1 Systematic rule violations (two (2) yellow cards during the tournament);

2.4.2 Injuring the opponent with illegal strikes;

2.4.3 Simulating an injury during the fight that could have resulted to the sanctions for an opponent;

2.4.4 Harsh and systematic arguments with marshals, groundless challenging of marshals' decisions, rude and derogatory attitude to the opponents and other participants of the competition.

### 3. Appeal

3.1 The fighter's representative (or a Team Captain) can appeal a decision made by the marshals' brigade, or the Knight Marshal. The appeal is submitted in written form on a special appeal template that is provided to the team captains by the organizers. The number of templates is determined by the organizers.

3.2 An appeal can be filed according to the following reasons:

3.2.1 False implement of the reprimand, warning, or disqualification;

3.2.2 Unregistered accentuated strikes to the permitted strike zones that affect the course of the fight;

3.2.3 Unregistered rule violations by the opponent that should result in a reprimand;

3.2.4 Unregistered rule violations that should result in a yellow or red card, or any other severe rule violations.

3.3 An appeal is submitted directly after the end of the fight and is announced when the Knight Marshal requests for any objections before the fighter has left the list. The fighter's representative (Squire), observing the fight, must announce the intention to appeal to the Knight Marshal in person. The appeal is considered during the following 10-25 minutes prior to the commencement of the next fight, in the presence of the fighter's representative.

3.4 Possible results of the appeal:

3.4.1 A general rematch of the round;

3.4.2 Imposing or withdrawal of yellow cards.

3.5 If the Team Captain is dissatisfied with the Knight Marshal's decision, they can appeal to the HMBIA Control and Disciplinary Committee, or the Head of the Marshals' Committee.