

CAPITOL CLASH WASHINGTON DC HEMA OPEN 2018

TARGET CUTTING TOURNAMENT

EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

Participants are required to have a sharp two handed longsword based on a standard European design of the 14th century to the 16th century. The sword must be double edged and straight with a blade length of no longer than forty inches maximum. No fantasy swords: We are promoting historical martial arts. The sword must be in good working order, with no loose parts. Please make certain the sword is rust-free, as this allows the tournament staff to see if there are any flaws with the blade that would disqualify it.

The tournament staff has the right to disallow a weapon from use if deemed unfit. Similarly, if something happens to the weapon to make it unsafe (such as the weapon beginning to have a heavy rattling sound when swung, or the weapon showing sign of damage from a bad cut), the tournament staff may disallow the weapon.

It is strongly encouraged that participants sharpen their sword so that the edge can cleanly cut paper. It is also suggested that participants use a sword that is designed specifically for cutting. For example, an Oakeshott Type XVa blade might be an excellent historical blade style for thrusting into the gaps of armor, and it might be highly representative of the weapons we are replicating in the revival of HEMA, however it is not going to be an ideal cutter and therefore the user may have to overpower the cuts in order to perform well.

Participants are allowed to share a sword. Please keep in mind that if a sword breaks or is otherwise barred from use, anyone without a sword is disqualified.

There are many brands of excellent quality cutting swords.

Some Suggested Makers:

- Albion Swords
- Arms and Armor
- Danelli Armouries

Unacceptable Brands:

-Windlass Steelcrafts

-Darksword Armory

Please contact us if you wish to use a sword from a brand that is not listed above.

NOTE: The Final round will have a single hand sword component. There will be a loaner sword if competitors do not have their own sword. If a competitor uses their own, the sword must be of a design that predates the styles of 16th century Europe with a blade no shorter than 20 inches in length. The blade may be single or double edged.