

Commentaries and Procedures for the Judging and Directing

Introduction

The purpose of these rules and regulations is to put in place safe and sane criteria for the practice of classical and historical fencing. It is not the intent of these rules to recreate “actual combat,” but rather to outline basic parameters for conducting assaults within a tournament structure. In the opinion of the Association it is impossible to replicate personal combat to the most minute detail and authentic conditions without resorting to actual bloodshed.

It is the intent of this regulatory system to insure that those who wish to practice classical and historical forms of fencing can do so in an honorable fashion that stresses safety. The purpose of the structure of these rules is to facilitate the adjudicating of touches and provide a process by which fencers may test their skills.

General Provisions

- Rules will be demonstrated prior to all official AHF tournaments.
- Fencers participate at their own risk and peril.
- It is the responsibility of the participants to have knowledge of and adhere to the rules.
- Spectators must not interfere in any way. Coaching by voice or gesture, commenting in a loud voice, swearing, using foul language, or abusing officials is prohibited. Spectators behaving in an unruly manner, creating a nuisance, and/or preventing orderly proceeding of the contest will be warned, and if they persist in their actions, ejected.

All rules listed herein are to be enforced without modification in official AHF events, unless permission is granted by the AHF Executive Committee.

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