

Pennsic 50 Rapier Combat Activities - 2023

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10:00 AM	Early Bird Tournament 17 Rapier List 2	Pick fights, take names and get acquainted. The purpose of this tourney isn't to win the most bouts, but to find the most interesting facts about your opponents. ***"More talk! Less fighting!"** Who will the MIC give the bird to this year?
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10:00 AM	11th Annual Rapier Poker Tournament Rapier List 2	This is a bear-pit style format where the loser of the bout stays to fight the next fencer. Fencers stay until they have won or have 3 deaths. Double kills count towards the number of deaths. Fencers leaving the field, whether they won or lost, shall receive a poker card and shall keep up to 7 cards. The winner of the tournament shall be determined by the best poker hand of 5 cards. This format will be run twice to determine two winners. There will also be a volunteer winner chosen at random from the marshals that help assist in running the tournament. You could win by playing or by volunteering!
10:00 AM	C&T Pickup Fights Rapier List 3	Get in more Cut & Thrust fighting with no pressure!
3:00 PM	Best of the Knowne Worlde Rapier Tourney Rapier List 2	Come one, come all! Come watch the best of the best fight! Open only to those with a grant-level rapier awards, MoD, Knights, and Masters of Arms.
4:00 PM	Build a Rapier Tower IKEA style Rapier Tent	Tired of using hay bales for the corners of walls and having "That Talk" with your opponent because the shot breached the air above the hay bale? Have you been a marshal with a staff trying to be the corner and praying "Not the Face!" Well, in this class you will learn how easy it is to build a flat pack rapier tower that will be sturdy enough to lean up against, easy to take down and easy on your storage space. Class handouts will include cutting diagrams, parts lists and tips on construction for hand tool and power tool users.

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Saturday 8/5		
9:00 AM	Rapier Battle of La Rochelle Fort	The defenders of La Rochelle **will** die! The only question is **when** ? Join us at the Fort to find out. Heavy rapier and rubber band gun melee. Attackers will have unlimited resurrections, defenders will have limited resurrections. RBG cannon are welcome. No archery, please. Pennsic standard rules for rapier apply. Don't have a heavy rapier? Bring a dagger or two. Bring a friend or 20. The more the merrier. Don't like to fight melee? Come and get close to the action and help marshal the battle. Please muster **at the Fort** half an hour before the start time, especially if you want to fight with a particular group.
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10:00 AM	Beginning Fabris Rapier List 3	Introduction to Salvatore Fabris' treatise on Rapier combat, and the Italian school of rapier. Rapier and mask required. We will go over the basics of his teachings, to include stance, movement, attack and defense, plus basic concepts.
12:00 PM	MOD Prize Fight for Jorundr hinn Rotinn Rapier List 4	Don Jorundr hinn Rotinn will fight the prize in anticipation of his elevation to the Aethelmearc Order of Defense.
1:00 PM	Gab and Stab Rapier Gathering Rapier List 1	All non-grant level fencers are welcome to come spend 2 hours fencing any and all grant or higher level fencers for a chance to learn tips, tricks and techniques! Grants and above get to see the up and coming or new fencers and share their advice! A raffle will be available for all fencers with prizes tba! All authorized fencers welcome!
2:00 PM	The Battle of Tortuga (Rapier) Rapier List 2	Two ships meet at sea and battle for survival and glory! Pirates vs merchants vs unexpected complications! Bring your RBGs as this event is set for gun and blade duels. Non-War Point nautical-themed fun! Three rounds (sometimes four) of stab 'em and shoot 'em goodness. Also Bombs! Ever wanted to use the petard from La Rochelle as an anti-personnel weapon? Then this is your event!

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12:30 PM	Rapier Melee Champions	See Pennsic War 50 - War Scenarios and Tournaments
1:00 PM	Alternates Rapier Melee	See Pennsic War 50 - War Scenarios and Tournaments
1:30 PM	Heroic Champions (Armored and Rapier)	See Pennsic War 50 - War Scenarios and Tournaments
2:00 PM	Rapier Bear Pit Tourney Rapier List 2	Nothing fancy here: a classic bear pit tourney. Three passes, winner stays, three fights maximum. Every skill level welcome. Bring your best, and fight until you can't fight any more. Prize for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. If you've ever felt like you didn't get enough fencing in at Pennsic, here's your answer.
3:00 PM	Æthelmearc Tip Cut Tourney Rapier List 4	Love Tip Cuts but your kingdom doesn't take them? Come fight in this special tourney, where the only valid strike is a Tip Cut!
3:00 PM	Fencing with the Japanese Sword Rapier List 3	The SCA rapier combat rules are, not surprisingly, slanted in favor of rapiers, but that doesn't mean that cutting weapons can't be used successfully. This class will cover the use of *katana* alone or with a *wakizashi* (as dagger or case). We will cover entering into the guard of longer weapons and close-combat techniques to use once there.
4:00 PM	Measures of Success/Redefining Victory Conditions Rapier Tent	Taken from Master Gwynn's *Psychology and the Fencing Woman* manual: In this part of the series, class will demonstrate why "win all the things" is an impractical and self-defeating measure of success. This class uses science(TM) to show internal measures are more accurate, why, and provides alternative modes of victory for more fulfilling tournaments and events.

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10:00 AM	Atlantian Five Person Rapier Tournament Rapier List 2	Join the rapier community for our annual Five Person Rapier Tournament, the pinnacle of small group rapier fighting and strategy. The event will be conducted under Atlantian melee rules (to be explained at the event). Maximum of two Masters of Defense allowed per team.
10:00 AM	By-the-Book Historical Fencing Tournament Rapier List 3	A historical fencing tourney: Memorize your Marozzo, review your Ridolfo and study your Saviolo, for the Third Annual Tournament where book worms can be winners! Period fencing forms and period dress as seen in the manuals will bring you success. As always, lavish prizes will be bestowed upon the competitor with the most wins, the best dressed, and the one who best adheres to the style of a given master.
12:00 PM	Creating a Safe Martial Training Environment Rapier Tent	Taken from Master Gwynn's *Psychology and the Fencing Woman* manual: In this part of the series, learn how to create safe training environments for non-male combatants so your fighters not only keep coming back but excel.
2:00 PM	Rapier Crossroads Battle	See Pennsic War 50 - War Scenarios and Tournaments
4:00 PM	Midrealm Rapier Marshals Refresher Class Rapier Tent	Refresher on current rules/expectations for Rapier Marshals in the Midrealm. It fulfills the class requirement for Continuing Education. The ~30 minutes will be a refresher from the Midrealm Deputy Earl Marshal for Fencing on the rules and expectations for Rapier Marshals. The remaining time is allotted for questions and discussion.

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Tuesday 8/8		
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10:00 AM	C&T Armor as Worn Tourney Rapier List 3	Bring out your fanciest Cut & Thrust kit! The better your armor the bigger your advantage! Round-robin or Swiss-style depending on number of entrants. Rigid armor - Proof against all blows. Flexible armor - Proof against all cuts. Clothing and modern armor (including the fencing mask) - No bonus.
10:00 AM	Known World Rapier Cadet Tournament Rapier List 1	Come join rapier combatants from across the Known World in the Pennsic Annual Cadet Tournament. This tournament will be open to those who do not have a rapier high order or Peerage, and are sponsored by a person who has a rapier peerage or kingdom's high Order award for rapier. This includes the Order of Defense, Order of the White Scarf, Order of the Bronze Ring, Order of the Golden Rapier, The Dragon's Steel, The Order of Thorbjorn's Hammer, The Order of the Queen's Blade, The Meridian Order of the Blade, or equivalent award. A person may sponsor more than one entrant. Sponsors will be required to sign in their cadet or send a letter of entrance. If you need a sponsor, we will find one for you. This will be a traditional double elimination tournament. Each bout shall be fought to a single kill. Double kills will be re-fought one time. On the second double kill, "Dead is dead!"• The finals will be fought best two out of three. All bouts shall be fought with default Pennsic rules.

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10:00 AM	Silent Signals: Ways to Communicate While in Helm Rapier Tent	Seeing more and more people who cannot understand verbal cues in helm whether rapier or armored, this is a project to help people understand what the other combatant is saying. It was originally designed to help the hard of hearing be able to communicate while in helm. However, it has been shown to be extremely helpful to anyone in a helm or mask. Wanting more and more people to enjoy their respective sport is imperative and hopefully retain those who struggled previously.
11:00 AM	Ansteorra Rapier Tournament Rapier List 2	The Kingdom of Ansteorra invites you to our prestigious rapier tournament.
11:00 AM	Lady Brains in Martial Tournaments Rapier Tent	Taken from Master Gwynn's *Psychology and the Fencing Woman* manual: this part of the series will address how female brains respond to adrenaline, how they do (not) compartmentalize, what this all means for her practices and tourney fights.
2:00 PM	Rapier Woods Battle War Point	See Pennsic War 50 - War Scenarios and Tournaments
4:00 PM	Panel: Women+ and Minority Genders in Rapier Rapier Tent	While every fencer's experience is different, we know that women and minority genders face a common set of challenges. In this interactive panel discussion, we will hear stories and recommendations from experienced fencers and engage in discussion, networking, and strategizing.

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10:00 AM	AEthelmarc Rapier Novice Tourney Rapier List 1	This tournament is open to any authorized rapier combatant with fewer than 3 years from their first rapier authorization, who has never received an award at the Kingdom level for rapier prowess, and who has never won a rapier tourney at a published SCA event. The tourney will be run as a multiple-bearpit tourney. Prizes will be awarded. Note: This tournament will take place on the main rapier field.
10:00 AM	Fighting *I.33* on the SCA Fencing Field Rapier List 4	Some insights in making the earliest known fencing manual, known as *I.33* or the *Walpurgist Manuscript*, more effective on the SCA fencing field. Bring your gear and we will go over a number of different strategies and tactics, in keeping with the manual, that can lead to more victories on the fencing field.
12:00 PM	Concussion and the SCA Fighter (Rattan and Rapier) Rapier Tent	This course will talk about what we know about concussions in SCA fighting: what concussions are, how to identify them, and what to do about them.
1:00 PM	Known World Baronial Rapier Champions' Tourney Armored List Fields	A day to celebrate the Baronial Rapier Champions of the Known World. Landed Barons and Baronesses are encouraged to bring their chairs and portable pavilions to help us choose the Pennsic 50 Baronial Champions' champion. Open to all baronial adult and youth rapier champions.
1:00 PM	Practical *Destreza* Rapier List 3	*La Verdadera Destreza* is often taught as a highly academic discipline due to its history. That's great for the scholars, but does understanding the difference between *Medio de Proporcion* and *Medio Proporcionado* actually help you win fights? This class will cover using *Destreza* in practical situations - no circles, no math, just real *Destreza* techniques applied in useful ways to win bouts. Due to time constraints we'll be looking at single rapier only, but the techniques generalize easily to dagger or most rigid parry objects.

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1:30 PM	The Tadcaster Militia Gauntlet Arcade Extravaganza Rapier List 2	The Tadcaster Militia presents the Amazing and Wonderful Tadcaster Arcade Gauntlet and Tournament! Win fabulous tickets and also prizes! Fencers will face a gauntlet of bouts against members of the Tadcaster Militia. Victories will earn tickets that can be exchanged for prizes. You might win a freezy-pop, but you'll definitely enjoy it!
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3:00 PM	C&T Honey Badger Open Rapier List 3	Get all the Cut & Thrust fighting you can handle in this open-field steel tournament hosted by House Honey Badger of An Tir! Number of active pairings is dependent on available space, marshals, and list people, but we hope to have lots of fighting.

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10:00 AM	AEthelmearc's Ladies' Rapier Tourney Rapier List 2	Ladies' Rapier Tourney, sponsored by the Kingdom of AEthelmearc. All women, non-binary, and gender minorities are welcome at our tourney. Format to be determined depending on size but lots of fighting.
10:00 AM	C&T Glyn Dwfn Style Bear Pit Rapier List 3	Cut & Thrust Tourney. The first pair will fight a best of 3. The winner stays in, the loser goes to the back of the line. Repeat until time is up.
1:00 PM	Rapier Field Battle	See Pennsic War 50 - War Scenarios and Tournaments
4:00 PM	Methods of Learning for Martial Students Rapier Tent	Taken from Master Gwynn's *Psychology and the Fencing Woman* manual. In this part of the series, come away with what the professional teachers already know: each student learns differently and how to best leverage their natural abilities for faster, happier progress.
4:00 PM	Master Edmund the Lame Memorial Two-Hander Tourney Rapier List 2	Another year has passed, and we invite you to join us in celebration of the joy of two-handed swords and friendship. The format of the tourney will be determined on site by the number of participants, but our goal is to offer everyone the chance to fight as much as their heart desires. Combatants can play by cut-and-thrust rules, as long as both agree in advance.
Friday 8/11		
10:00 AM	Battle of the River Seine (Combined Scenario)	See Pennsic War 50 - War Scenarios and Tournaments