

Society Youth Combat Weapons Guidelines

NOT ALLOWED: **Any metal anywhere in the weapon**
 Flails
 PVC cores
 Cutting/smashing surfaces at BOTH ends of the weapon

Weapons Standards:

Cores can be made of rattan (shaved or skin on) or High Density Polyethylene (HDPE) pipe used for irrigation and plumbing (Siloflex/PEX). Diameter of the core can be nominal size 0.75 inch (19.0 mm) to 1.0 inch (25.4 mm). *Note: Two-handed Division 3 weapons over 5-1/2 feet (1.67 meters) may use rattan up to, but not exceeding 1.25 inches (32 mm) in diameter.*



Rattan ends must be rounded, and Siloflex/PEX must be capped, plugged, or otherwise covered to prevent ends from cutting through the foam.

Thrusting tips and cutting edges shall be marked in a contrasting color.

Basket hilts are permitted on single-handed weapons.

Weapons may not exceed 8 ounces (226.8 grams) in weight per foot of length.

If a weapon has a head, it must be constructed solely of lightweight foam. The head shall be firmly and securely attached to the haft. Striking surfaces shall have compression characteristics similar to those without a defined head.

Wrist straps, lanyards, and triggers are recommended but not required.

Pommels, cross-guards, and the butt ends of weapons without butt spikes must be covered with at least 0.375 inch (9.5 mm) closed cell foam and covered with a loose single layer of duct tape or cloth.

Striking surfaces must be covered with at least 0.375 inches (9.5 mm) of closed cell foam extending 1.0 inches (25.4 mm) or more past the end of the core material. The foam must be covered with a single loose layer of duct tape or a cloth sleeve.

Note: If the weapon has a thrusting tip/butt spike, the thrusting end must extend 2 inches (5.08 cm) past the end of the core material and be at least 2-½ inches (6.35 cm) in diameter. Thrusting tips should be constructed so that they do not fold over.

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Division 1: No weapons may be longer than 5 feet (1.52 meters).
Division 2: No weapons may be longer than 5.5 feet (1.67 meters).
Division 3: No weapons may be longer than 7.5 feet (2.29 meters).
Weapons exceeding 6.0 feet (1.83 meters) shall not be used for cutting or smashing and shall be used for thrusting only (spears).



Thrown Weapons

May be used for striking and may also be thrown in melee scenarios where thrown weapons are allowed. Examples are thrust-and-throw javelins and axes.

Throwing Axes: May be used in any division and are constructed from only closed cell foam and tape. Axes shall not be excessively large or heavy.

Javelins: Constructed from a single diameter of HDPE pipe and may be used in melee combat in Divisions 2 and 3. They may be thrown or be used as a single-handed thrusting weapon.

The thrusting tip must conform to standard weapon thrusting tips.

The butt end may not be used offensively. It must be padded with foam in such a manner that it will not penetrate a 2.0 inch (5.08 cm) opening. Fins or stabilizers of foam or duct tape may be attached near the backend.

Must be between 4.0 and 5.5 feet (1.22 and 1.67 meters) long.

