

Rapier Test

1. For rapier helms there can be no openings bigger than:
 - a) 1/16 inch
 - b) 1/8 inch
 - c) 1/4 inch
 - d) 1/2 inch

2. What is the maximum diameter of a rapier buckler:
 - a) 20 inches
 - b) 18 inches
 - c) 24 inches
 - d) 16 inches

3. What is the maximum blade length of daggers
 - a) 22 inches
 - b) 16 inches
 - c) 19 inches
 - d) 25 inches

4. The overall weight of a rapier is not to exceed:
 - a) 3.5 lbs.
 - b) 2.5 lbs.
 - c) 2 lbs.
 - d) 3 lbs.

5. Thrusts are always considered unobstructed:
 - a) False
 - b) True

6. Draw cuts in rapier are not allowed:
 - a) True
 - b) False

7. Minimum age for a rapier combatant is:
 - a) 13
 - b) 16
 - c) 14

d) 18

8. Archers are non-combatants and therefore:
- a) May not be struck except by missile weapons
 - b) Don't need to wear armor
 - c) Don't have to take the Sword Oath
 - d) Don't need to be qualified in the weapons type they are participating in
9. At what age is kidney protection no longer required but recommended:
- a) 13
 - b) 16
 - c) 18
 - d) 14
10. The back of the head must be covered with padded material no less than ____ or equivalent:
- a) 1/8 inch
 - b) 1/2 inch
 - c) 1/16 inch
 - d) 1/4 inch
11. Rapiers must have at least _____ of flex when hanging a one pound weight.
- a) 2 inches
 - b) 3 inches
 - c) 4 inches
 - d) 5 inches
12. What is a defensive secondary in rapier?
- a) An object being used with a rapier such as a cloak, mailed gauntlet, etc.
 - b) A second rapier
 - c) A dagger
 - d) Buckler
13. What is a poniard?
- a) A shield
 - b) A parrying dagger
 - c) An extremely flexible rapier
 - d) A piece of armor
14. What is "case of rapiers" ?
- a) A box of rapiers
 - b) A team of 4 or more rapier fighters
 - c) Two rapiers used simultaneously
 - d) None of the above
15. Semi-rigid shin and forearm protection is required.
- a) TRUE
 - b) FALSE
16. What is the minimum requirement for hand protection?
- a) gauntlet
 - b) Woven glove
 - c) Medium weight leather glove
 - d) All of the above
17. Padded sleeves on a gambeson are sufficient elbow protection?
- a) True
 - b) False
18. When wearing a metal helm, what is the minimum padding requirement?
- a) 1/4 inch

- b) none
 - c) 1/8 inch
 - d) 3/4 inch
19. What is acceptable for a commercially blunted rapier?
- a) A ball tip
 - b) A metal disk tip
 - c) A permanently affixed rubber blunt
 - d) All of the above
20. If it meets all standards, may I make my own rapier blade?
- a) Yes
 - b) No
 - c) sometimes