

# Chapter 1

## Changes Since Version 2.0

### Release 2.4, April 2009

#### Clarifications

- Changed all instances of “partial gauntlet” and “demi gauntlet” to “half gauntlet” to reflect common usage.
- Changed glossary entry for “partial gauntlet” to “half gauntlet”
- Changed wording of 7.11.2 to remove the words “which protect the back of the hand and the wrist”. The coverage requirements for a half gauntlet are defined in the glossary.

#### Changes Originating From Changes to Society Rules

- Paragraph 4.6.4; changed “... not be struck by errant missile fire.” to “... not be struck by errant missile fire, including deflected shots.” and added a fourth sentence “It is the responsibility of the marshal in charge to ensure that safe boundaries and buffer zones are set to ensure the safety of spectators.”
- Paragraph 8.1.3 under “Melee Weapon Standards”, changed from:

“No metal, or unapproved rigid plastic may be used on the striking surfaces of any weapon.”

to:

“With the exception of the hilts, guards and pommels, no metal or non-approved rigid, granular, or liquid material may be used in the construction of single or two-handed weapons including spears.”

The major changes in this revision of the society rules are to the thrusting tip standards. The minimum thickness and progressive give requirements for low-profile thrusting tips on single-handed swords have been reduced, and low-profile thrusting tip standards for two-handed weapons have been introduced.

- Section 8.4.1 under “Thrusting Tips”: added paragraph 8.4.1.2 “The progressive give of a thrusting tip must be across the entire face of the tip. Pressing with the thumb into the centre of the thrusting tip is not an adequate test.” and deleted the repeated footnotes from subsequent subsections under section 8.4.
- Section 8.4.2 “Low Profile Thrusting Tips”: Deleted paragraph 1 “Low-profile thrusting tips may only be mounted on single-handed weapons.” and renumbered subsequent paragraphs.
- Section 8.4.2: Changed paragraph 2 from:

“Low-profile thrusting tips must be constructed of at least 32mm ( $1\frac{1}{4}$  inches) of closed-cell foam, although at least 38.1mm ( $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches) are recommended. They shall provide at least 12.7mm ( $\frac{1}{2}$  inch) of progressive give across the face of the thrusting tip without allowing contact with the rigid tip of the weapon.”

to:

“Low-profile thrusting tips on single-handed weapons must be constructed of at least 19.1 mm ( $\frac{3}{4}$  inch) of resilient material. They shall provide at least 9.53 mm ( $\frac{3}{8}$  inch) of progressive give across the face of the thrusting tip without allowing contact with the rigid tip of the weapon.”

- Section 8.4.2: Added paragraphs 3 and 4, reading:
  - “3. Low-profile thrusting tips on two handed weapons 2.28 m ( $7\frac{1}{2}$  ft) or less in length must be constructed of at least 38.1 mm ( $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches) of resilient material in front of the rigid tip of the weapon. They shall provide at least 18 mm of progressive give across the face of the thrusting tip without allowing contact with the rigid tip of the weapon.
  4. Low-profile thrusting tips may not be mounted on weapons greater than 2.28 m ( $7\frac{1}{2}$  ft) in length.”
- Section 8.4.3 “High-Profile Thrusting Tips”: Added paragraph 2 “Where thrusting tips are used on weapons greater than 2.28 m ( $7\frac{1}{2}$  ft) in length they must be high-profile thrusting tips.”
- Tables 8.1 and 8.2 updated to reflect new standards.
- Figure 8.1 updated to reflect new standards.

## Release 2.3, 9 January 2009

- Removed now-obsolete armour standards for plumed combatants - plumed combatants must now wear standard minimum-legal armour.
- Added section 7.15 containing armour requirements for noncombatants who remain on the field during war combat with missile weapons or war

combat with arrows. These are effectively the same standards as the old Lochac “light” armour and allow the use of old 1.3mm/18ga helms by marshals, but only by marshals, and require such helms to be clearly marked.

- Edited paragraph 8.2.4.4 to say “Built-up heads shall allow at least 12.7mm ( $\frac{1}{2}$  inch) of progressive give” since we allow “headless” two handed weapons such as glaives that technically have distinct head and shaft portions but do not have a built-up head.
- Some table and figure formatting has changed due to a new version of software being used. Work on cleaning them up is still ongoing and the next release should show improvement.

## Release 2.2, 20 December 2007

- Paragraphs 4.2.21 - 4.2.23, p14. Changed the "kneeling combatant" rules at the request of HRM Hugh.
- Figure 4.1, p15. Changed the "moving around a kneeling fighter" diagram to reflect the new rules.

## Release 2.1, 12 September 2007

- Added this appendix listing changes since previous release.
- Several non-rule affecting wording and punctuation changes.
- As an experiment, the kill/wound zones are now in color. These print fine on the black and white printers I have access to.
- Table 8.1, p40. Corrected length of single-handed swords to 1.22m in rule 8.2.2.4, on p38, and summary table on p40. Previously it was 1.83m which was longer than the society specified maximum. Corrected thrusting tip specification for single-handed mass weapons to include low- or high-profile thrusting tips. Previously it had only listed high-profile thrusting tips but low-profile thrusting tips are allowed on any single handed weapon by the society rules.
- Table 6.1, p26. Added weapon/shield to target area column on effects of weapons table.
- Appendix B. Replaced the glossary with the one from the March 2007 Society Marshals Handbook containing the correct materials definitions. There are very minor wording changes to some definitions from the society ones to reflect Lochacan usage, but nothing substantive.
- Figure 8.3, p42. Fixed the progressive give depth on the fibreglass spear thrusting tip picture it now shows 30mm rather than 20mm and matches the rule text.

- Paragraph 6.3.1, p23. Inserted a reference to section 6.6 to clarify the extent blow acknowledgement standards may be changed.
- Chapter 12, p50. Minor changes to rule change procedures. Combined 12.3 and 12.4 and added rule allowing minor clarifications or typographical corrections that do not change the meaning of a rule to bypass the change process as long as they are made by the KEM or their deputy for combat laws.
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