

Regulations of the Combat Tournaments
"Legnickie Pole 1241" - 2025 edition

REGISTRATION FOR THE TOURNAMENT THROUGH THE ONLINE REGISTRATION FORM

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General rules:

- **EACH PARTICIPANT IN THE TOURNAMENT AS WELL AS HIS GROUP WILL BE REQUIRED TO PROPOSE ASSISTANT JUDGES.**
- The combat tournament will be held in 3 categories:
 - **Heavily armoured 1x1**
 - **Light armoured 1x1**
 - **Light armoured 3x3 or 5x5**
- Light-armed tournament fighting will begin at 18:30 on 20.06.2025 on the square near the camp. Heavy-armed tournament will be held on 21.06.2025 at 13:00.
- The tournament is open to people who are at least 18 years old.
- Each participant in the tournament takes part at his own risk.
- The tournaments are played in a knockout system.
- Persons whose behaviour indicates the consumption of alcohol or drugs will not be allowed to take a part in the tournament.
- The kit used by a given tournament should be historically consistent, i.e.: correspond to a specific dating (13th century).
- The helmet in a **Heavily armoured** tournament should have a full face protection. Permissible helmets: Great helmet, early great helmet, phrygian or norman with a mask or mail protection covering full jaw.
- The mail in a heavy-armed tournament should reach at least to mid-thigh, and the sleeve should cover the elbows of the fighter and reach to the wrist. Short and short-sleeved mail are not allowed (apart from eastern forms, in which case the forearms and elbows must be protected by another form of armour, i.e. bazubands).
- The sword should be based on the 13th CE finds or iconography.
- The shield should be made of wood, covered with fabric. The shield must not have metal-wrapped edges! The only acceptable metal parts in the shield: belt buckles, nails/rivets attaching the belts, shield boss in some cases.
- Required leg protections from the knee (including the knee) up.
- In the light-armed tournament, the minimum armour must consist of: a quilted caftan, quilted leggings (full or short), a quilted cap, hand protection (integrated, leather or gloves), head protection - a helmet with a nasal or kettle hat.
- Any additional metal protective elements should be supported by historical sources.
- Other items of protective armament such as mittens, mail leggings and hoods are welcome. This is standard, however, there are still people who have not completed everything. This is a nod to them and hopefully a motivation to continue.
- The equipment should be neat, well-maintained and the weapons cleaned and without burrs of the incisive edges.

- **A non-negotiable requirement in a Heavily armoured tournament is the use of a suspensor (crotch protection).**
- On a case-by-case basis, if a participant is deficient in the protective items/armor listed in the above guidelines, there is the possibility of conditional admission to the tournament. Such a decision can only be made by the chief judge. This decision is final and not subject to discussion.
- The organizers provide prizes for places: I, II and III in each competition.
- For participants presenting the Eastern Horde armament and acceptance of admission to the tournament will be subject to individual verification by the chief judge or his designee.
- Eastern weapons - sabres had cutting edge on the both sides of the blade. Hits with both sides of the blade are scored.

RULES OF COMBAT:

- Scoring zone: legs from the knee (without the knee) up, hands from the elbow (without the elbow) up, torso, head. Clean blows (embedded) inflicted with the incisive part of the sword are counted.
- Scoring zone for spear form weapons (3x3) and (5x5 fights): from the nipple line down to the thigh (excluding the knee and crotch).
- In 3x3 battles, 1 spear form weapon is allowed.
- Blows made by the side part of the blade are not scored, we are scoring just clear blows made by the edge of any sort of weapon.
- Overthrowing the opponent or falling over will be scored only after the inflicted cut or blow.
- Knocking the weapon out of the hand by striking is scored for the opponent. The fight is halted and resumed from the centre of the field.
- The fight is stopped after dropping the weapon (losing it), to pick it up the opponent must agree to continue. In the absence of consent, the fight ends with a win for the non-consenting combatant.
- The inactive clinch will be separated by the referee, and the fight will resume from the centre of the field.
- **IT IS FORBIDDEN** (disqualification): crotch punches, stabbing, kicks, "pulling" behind the helmet as well as **discussions with the main judge** during the tournament.
- Strikes with the rim of the shield, kicks on the shield - are allowed with the consent of both combatants of a pair. The mentioned strikes are not scored.
- A nod to respectable fighters in the heavy-armed tournament possessing a full set of mail. A participant wearing mail legwear facing a competitor without such armament is honored with an additional point at the start of the fight!
- Any disputed situations, the admission of a fighter to the tournament, checking of weapons (consistency, weapons as well as protection) and other matters not mentioned in the rules are decided by the panel of judges. The decisions of the chief judge are final and indisputable.
- For discussions, discussions and disputes, the chief judge invites after the tournament.

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