



COMBAT STANDARDS

The Brisbane School of Iberian Swordsmanship (BSIS) adopts in the School of Historical Defensive Arts (SHDA) Combat Standards in their most current form with the following alterations and additions:

ALTERATIONS

1. SHDA is replaced by BSIS throughout.
2. The standard *1.0 Rules of Combat* introductory paragraph is replaced with:

BSIS has two styles of combat:

1. Masked combat, and training for masked combat, shall be referred to as “combat”.
2. Combat, and training for it, which is kept deliberately light so as to ensure safety while in light armour, shall be referred to as “scholars’ privilege combat”. All standards regarding combat also apply to scholars’ privilege combat, unless specifically stated otherwise.

Combat is defined as: Any activity where students are actively attempting to strike each other and not in a structured drill situation with a trainer in attendance. There are levels of combat within both styles of combat.

3. Standard *1.1.2c* is replaced with:
 - c. Sparring armour is required unless the supervisor has elected to allow lesser protection to a level not less than light armour.
4. Standard *3.0 Armour and Weapon Standards* clause 1 is replaced with
 1. Light armour, defined as — long pants or past-knee-length pants with socks or kilt/skirt with heavy stockings, such that the legs are fully covered, long-sleeved shirt, gloves, protective eye-wear. Groin or chest protection as sex-appropriate is recommended.
5. Standard *3.0 Armour and Weapon Standards* clause 2 is replaced with
 2. Sparring armour, defined as — padded jacket, long sleeves (padding recommended) such that the arms are fully covered, long pants or past-knee-length pants with socks or kilt/skirt with heavy stockings such that the legs are fully covered, leather gloves or gloves equally protective, mask, gorget, coif, and groin or chest protection as sex-appropriate. No skin showing.

Standard *3.0 Armour and Weapon Standards* clause 2 parts a. and b. remain unaltered.



ADDITIONS

1. To standard *1.1 Four Levels of Combat*:

These four levels do not apply to scholars' privilege combat.

2. To standard *1.1* clause 1:

- d. The Trainer may require all or part of Sparring armour should they deem it appropriate.

3. To standard *1.0 Rules of Combat*, following *1.1 Four Levels of Combat*:

Three Levels of Scholars' Privilege Combat

There are three levels of scholars' privilege combat each with its different approach and requirements. It is important to understand each level of combat in order to understand each level's safety requirements. The levels are very similar to masked combat, but have differing armour requirements. It will be noted that the higher levels tend to blur into one another but they are still distinct.

1. The first level is Training.
 - a. This is not actually bouting, these are drills and controlled elements described by the Trainer for the training of students.
 - b. Supervised at all times by the Trainer.
 - c. Light armour is sufficient. The Trainer may excuse the use of light armour based upon the content of the lesson (usually only if weapons are not in use).
2. The second level is Free-play.
 - a. This is a light form of combat where the speed is not up to its full capacity and the focus is more on the skills presented and demonstrated in a bouting environment rather than any attempt to win the combat. To use a loose term this could be seen to be done at about half the full combat speed.
 - b. Supervised by at least one Marshal at the least, with preference for the presence of a Trainer.
 - c. Light armour is required.
3. The third level is Sparring.
 - a. This is a more intense form of combat than found in the previous level. The idea in this form is to strike without being struck. While there should be a focus on skills during this combat, there is also an increased emphasis on the results of the combat as well. This could be seen loosely as three-quarter speed combat.
 - b. Supervised by a Marshal at the least.
 - c. Light armour is required.
 - d. A student must be authorised to engage in this level combat.



4. There is no Tournament level in scholars' privilege combat.
4. To standard 2.0 *Rules of Combat*:
 8. To engage in scholars' privilege combat at Sparring level a student must be authorised to do so. Such authorisation is withdrawn on the third offence after two warnings. Authorisations and warnings must be recorded.
5. To standard 2.2 *Use of Weapons*:
 5. Scholars' Privilege Combat excludes the use of pommel, hilt, and quillion strikes.