

Kingdom of Northshield Boffer Division Rules in a Nutshell (2019)

	Division 1/Eaglet (ages 6-9) Parent/Guardian must be present at the list	Division 2/Cub (ages 10-13) Parent/Guardian must be on the site	Division 3/Fledgling (ages 14-17) Designated adult must be on site; Medical waiver must be on file		
Armor	Head	Rigid material, padded, no opening more than 2", chin strap	Rigid material, padded, no opening more than 2", chin strap	Rigid material, padded, no opening more than 2", chin strap	
	Neck	Throat and larynx only, light leather	Larynx and cervical spine covered with rigid material, medium weight leather over closed-cell foam	Larynx and cervical spine, "hard over soft" rigid material	
	Torso	Shirt or tunic	Shirt or tunic plus kidney protection; chest protection for girls recommended	Rigid protection for kidneys, sternum, and xiphoid; padded chest protection as appropriate	
	Arms/Hands	Cloth covering shoulders, elbows, and hands (light gloves)	Cloth covering shoulders and armpit, padded elbows and gloves (1/4 inch on fingers, back of hand, wrist). Street hockey gloves or basket hilt with wrist protection acceptable.	Cloth covering shoulders and armpit; rigid elbows, gauntlets covering hands (ice hockey or lacrosse gloves acceptable)	
	Legs/Feet	Cloth covering legs, sturdy non-open shoes required	Cloth covering legs, sturdy non-open shoes required, padded knees	Cloth covering legs, sturdy non-open shoes required, rigid knees	
	Groin	Minimum light leather, athletic cup, or equivalent	Athletic cup, padded skirt, leather, or equivalent	Athletic cup or rigid pubic arch protection for males; closed-cell foam, heavy leather or equivalent (not male athletic cup) over pubic bone for girls	
	Weapons	Core	Rattan with a diameter between 3/4 and 1 inch (ends rounded and/or capped), golf tubes (ends capped), HDPE (siloflex or PEX) with a diameter of 3/4 inch (ends capped). No butt spikes. Lanyards required on single-handed weapons.	Rattan with a diameter between 3/4 and 1 inch (ends rounded and/or capped), HDPE (siloflex or PEX) with a diameter of 1 inch (ends capped). Butt spikes on 2-handed weapons. Lanyards required on single-handed weapons.	Rattan with a diameter between 3/4 and 1 inch (ends rounded and/or capped), HDPE (siloflex or PEX) with a diameter of 1 inch (ends capped). Butt spikes on 2-handed weapons except spears. Lanyards required on single-handed weapons.
		Maximum Length	Proportional to combatant, max. five feet (60"). No spears or javelins.	Proportional to combatant, max. 5.5 feet (66"). No spears.	Six feet (72") for great weapons, seven-and-a-half feet (90") for spears; great sword haft max. 18"
		Shield Grip	No guard required	No guard required	shield basket, hockey glove or full gauntlet
		Authorization Categories	One authorization encompasses all weapons	One authorization; preferred demonstration of multiple weapons	One authorization; preferred demonstration of multiple weapons
Target Area		All body above 1" above the knee except below 1" above the hand	All body above 1" above the knee except below 1" above the hand	All body above 1" above the knee except below 1" above the hand	
Face Thrusting		Not allowed	Entire head allowed, touch only	Face only, touch only	
Combat	Blow Calibration	Intentional touch, no face thrusts, touch for body thrusts	Positive force for cutting blows and body thrusts, touch for face thrusts	Light force for cutting blows, positive force for thrusting blows, touch for face thrusts; armored combat calibration is acceptable	
	Blow Acknowledgement	Arm blow results in loss of use of arm, leg blow results in loss of use of leg, head or torso counted as kill	Arm blow results in loss of use of arm, leg blow results in loss of use of leg, head or torso counted as kill	Arm blow results in loss of use of arm, leg blow results in loss of use of leg, head or torso counted as kill	

Additional weapon notes: No PVC. No metal. Max weight 8 oz per foot. Thrusting tips must be at least 2 inches long and at least 2.5 inches in diameter.

Combatants must have "Minor's Consent to Participate and Hold Harmless" waiver.

Adult must be present during armor and weapon inspection.