

Exhibition Fighting Rules

Notebook: Grindfest Electric Knives

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Brought to you by the Weapon Wizards of Grindfest.

So, you've built your broom-handle halberd, the Wizards gave it a thumbs up, and you are ready to step into the ring. Hold the phone, bucko. Are you really prepared? Your rubber vest may be a licensed Mad Max prop, but it's not exactly sporting. Fashionable, yes, but we're not letting you fight in that. Heatstroke aside, if you can't be shocked in the torso, you are effectively invulnerable, and no one wants to feel like they're fighting a waterfall with a Solo cup. Fear not, we'll get you up to speed and into a breathable cotton shirt.

The regular knife fights, that's a weird sentence when you say it out loud, kept the rules pretty loosey-goosey, and for a good reason. We're hackers, every last one of us, and if we have overly specific rules, someone will bend one, and that's a breeding ground for injuries. We'll risk it and describe specifics here, but we also get to stop you at any time if we think something is unsafe or unfair.

Defense

1 - Clothing

You cannot wear conductive sheets above the waist and below the neck.

You cannot wear insulating sheets above the waist and below the neck. Rubber aprons are a real thing if you work in the kind of industry that sees a lot of splashing, and I don't mean lifeguards. Similarly, if you wear something to conduct electricity away from your skin, like that chain-mail in your closet, you cannot wear it during the match. Seriously, what were you thinking when you bought that at the Ren Fest? Buttons and necklaces are just peachy, and you can go the extra distance for thirty-seven pieces of flair.

2 - Shields

No.

Maybe this will be a thing in the future, but for now, let's say shields are off the table.

3 - Shoes

Yes. You'll be fighting in a place where sticks and dogs drop. We can help you with a tetanus shot, but you still have to don footwear.

4 - Robot exoskeletons

Please bring your robot exoskeleton to Grindfest to show off, but leave it outside the ring. If your opponent dresses as a xenomorph queen, we'll reconsider. In fact, we'll have a lot to think about.

Offense

You get one weapon, and it must be the electric type we already talked about. If you bring so much as a cup of scalding hot coffee, leave it on the judging table.

Bribing

Try it. It won't do you any good against electricity, though.

Authority having jurisdiction

We're all here to have fun and learn and fight with electric weapons. We, as judges, don't want to bring our justice hammer down on anyone, and we won't if everyone is safe.

We're all phenomenal people, every last one, so please don't poke our eyes out.