

## Western Experimental weapon tests

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There are a number of experimental weapon programs that are currently approved for general use and 1 that is restricted-use only. All experimental weapons follow the rules outlined in the West Kingdom Combat Standards Manual ( <http://www.westkingdom.org/martial/MHB.pdf> ), except where specified here.

Feedback on any experimental weapon issues should be sent to [marshal@westkingdom.org](mailto:marshal@westkingdom.org)

### Open Use Experimental Weapons

½" Low Profile Thrusting Tip (LPTT)

Society Standard LPTT on Two Handed Swords

2" thrusting tips on fiberglass pikes

### Restricted Use Experimental Weapons

Very Low Profile Thrusting Tip (VLPTT)

#### General rules

- All combatants and marshals must consent to the use of the weapon or material before combat begins. If any of the marshals or combatants object to the use of the material or weapon, the material or weapon may not be used. All unapproved materials and weapons shall be marked with alternating bands of red and green tape totaling 6 inches in length. Bands shall be visible during weapon usage.



- You must notify your opponent that you are using an experimental weapon. If your opponent does not wish to fight against the EW, you must change weapons.
- EWs can only be used at events with the express permission of the Marshal in Charge. EWs may be used freely at official practices.
- Open Use EWs are available to any authorized fighter who follows the rules outlined in this document.
- Restricted Use EWs can only be used by **and against** those fighters on the Earl Marshals Approved List. If you violate this rule, **YOUR CARD WILL BE PULLED**. In case that was unclear, do not use a Restricted Use EW unless you are sure your name is on the list. To apply for inclusion on the list, email [marshal@westkingdom.org](mailto:marshal@westkingdom.org). Not all who apply will be included in the first round of testing.

## Rules

**½” Low Profile Thrusting Tip (LPTT).** For use on Single handed weapons only. The LPTT must be the same diameter as the sword they are mounted on, be at least ½” in thickness and have must not bottom out on the rattan. The LPTT must be red.

### **Society Standard LPTT on Two Handed weapons.**

Including 2 hand swords, glaives, axes, etc.

When thrusting tips are used, they shall be at least the same diameter as the sword they are mounted on and have at least 1¼ inch (31.8mm) of resilient material in front of the rigid tip of the weapon providing at least ½ inch (12.7mm) of progressively resistant give across the face of the thrusting tip. (Note: Pressing with the thumb into the center of the thrusting tip is not an adequate test. The give must be across the entire face of the tip.). All 1¼” thrusting tip must be red.

### **2” thrusting tips on fiberglass pikes**

All fiberglass spears/Pikes must have a thrusting tip a minimum of 2 inches in diameter or cross-section. Additionally, these thrusting tips must be constructed so that there is a minimum of 2 inches of resilient material in front of the PVC end cap and shall provide progressively resistant give under pressure without allowing contact with the PVC end cap.

### **Very Low Profile Thrusting Tip (VLPTT)**

For use on Single handed swords only. VLPTT swords must be marked with 2 alternating bands of red and green tape, framed by bands of YELLOW tape, below the thrusting tip totaling 6 inches in length.



A VLPTT is a single handed sword with the end capped in such a way so as to prevent rattan fibers from poking through the covering tape. This may be done with heavy leather, nylon webbing or other materials as approved by the EM. Tape alone, of any kind, is insufficient. If you have a material you think would work, contact the EM.