



# Rule Changes

# Thrust and Throw

July 2016

- ▶ All heavy fighters are considered Thrust and Throw authorized.
- ▶ In War, the use of a half-gauntlet (archer's gauntlet) or demi-gauntlet is sufficient to throw a Thrust and Throw Weapon.
- ▶ A half-gauntlet/archer's gauntlet/demi-gauntlet continues to be insufficient for close combat since it does not protect the fingers of the fighter.

# Kidney Protection

July 2014

- ▶ Zoombang does meet minimum equivalency standards for "rigid protection" to be used as the sole protection over the kidneys and short ribs.
- ▶ The protective garment must not be compromised or damaged, and there must not be any significant gaps between small pads. This is to make sure any impact is properly distributed over a wide surface area of the protective garment/pads.

# Swords

July 2014

- ▶ No polypropylene rods can be used as swords in heavy combat in the West Kingdom.

# Hand Protection

November 2013

- ▶ “The outer surfaces of the hand, to one inch above the wrist of both arms and including the thumb, must be covered by one or a combination of the following:
  - A rigid basket or cup hilt with enough bars or plates to prevent a blow from striking the fingers or the back of the hand. If a basket or cup hilt, shield basket, or center-grip shield is used, a vambrace and or partial gauntlet shall cover the remaining exposed portions of the hand and wrist.”
- ▶ A simple demi gauntlet may not cover the thumb and fingers in a basket or cup hilt.