



# The Moot 2025

## 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> September

### Open to all Exiles

Join us for a weekend celebrating the noblest of weapons and the one we all really came to learn – the longsword.

We may love all of the art, but it was the sword that brought us together.

#### 27<sup>th</sup> September – 8:30 Arrive

9:00 – 12:00

Marky

#### Cause and Effect Scenarios

I want to try and blow your mind with the depth of this Sword art. A deep dive into decision making across Plays through set pieces.

12:00 – 13:00

Lunch

13:00 – 15:00

With Mark

#### Manifesting the Segno

Bringing the Segno to life across the art of Sword and your application of it.

15:00 – 17:00

Marky

#### Things you might have missed

A look across the art at some often overlooked actions and principles.

19:00

Evening Thingy.

Food.

Location TBC

#### 28<sup>th</sup> September – 9:00 Arrive

09:30 – 12:00

With Luke

#### Exploring Stretto

Looking at the Stretto section of Sword in Two Hands.

12:00 – 13:00

Lunch

13:00 – 14:30

With Symon

#### Distance is your friend

Real vs. Play. How why and when to use distance.

14:30 – 16:30

With Ivan

#### Them Dirty Tricks...

How **not** to fall for the dirty tricks of Sword.

16:30

Weekend Close

13:00 – 16:30

#### Moot Due Mani Tournament

See [Tournament Entry Sheet](#) for full details and rules

The past few events been quickly been fully booked, sort yourself out early to avoid disappointment. **We are limited to only 70 Exiles.**

**Cost: £30 (Plus Sat evening meal, £20 – Optional)**

Additional guests are also welcome for the Evening Meal for the same £20.

There will be a course created for this event for you to make your booking and payments. This will be pinned to the Facebook Event Page. It can also be found at:

<https://courses.the-exiles.com/XXX>

READING

Crossfield Hall, RG2 9BL



# Moot 2025

## Due Mani Tournaments

### Open Tournament

Open to all Exiles

### Womens Tournament

Open to Exiles who identify as female

Due to timings, sadly it is not possible to enter both tournaments this time around

## Moot Tournament Entry Details

Entries will be collated on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>, Pools created overnight and the Tournaments will take Place on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Equipment**— Speak with your instructor in advance if unsure. All equipment will be checked on the day, before entry.

### Mask & Jacket

- Suitable 350N fencing mask or similar
  - With back of head protection
- 350N fencing jacket or similar with plastron
  - Or 800N without a plastron
  - Must be collared
  - Or neck protection worn

### Gloves & Sword

- Gloves Suitable for heavy sparring
  - Heavy Padded with Overlays
  - Including the thumb and wrist
- Sword with a rounded tip
  - And non-pointed cross guards

### Groin, Chest and Other Protection

- For the open tournament, groin protection is required
- Chest protection is recommended for the womens tournament
- Forearm and elbow protection is recommended
- Any additions to this overall list are optional

## Format

### Pools

- Participants placed into pools of combatants. Pools will be chosen at random
- Each combatant will have 3 in-pool bouts. Winners will **also** be scored to the ruleset
- The highest scorers from the pools enter the elimination rounds

### Elimination Rounds

- Combatants will bout at random and move through the elimination rounds
- Bouts will be a win/loss outcome based on the first person judges feel would lose
- There are no points applied to these rounds

**Ruleset**— The rules of this tournament are tailored towards martial considerations and outcomes.

### Combat

- This is a Due Mani (sword in two hands) tournament
  - A mixture of one or two handed use is permitted — **half-swording is not**
- Grappling, striking and close plays are allowed. Messy scraps will be broken up
- Participants must be respectful and safety conscious
- Referees will stop the bout should any perceived danger arise
- All swordplay should cease on hearing the word “halt” from **any** source

### Wins

- Judges will call a win based on clean hits, actions, or a series of actions
- Winning hits or actions will be based on what judges feel would be fight ending
- Judges will act as if combatants have no protection except gloves — As Fiore did
- Bouts without an obvious winner (like a double hit) may be re-started
- In the Pools, winners will also receive points against their win
  - Points are based on conduct, execution and the decisiveness of the win

## Judging

### Referees and Judges (Pool Rounds)

Instructors as required

### Judge & Referees (Elimination Rounds)

Marky, Chris May and David Dixon



# Due Mani Tournament

## Tournament Format & Times

### Womens Pools

13:00

Pools of 6  
4 Highest Scorers are semi finalists

### Open Pools

13:00

Pools of 6  
16 Highest Scorers are finalists

Open Finalists	Open Quarter Final	Womens Semi Final	Open Semi Final	Womens Final	Open Final
14:15	15:00	15:20	15:40	16:00	16:20
16 Bouts	8 Bouts	4 Bouts	4 Bouts	2 Bouts	2 Bouts
8 Move Forward	4 Move Forward	2 Move to Final	2 Move to Final	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place & Final	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place & Final
		2 fight for 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	2 Fight for 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place		

## Format

In the pools, instructors will take a group each. Pool bouts will take place simultaneously in the groups. Instructors will use the scoring cards to record bouts, winners and scores. The overall scores will then be tallied and the highest scorers will then enter the elimination rounds. Elimination rounds will be fought one bout at a time with all participants asked to remain close to the bout area, with their equipment, for fast turnarounds. As a bout ends we will call the next two combatants and aim to have the next bout starting in under 1 minute – so we can fit in all bouts.