

CHANBARA RULES

A. MATCH LENGTH—2 MINUTE MATCH

B. TO WIN A MATCH

- 1. First to three points**

C. HOW TO SCORE POINTS

- 1. Solid strike using the top third of the weapon
(No nicks or glancing blows)**
- 2. Striking any part of your opponents body**
- 3. Partially blocked strikes can not be scored**
- 4. Main targets—head, body, arms, & legs
(Thrusting strikes to the above body parts)**
- 5. Simultaneous strikes (Both competitors receive a point)**
- 6. You can only win a match with a clean unopposed point (No Simultaneous strikes)**

D. PENALTIES

- 1. Unsportsmen like conduct**
- 2. Kicking or punching your opponent**
- 3. Blocking with anything other than your sword**
- 4. Running out of the ring**