

Duelling with Swords

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How the Duel proceeds

At the start of the duel, it should be determined how serious the duel is to be at the choice of the offended party, the duel could be:

- to first blood, in which case the duel would be ended as soon as one man was wounded, even if the wound was minor;
- till one man was so severely wounded as to be physically unable to continue the duel;
- to the death, in which case there would be no satisfaction until the other party was mortally wounded;

Both duellists choose their weapons. Usually the offender chooses first. The seconds then check the weapons to make sure they are suitably functional. An arbiter or the seconds start the duel. The offended party may declare the duel over at any time, even if the conditions of the duel have not been met (such as first blood, or wounding).

The Meaning of the Cards

Minor Arcana

The Minor Arcana cards are the basic blows made during the fencing bout. Each suit represents a different quarter of the attack-