

Fundamentals of Smallsword

An introduction to Domenico Angelo's 1763 'L'Ecole des armes' (The School of Fencing). This class will be a beginner level class suitable for novice smallsword fencers, though all levels are welcome. Expect an introduction to stance and footwork; solo and partner drills with a focus on the Carte thrust, parry and return; and an introduction to the Tierce thrust, parry and return if time allows.

Equipment: BYO small sword as well as helmet, gorget, gambeson, and light gloves.

Instructor Bio

Sarah Potratz is a member of the Wisconsin Historical Fencing Association - Appleton where she mainly studies longsword and smallsword. She started participating in HEMA in 2016, and has been active in the tournament circuit since 2017, both fighting and teaching. She has also medaled in both of her primary weapons.

Pictures: See attached, feel free to use as many or as few as you need.