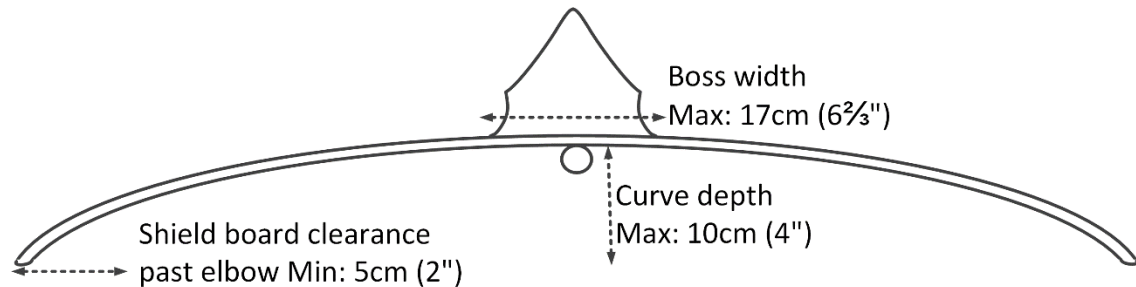


Summary of Authenticity Changes

See the forthcoming individual guide pages for more information.

New proposed Allowed items from 1st January 2018



2d curved round shields

(Allowable - Very Early to Very Late Periods - Restricted)

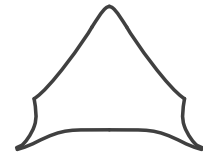
Note: The final decision of the use of this type of shield on the battlefield is still awaiting sign off by the MTO and MaA.

Irish-Sea Vikings and English warriors may use a 2d curved round shields as long as:

- the shield board has a strict minimum of 5cm (2") of clearance past the users elbow when gripped.
- it is only curved to a maximum of 10cm (4") deep.
- it has an authentic sized "Irish Sea style boss" (max diameter of 17cm (6 2/3"), including the flange). See shapes and typical dimensions to right.
- it is used by a combatant of warrior status, although the warrior does not need to be wearing a mail shirt (so can be fighting with 2 hits).
- it is not your only round shield at the show.
- it is of good quality overall. Poor or damaged examples will be classed as *Unacceptable*.



Irish Sea Type A
Dia:16cm x H:9cm



Irish Sea Type B
Dia:12cm x H:12cm

Fur lined cloaks (Allowable - All Periods – Restricted)

RICH characters may wear a fur lined cloak. It must be worn with a noticeable and ornate silver pin or brooch, must be made from one type of fur and the fur must be marten, beaver or another fur of a similar status. No sheep, deer, wolf, fox, rabbit or boar skins may be used.



Tents with more than 4 metal tent pegs

(Allowable - All Periods – Restricted)

Saxon Style Tents may use more than 4 metal pegs if the top ridge panel is suitably decorated. Undecorated tents can only use up to 4 metal pegs (see AO Guide p.58). We do not have enough decorated tents in Regia and this will hopefully encourage a few more.



New proposed Unacceptable items from 1st January 2018

If you have any fresh evidence in support of Regia members continuing to use these items please send it to the Authenticity Team. Remember, these can still be used this year (2017) and will only start to be phased out in 2018. **They will not be fully Unacceptable until 1st January 2019.**



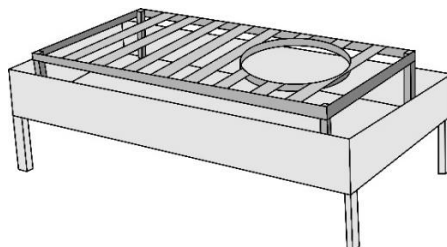
No buckets with wide iron hoops



No chests with rope handles



No brass jam pans



No fire box grills with cauldron holes



No sash cord

Wic Equipment

- **No wooden buckets with visible wide iron hoops**
These can be made *Allowable* by applying wooden laths, withies or a copper-alloy (RICH) strip over the hoops. Buckets may be wider at the top, wider at the bottom or parallel sided. Hoops from wooden laths or withies are *Encouraged*, but thin iron bars are *Optional*. RICH Viking or English characters may own a bucket with decorated copper-alloy hoops or metal plates.
- **No rope handles on wooden boxes**
The use of paired metal ring handles is also discouraged and it is recommended that they not be applied to new boxes. Some boxes do however have a single metal ring on one end. Note: rope handles on wicker baskets are still considered acceptable.
- **No brass jam pans**
Copper-alloy cauldrons must be made from plate and not cast. Shallow cast brass dishes are known, but are only up to 9cm in height. Note: It is highly recommended that copper-alloy cauldrons should be tinned if they are for cooking food.
- **No obvious pine furniture**
Pine should not be used for furniture. If you do have any pine benches, tables, etc then they must be disguised. Suitable methods include covering a table with a table cloth, putting a cushion on a bench or painting the wood to help hide the grain. If the item still looks obviously made of pine it will be classed as *Unacceptable*. Regia is currently looking into ways to make it easier to source hardwoods to make replacements.
- **No fire box grills with round cauldron holes**
If you do need to use these then they should be stored out of sight when they are not being used.
- **No sash cord**
There is now very little of this left in use and we should be able to phase out the rest by 2019.



No visible coifs



No hoods under helmets



No visible gambesons

Gambesons, hoods and coifs

- **No visible padded coifs**
Coifs must be hidden by the helmet or aventail.
- **No visible hoods to be worn under helmets**
Note: hoods worn over mail are already classed as *Unacceptable*.
- **No excessively visible gambesons**
A maximum of 5cm (2") showing below the mail shirt at the hem or at the arms is *Allowable*.
- **No gambesons or leather jacks to be displayed on a Wic armoury display as armour**
They can still be displayed in conjunction with a mail shirt and discussed as padding worn under armour.



No unnatural coloured feathers



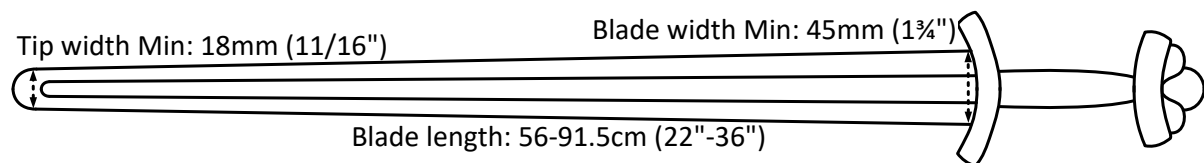
No unnatural patterned feathers

No unnaturally coloured or patterned fletching feathers

These are technically already banned but I plan to enforce a year phase out / amnesty. Arrow fletchings must be of a natural colour (grey, white, brown or black).

To help identify your own arrows it is recommended that you use coloured threads, painted bands or painted nocks.

New Unacceptable Master-at-Arms items



No swords with a blade width under 45mm (1³/₄") at the cross guard

Unacceptable after 1st January 2020

Sword blade length must be between 56-91.5cm (22"-36") long, be at least 45mm wide as it meets the cross guard and have a tip width of 18mm or over.

Any exception to this rule must be based on an actual find and will be judged by the MaA on a case by case basis.

No galvanized / zinc coated mail shirts

Unacceptable after 1st August 2018

The MaA regulations currently state "should be disguised". Now changed to must be "must" be disguised".

Authenticity Guide 2015 Corrigenda

Clarifications and Error Corrections

Cloaks with different coloured linings (p.39, 69, 75, 81, 87, 93)

Lined cloaks appear in both the *Allowable* and *Unacceptable* columns. The ruling is clarified on page 39 of the AO Guide.

Cloak with different coloured lining (Very Early to Very Late Periods)

Cloaks should be lined in the same or similar material. Only members representing RICH characters of Earls status or higher may wear a cloak lined in a contrasting colour. This portrayed status must be obvious to the AO Team. If not you will be asked to remove the item.

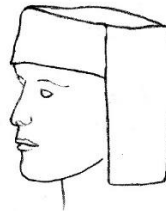
This type of cloak is classed as *Unacceptable* for anyone not portraying a RICH character.

Hats (p.33)

The labelling of the 'Rasquet' cap and 'Aalsum' caps was reversed. They should have been:



Frisian 'Rasquet' cap
793-980AD [R]
Only wearable by Frisians



Frisian 'Aalsum' cap
793-980AD [R]
Only wearable by Frisians

Marrows (p.102)

Marrows appear in the *Encouraged* column when in fact they are *Unacceptable*. This was corrected in the Regia Wic Cookbook ([Facebook Document](#)).

Folding chairs (p.105)

Folding Chairs appear in the *Allowable* column and refers only to basic wooden folding stools. As this has caused some confusion I have detailed the rules regarding the other types of folding stool here. A full write up on all types of chairs is forthcoming.

- **Wooden folding stools (Allowable)**

Note: simple 3 or 4 legged stools are still *Encouraged* and if too many folding stools start to appear then the status of these chairs may change to match that of the *Restricted* iron framed stools. On a wic no more than 25% of any seating may consist of folding stools.

- **Wooden Curules and Iron framed folding stools (Allowable – Restricted RICH)**

These are high status items like the Roman 'Curule', a symbol of political or warrior power. Historically they were used by leaders when passing judgement and so in Regia they are only allowed to be used by RICH warriors or aristocratic characters. They are considered *Unacceptable* for peasants or for any working people.

- **Roman folding stools (Unacceptable)**



Wooden folding stool
Allowable



Wooden 'Curule'
Allowable
[RICH] [Restricted]



Iron framed
Allowable
[RICH] [Restricted]



Roman folding stool
Unacceptable