

## TMS Bladesmithing Competition Judging Rubric

**Blade: 40 points total maximum**

	Score	Comments
<b>Aesthetics/Creativity/Originality: 25 points maximum</b>		
Considerations for aesthetics/creativity/originality include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unique design</li> <li>• Quality of workmanship</li> <li>• Choice of handle and other adjacent work (cast pommel, guard, etc.)</li> <li>• Additional metallurgical efforts (etched designs, etc.)</li> <li>• Is the blade in the same condition as the blade shown in submitted material? (i.e., no further improvements have been made)</li> </ul>		
<b>Effort/Difficulty Level: 15 points maximum</b>		
Considerations for effort/difficulty level include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Difficulty level of process attempted: steel making from ore vs. use of existing materials and construction of specialized equipment or device to enable bladesmithing</li> </ul>		