

TMS Bladesmithing Competition Judging Rubric

Blade 40%		
Aesthetics and Presentation	Score	Comments
Proper labeling: type of blade, name of blade, team, artisan	/5	
Proper dimensions (20-120 cm long, minimum edge radius 0.5 mm)	/5	
Is the blade in the same condition as the blade shown in submitted material? (i.e., no further improvements have been made)	/5	
Arrangement in case, handle choice addressed, other adjacent work (cast pommel, guard, etc.)	/5	
Additional metallurgical efforts (etched logo, etc.)	/5	
Effort/Difficulty Level		
Difficulty level of process attempted: steel making from ore vs. use of existing materials and construction of specialized equipment or device to enable bladesmithing	/5	
Creativity and originality	/5	