https://society-rules.fullmesh.co.nz/index.php/Thrown_Weapons:Handbook

Summary of Changes *(details also found in the Online Change Log)*

1. **Stand-alone Handbooks**
   a. Society handbooks are now self-contained. Prior references to rules and processes in the Marshals Handbook are now included here. Many of these are **global** sections, which are the same and included in every handbook.
   b. Kingdom handbooks will be developed and formatted with the new online format, with kingdom specific rules and policies to be added to the Society rules. This enables version control and quick and easy updates when Society rules change, while enabling Kingdom customization.

2. **Weapons and equipment**
   a. Weapons and equipment must now be inspected by a warranted thrown weapons marshal prior to use in activities. In the previous handbook, marshals had the authority to inspect but it was not required.
   b. Several size, weight, and other safety considerations changed from "should" to "must".
   c. A section for targets was added, with general guidelines.

3. **Participation and Marshaling**
   a. The Rules of the Line added two common practices: (a) not throwing other person's weapons without their permission, and (b) removing weapons by "worrying" them vs yanking.
   b. A section on scoring conventions was added.
   c. Range set-up: Specifics and recommendations to the safety zone were added.
   d. For spears, there is now one minimum distance (15 feet) for both soft and hard targets. This was the result of an experimental program conducted in 2025.
   e. Range procedures and commands restructured into two sections (marshal and thrower), and clarifying language added.
   f. Inspecting equipment - added "Is the distance this weapon will travel appropriate for the range where it is being used?"

4. **Administrative**
   a. The Chain of command for handling disagreements is now consistent with the overall marshalate. (Global section)
   b. Injury reporting now follows the same reporting chain and timeline as all SCA martial activities. (Global section)
   c. A glossary has been added for commonly used terms in SCA Thrown Weapons.

The online Change Log has summaries for each chapter and an overview of the changes in that chapter.

The <mark>cross-check document</mark> tracks each sentence from the old handbook to the new handbook, and denotes the type of change (same wording, updated wording but same rule, rule change). If a rule change, the new text, functional change, and reason why are listed.

Important Dates and Roll-out Process: A multi-month process for major changes to handbooks is being used to improve communication and transparency. The timeline is:

- **March 25 thru May 25:** Thrown Weapons Handbook is open for commentary. This version has been approved by the BoD for commentary for 60 days.
- **March - May**:   Updates to the handbook will be developed based on the commentary.
- **June 1**: The new handbook, with updates resulting from received commentary, will be submitted to the BoD for final review and approval.
- **~June 20:** The new Thrown Weapons handbooks will be in effect (if approved during the June BoD meeting). International affiliates will follow their processes/timelines.
- **June thru Sept:** Kingdoms will then develop their kingdom specific versions.
    - Online Kingdom wiki-formatted versions will be developed from the Society wiki-formatted version. Help is available from the Society Marshal Special Projects team.
    - Kingdoms will only need to have their Kingdom Specific rules and standards portions approved by their Kingdom.
- **The official document is the PDF version at time of approval.**
    - The official pdf will be published on SCA.org (per Corpora processes on official documents).
    - The online Wiki-format will be linked to the SCA.org website as a resource
    - The online Wiki-format is hosted on a nz server, and is in process of being migrated to the SCA servers.