## FQ Approved Century Martial Arts ActionFlex Sword

## To purchase the sword:

Go to: <a href="https://www.centurymartialarts.com">www.centurymartialarts.com</a> Search for Item Number 12686 (or navigate to ActionFlex Swords)

Order a 40" Black sword. The current price as of this printing is \$44.99

## To modify the sword to meet FQ Requirements:

You need to add a pommel to the handle and shorten the handle so that its overall length, including the pommel, does not exceed twelve (12") inches. The recommended method is as follows:

- 1. Using a hack saw (or equivalent cutting tool) remove three (3") inches from the end of the handle.
- 2. Using a sharp knife, remove an additional one and one-half  $(1\frac{1}{2}")$  inches of the black handle material to expose the white pipe beneath.
- 3. Slide the guard onto the handle up against the blade, if you haven't done that yet.
- 4. Wrap double-sided foam tape around the exposed pipe.
- 5. Cut a two and one-half  $(2\frac{1}{2})$  section of approved foam pipe insulation and slide it over the exposed pipe, snug against the handle material.
- 6. Fill the hole in the foam pipe insulation with open cell foam.
- 7. Using black duct tape, tape the pipe foam onto the handle lengthwise. Rotate 90° and apply another strip of tape so that the pipe foam is completely covered and a pommel is formed.
- 8. Wrap duct tape around the tape on the handle to reinforce it. Wrap additional tape around the pommel.

