



## Protective Gear

Prior to all tournaments, fencers will report to their assigned piste and have their gear checked by the head referee and staff. Any changes in protective gear during the tournament must be raised with your head referee. Any intentional removal of mandatory protective gear will result in an immediate Red Card penalty.

\*Note - across all tournaments, no exposed skin is allowed on any part of the body.

### Equipment requirements are as follows:

- Fencing Mask - must be at least FIE 1600N rated. Must show no signs of significant wear e.g. rusting and dents.
- Overlay and back of head protection - mandatory for all fighters. Must be without significant gaps.
- Gorget - mandatory for all fencers. Must be worn under the mask and have a rigid plate. Red Dragon and PBT gorgets are permitted, alongside harder plastic versions such as Vytis.
- Jackets - all jackets should be fencing style and be at least 350N rated with padding. All jackets should have an in-built blade catcher at the collar. Jacket should cover down to the hips, and if not, additional newton rated protection should be worn such as padded fencing pants or skirt.
- Chest protectors - required for all tournaments and weapons.
- Gloves -
  - For Longsword - heavy gloves such as SPES Heavies, Sparring Gloves (with underglove), Thokks with longsword attachment, or any other similar hardshell glove. Red Dragon gloves, whether classic or new Dreadnought-style hard plastic gloves, are not suitable for Longsword.
  - For Sabre and Sword & Buckler - Red Dragon or lacrosse style gloves are the minimum level of protection acceptable. Other leather or kevlar gloves are not sufficient. We strongly recommend finger protectors for all lighter gloves such as classic Red Dragons. For open hilted sabres, longsword-level gloves are required, such as Sparring Gloves or SPES Heavies.
  - For Rapier & Dagger - padded sports fencing or similar motorbike gloves are the minimal acceptable standard. Cuffs must overlap jacket sleeves to avoid gaps.
- Elbow protection - solid protection for the elbows is mandatory for all weapons and tournaments.



- Forearms - solid protection is a requirement for all weapons apart from Rapier & Dagger where it is strongly recommended.
- Knees and Shins - solid protection is required for both during all tournaments.
- Trousers - newton rated fencing pants are strongly recommended for all tournaments but are not mandatory. Jeans without additional outer protection on the upper leg, however, are not allowed.
- Groin Guard - mandatory for men, recommended for W+ fencers.

## Weapons

All tournaments will work on a “bring your own sword” basis. All weapons will be checked by head referees during kit check to ensure they fit within our defined parameters for each weapon category, covering: total length, weight, tip, blade flex, and overall condition.

## Weapon Tipping

Weapons that must be tipped should use one of the following options:

- White Morph or similar thermoform plastic.
- Heatshrink plastic
- Spent bullet casing

Rubber tips are not permitted due to risk of injury. Some weapons require tipping as standard, but others do not, assuming their tips are not outside of allowed parameters. Depending on head referee discretion, we may ask you to tip weapons that do not usually require it, and will have sufficient equipment to do this on the day.

## Weapon Requirements

- Longsword -
  - “Federschwert” type longswords with fattened or rolled tips. Do not require tipping. Longsword blunts are not permitted with the exception of the Sigi King.
  - 140cm maximum total length. Maximum weight 1800g.
  - Side rings are permitted within reason - exceptionally large side rings will be rejected at judges’ discretion.



- Cross-guards and schilts must be rounded without significant points.
- Ideal brands: Regenyei, Kvetun, Sigi, HF Armoury, Poker Armoury.
- Sabre -
  - "Gymnasium" style sabres with fattened or rolled tips. Do not require tipping.
  - 86cm maximum blade length.
  - Minimum weight 700g. Maximum weight 1000g.
  - Ideal brands: Regenyei, Kvetun, Sigi.
  - Broadswords with an enclosed basket are not permitted. Sports fencing style blades are also not permitted.
- Rapier & Dagger -
  - All blades must be tipped regardless of tip type.
  - Blades must be diamond shaped or flat - sports fencing-style triangular or "musketeer" blades are not permitted for neither rapiers nor daggers.
  - Maximum blade length 115cm (Measured from the crossguard).
  - Daggers do not require tipping if they have a rolled tip.
  - Ideal brands: Regenyei, Kvetun, Sigi, HF Armoury.
- Sword & Buckler -
  - All blades must be tipped regardless of tip type.
  - Maximum blade length 92cm (Measured from the crossguard).
  - Maximum diameter of 35cm for bucklers.
  - Bucklers must have safe edges with no sharp points if metal.