

Equipment and Clothing Requirements

The following rules will be applied in respect of all fencers' personal equipment and clothing at all stages of the England Youth Championships 2010. Fencers will be sanctioned in accordance with the Rules for Competitions (first group of offences) if their equipment or clothing does not conform to these specifications.

Weapons

Fencers must have at least two working weapons with them at the piste. Weight and gauge tests will be carried out at the piste at all stages for foils and epees as appropriate.

The Under 15 age groups may use up to size 5 blades, while the under 13 and under 11 age groups may use up to size 3 foils and size 2 epees and sabres. The maximum lengths of blade, in millimetres, within these size categories are as follows:

Blade Size	2	3	5
Foil	not applicable	850	900
Epee	825	not applicable	900
Sabre	820	not applicable	880

Body Wires

Fencers must have at least two working body wires with them at the piste.

Masks

The mesh of the mask must be free of dents and soft spots, all seams must be intact, any trim must be firmly glued, and it must have a back strap in good condition fitted. The bib must be firmly fixed to the mesh and bear a quality label rating of at least 350 Newton (CEN1).

At foil, the under 15 age groups must use masks with the lower part of the bib covered with conductive lamé that is connected to the lamé jacket by means of a wire. The under 13 and under 11 age groups are *not* required to use masks with such bibs.

The use of masks with single layer transparent visors at foil and epee is forbidden. The use of masks with single layer transparent visors at sabre and dual layer transparent visors at all weapons is optional. Any such mask that is used must be fitted with a visor marked with a date of manufacture no earlier than July 2008. Please note that visors are required to be marked with the date of manufacture, not the date of expiry. Therefore, any visor marked with a future date has been incorrectly marked and may not be used.

Any fencer presenting a mask with a transparent visor without a marked date of between July 2008 and June 2010 will not be permitted to use the mask until the visor has been replaced.

Clothing

All items of clothing must be robust and in good condition without any holes or tears. The surface must not be smooth enough for an epee or foil point to glance off. In particular, gloves and sleeves should not have tape on them.

Socks

Fencers must wear socks that cover the legs right up to the breeches.



Glove

The gauntlet of the glove must cover approximately the lower half of the forearm.

Breeches

The breeches must be fastened below the knee (usually elastic) and bear a quality label rating of at least 350 Newton (CEN1). Braces, where fitted, must be worn over the shoulders.

Jacket

The jacket must bear a quality label rating of at least 350 Newton (CEN1) and overlap the breeches by at least 10cms when the fencer is in the on guard position.

Plastron

The plastron must bear a quality label rating of at least 350 Newton (CEN1) for the under 11 and under 13 age groups. It must bear a quality label rating of 800 Newton (CEN2) for the under 15 age groups.

Chest Protector

All female fencers in all age groups must wear a chest protector made of a rigid material (usually plastic). This is optional for male fencers.

At foil, this chest protector *must* be worn below the plastron. Therefore, the cup guard style chest protectors inserted into pockets in the jacket are *not* allowed at foil.

Lamé Jacket

At foil and sabre the lamé jacket must cover the whole of the target area.

National Stripes

The wearing of national stripes is optional. The England Youth Championships recognises the national stripes of the constituent Home Countries of Great Britain in addition to those recognised by the FIE.

Other Badges

Other than national stripes, all marks, badges, emblems, patches or other logo whatsoever must not be worn on the sleeve of the sword arm of the jacket.

Such badges must be located on the sleeve of the non-sword arm of the jacket, on the side of the breeches or on the socks.

Any badge that does not conform to these rules must be removed from the fencer's clothing before the fencer takes part in the competition.



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