



NSW Fencing Association

## EQUIPMENT STANDARDS

Note:

- The equipment standards shown here are the minimum requirements. Fencers may use equipment of a higher standard.
- For ALL fencers of any age the required standard for under-plastrons is 800N.
- All masks must comply with the FIE 'double strap' standard.
- Gloves must be in good condition without any holes.
- These standards apply to both competition and training at the NSW Fencing Centre

Age/Competition level	Under-plastron	Mask	Jacket/breeches	Weapon	Notes
International/national	800N	1600N	800N	FIE/S2000	
Australian Schools	800N	1600N	350N	FIE/S2000	
NSW Schools	800N	350N	350N	Good condition	See note A
NSW State Comps					
U8-U10	800N	350N	350N	Good condition	See note B
U12-U14	800N	350N	350N	Good condition	See note C
U15-Cadet (U17)	800N	1600N	350N	Good condition	
Junior (U20) – U23 – Open - Veteran	800N	1600	800N	Good condition	

Note A: for NSW schools – except for Novices, fencers must wear 'full whites' – 800N underplastron, 350N jacket & breeches and long socks. Novices may wear tracksuit pants. Girls must wear a chest protector. Foil masks do not require bibs.

Note B: for U8/U10 fencers – blade sizes are 0-3 for all weapons; girls must wear a chest protector; boys must wear a chest protector for epee (optional for foil and sabre). Breeches & long socks must be worn. Foil masks do not require bibs.

Note C: for U12/U14 fencers – blade sizes are 0-5 (up to full size) for all weapons; girls must wear a chest protector; boys must wear a chest protector for epee (optional for foil and sabre). Breeches & long socks must be worn. Foil masks do not require bibs.

Good condition means a weapon with a clean blade (no rust), no jagged edges, a properly fixed guard without major dents and good taping on foils.

During the Covid-19 period, equipment should be sanitised each time it is used – use a sanitary wipe to clean weapon/wires, a sanitary spray for masks and wash clothing.

**Weapon checks are not undertaken at NSWFA competitions – fencers are responsible for checking their own equipment. Please consult your coach or the NSWFC armourer if in doubt.**

**Referees will check under-plastrons (must be 800N) and double strapped masks on the piste before competition begins.**

**These rules are based on the NSWFA Equipment & Safety Policy 2014 and the Equipment Standards for Minime Fencers (U8-U14) 2020.**

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