



Equipment standards for Ontario competitions (last revised, July 2010)

A sous-plastron or under-jacket whose seams do not overlap with those of the jacket is required for all athletes competing in point (Category 1, 2 or 3) competitions in Ontario, including Youth and Ontario Challenge Circuit Competitions, Open Competitions and Championship Competitions. Organisers of **all** competitions are strongly encouraged to require the use of sous-plastrons.

Track pants (including lycra) will be allowed at Ontario Challenge Circuit and Youth Circuit Competitions only at the discretion of tournament organizers (who are advised to require traditional fencing breeches). In all cases, pockets must be closed or sealed, and there should be no exposed or open seams. At all other levels of competition (excluding 'Just For Fun' training events), traditional fencing breeches are required.

There must be no skin showing from the neck to the toes except for the non-weapon hand. In other words, there must be sufficient overlap between the jacket and any pants that are worn, and socks must overlap with the breeches (see m.25 for more details).

Equipment must be clean and in good condition (as per m. 25).

All masks require a horizontal strap at the rear of the mask (see m. 25 for more details). The strap should be made of elastic that is at least 35 mm wide, secured to the mask side mesh at each end, and must pass under any mask spring piece at the back, and tensioned to keep the mask firmly in place. It must stay fastened and tensioned during fencing. Masks without straps will not be permitted.

Masks which include the bib as target area for foil are required for Category 2 (Senior, Junior and Cadet Open) competitions from September 1st, 2010. Retrofits are permitted on all masks as long as they are fitted according to the proper specifications. Masks which include the bib as target area for foil are permitted for any competition, and will be required for Category 3 competitions from September 1st, 2011. Any tape used to isolate the conductive bib must be applied in such a way as to not compromise safety.

Following a February 2010 ruling by the FIE, lexan (visor) masks are now permitted only in sabre. Their use is prohibited for all foil or épée competitions. Any lexan masks must be within two years of their date stamp (i.e. must conform to FIE currency regulations).

Athletes participating in CFF or FIE competitions should consult the appropriate guidelines on equipment.

Equipment requirements are outlined in the Canadian Fencing Federation and FIE documents, and all Ontario athletes and competition organizers are required to follow these documents where information is not specified in this policy.

If in doubt, please consult with the Officials Committee for guidance. Please note that fencers not complying with the above equipment standards may be excluded from participation, or sanctioned according to the technical and material rules.