

## On piste checks

### GENERAL:

1. Mask inspection stamp, no x-straps, present and functioning horizontal strap, quick inspection for mesh gaps or bib tears.
2. Each weapon requires its own mask. Must protrude beyond the prominences of the collarbones.
3. NO VISOR MASKS – all 3 weapons. Mask strap must be on fencers head and not on tongue of mask.
4. Hair conforming (off lame in foil and sabre, not covering name on jacket in epee.) Both men and women
5. Sous-Plastron – make them show their sous-plastron. Also on in right direction covering weapon side. Jackets don't have sous-plastrons sewn in.
6. Chest protection for all women, all ages. We don't determine who "requires" chest protection.
7. Jacket overlap to knickers 10 cm when in en garde
8. No tears in lame, uniform, mask bib, socks.
9. No protrusions that could snag a point. No patches on armed arm, zipper wrong side.
10. Glove covers ½ forearm. No holes in glove. Glove stays closed during bout
11. Glove inspection stamp
12. Name on back of jacket or lame, or rear leg
13. Knickers fasten below knees. Socks go all the way up – no leg showing.
14. Body cord inspection (tape or other)
15. All screws in body cord, soldered at clip
16. Body cord retention device both ends.
17. Shoes tied – especially pay attention to children with their untied shoes
18. Spare weapons, body cord, mask cord at strip
19. Blade legal length if youth competition (Y10 - 0 or 2 blades, Y12 and older no requirements)
20. Strip dimensions legal (14m long, 1.5-2.0m, wide, 1.5-2.0m runoff at end)
21. Reels secured to floor
22. Nothing that can snag a point (patches or zippers on wrong side, athletic braces, untucked t-shirt)
23. 1 spare weapons, 1 spare body cord, 1 spare mask cord (foil and sabre) adjacent to strip
24. Clear sport zone. No obstructions in way of referee or fencers (spare equipment, water bottles, equipment bags, other fencers).

### FOIL:

1. Mask cord with inspection tape
2. Lame inspection stamp
3. Legal lame, covers hip bones and comes down in a triangle – no bikini-cuts
4. Lame collar minimum 3 cm.

5. Alligator clip of body cord clipped on lame on weapon side at back. And NOT clipped to both the jacket and the lame – cheaters trick.
6. Point test with 500g weight – pass once, spring must *push back weight* not just hold up. While testing make sure blade is perpendicular to floor, the fencers opponent must be plugged in (no white lights on box)
7. Tip tape present and intact (15cm.)
8. Barrel tight
9. Wire not popping out of blade groove
10. Legal blade bend (less than 1 cm)
11. Wire insulated under bell pad all the way from bell guard to socket – and gaps illegal.
12. Have fencers test lames – 2 colored lights (no white lights).
13. White light on same side.
14. Strip grounded – have one of the fencers test
15. Any chest plates (men or women) must be under jacket. Over or under sous-plastron is fine.

#### **EPEE:**

1. No sabre or foil masks
2. Two screws in tip
3. Barrel tight
4. Large shim / 1.5 mm fits
5. Small shim / 0.5 mm will not set off light when pressed a single time
6. Wires not popping out of blade groove
7. Legal blade bend (less than 1 cm)
8. Outside of bell guard clean (no rust, tape, paint, marker)
9. Both wires insulated separately under bell. Insulated thoroughly from bell guard to socket.
10. No foil bell pads. Bell pad must be large enough to totally cover wires.
11. Referee must be able to inspect the entire length of the insulated wires under bell pad from bell guard to socket.
12. Point test 750g weight – pass once, must push back weight not just hold up. While testing blade perpendicular to floor, opponent is plugged in.
13. Have fencers test points to bell guards – no colored lights should go off.
14. Strip grounded – have one of the athletes test
15. No half jackets

#### **SABRE:**

1. Mask cord with inspection tape
2. Lame collar minimum 3 cm.
3. Alligator clip of body cord clipped on lame on weapon side at back. And NOT clipped to both the jacket and the lame – cheaters trick.

4. Pommel insulated
5. Over glove covers bone protrusion of outside of wrist
6. Over glove has adequate turnover (5 cm in rules but many don't have)
7. Lame inspection stamp
8. Legal blade bend (less than 4 cm), on horizontal plane
9. Check to make sure weapon tip is looped and not broken off.
10. Test masks (not lames) at beginning of bout
11. Remember white light is on opposite side