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Requirements for equipment and weapon control in local competitions

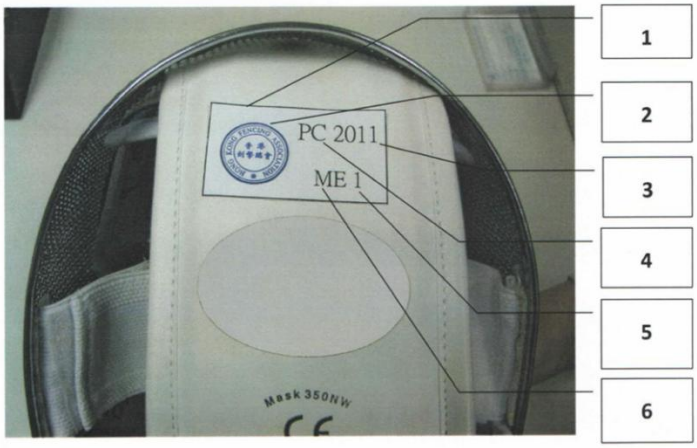
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Effective from 1st January, 2026, the SEMI Committee of the Fencing Association of Hong Kong, China, has updated the requirements for equipment used by fencers in local competitions, and the latest weapon control procedure (including U14, Cadet, Junior, Senior and Veteran events). Except for force majeure, if any local and overseas fencer is unable to use equipment that fulfills the relevant requirements, the referee will eliminate the fencer from the competition according to the rules.

Procedures for Weapon Control:

1. All fencers are required to bring the following equipment to the Weapon Control counter for inspection immediately after reporting:
   - Mask
   - Uniform
   - Under-plastron
   - Glove
   - Electric jacket (only for checking the name printed on the back)
2. Equipment that passes inspection will be marked with a "PASS" label affixed or stamped on the back by the official, as shown in Picture 1;

Picture 1 A mask attached with the "PASS" label



Note:
1 A sample of the "PASS" label
2 A sample of the chop of Hong Kong Fencing Association
3 Year of the competition, e.g. Year 2011
4 Short name of the competition, e.g. "PC" for President Cups
5 Participant's number, e.g. No. 1
6 Short name of the event, e.g. "ME" for Men's Epee Individual Event

3. Equipment that fails the inspection will be retained by officials and returned to the participants after they have completed their competition event on the same day.
4. Only equipment that has passed inspection and has been labeled or stamped may be used during the event.
5. All equipment must comply with FIE regulations.
6. Except in the specific circumstances stated in this document, no country or region codes, flags, crests, logos, or designs may be displayed or used on any equipment.
7. If, during equipment inspection at local competitions, any equipment is found to display national flags, national emblems, regional flags, or regional emblems without prior approval, it will not be granted a “PASS” stamp by the Weapon Control, even if it otherwise meets the competition requirements.

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A: Masks

1. The mask must comply with the standard EN13567:2002 and 350N of the minimum penetration resistance force and be approved by the FIE, China Fencing Association (CFA), CFA Pro or FAHKC;
2. The mask must have two independent safety devices;
3. Every metallic part of the mask cannot be rust;
4. No hole or broken occurred on the surface area;
5. Component parts of the mask must be fixed at the original location, such as screw, tagger and rivet etc.;
6. The joint linked with the front and lateral metallic-meshed parts must be tightly adhered and covered by the flat band around the mask;
7. The length of the back device for fixing must be well situated;
8. Resistance test will be arranged if any conductive part is rust for the foil and sabre mask;
9. Front of the mask:
   - Foreign fencers registered through their National Federation to participate in local competitions may use their FIE registered mask design (if applicable).
   - No patterns or designs are allowed; (including flags, badges, logos and drawings)
   - Only a single color is permitted;

   Side of the Mask:
   - The logo of the affiliated club may be printed with prior approval;
   - The fencer's name or their national or regional code may be printed without prior application.

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B: Under-Plastron and Chest Protector

1. Fencers of all events must wear at least 800N under-plastron which approved by the FIE, CFA Pro approved by the Chinese Fencing Association;
2. All women's and U14 men's fencers must wear chest protector;
3. At foil, the protector must be fully covered with a soft material approved by FIE (U14 fencers are exempt from this).

C: Body Wire and Mask Cable

1. Body wire has a connecting plug which must be made of a transparent material at each end;
2. Mask cable must be ensured by means of a white colored or clear covered wire with two crocodile clips and between 30cm and 40cm long.

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D: Uniform and Conductive Jacket

1. The uniform must comply with the standard EN13567:2002 and 350N of the minimum penetration resistance force and approved by the FIE, CFA, CFA Pro approved by the Chinese Fencing Association or the FAHKC;
2. The fastenings of the uniform, jacket and breeches (typically zips) and conductive jacket must be protected by a flap sewn to cover the fastenings in the direction of the fencer's armed arm (right handed from right to left; left handed from left to right)
3. Breeches must be fastened below the knees, and the fencer must wear socks which cover the legs right up to the breeches. These socks must be held up in such a way that they cannot fall down.
4. Fencers' uniform and socks must not in black color.
5. **Fencers' full surname** or f**ull surname with name initials MUST** be printed on the back of their fencing jacket (Epee) or electric jacket (Foil and Sabre).
   The requirements are as follows:

   - Can be in Chinese or English
   - The printing location is approximately at the level of the shoulder blades on the upper back
   - The country or region code is not necessary to be printed
   - The font color must be dark blue
   - The font height should be 8-10 cm
   - The maximum stroke width is 1.5 cm

   Except for force majeure, if a fencer is unable to use a fencing jacket or electric jacket that fulfills the relevant requirements, the referee will eliminate the fencer from the competition according to the rules.

   Note: The relevant measures are mainly based on Rules t.74, t.75 and m.25.3 in the FIE rulebook.

- Athletes participating in events organized by FAHKC, which are exclusively for local fencers, if they need to print the National/Regional Logo on their fencing uniforms and equipment, only the Hong Kong National/Regional Logo approved by FAHKC, HKG or Hong Kong.
- Fencers registered for local competitions through fencing federations of other countries and regions may use the national/regional logo and country code of their respective countries and regions.
- Logos of affiliation clubs or sponsors are not subject to this restriction.

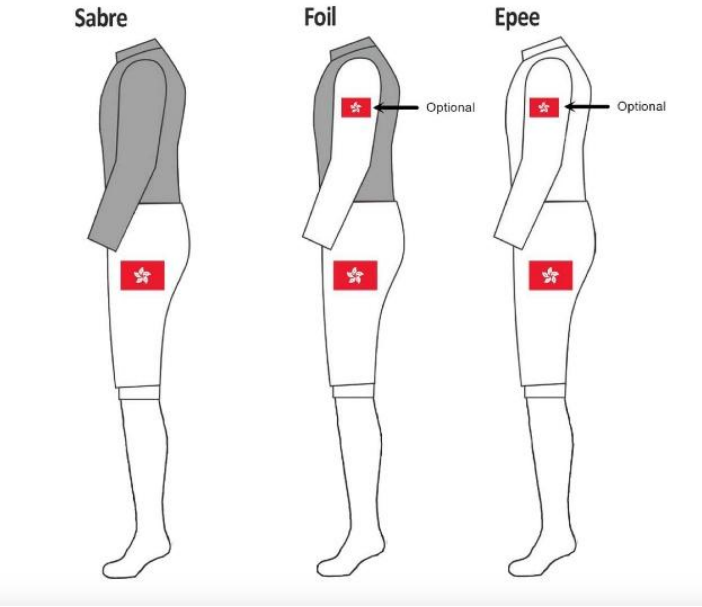
6. The display of the Association's approved National/Regional Logo only allowed on the sleeves of fencing jacket and the sides of fencing breeches.

Note:

To avoid the issues of applying the National/Regional Logo, the Association can be selling the embroidered cloth badges to all members, priced at HK$20 each and sizes are as follows:

Jacket : 6 x 4 cm

Breeches : 9 x 6 cm



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E: Weapons

1. The wire must be protected by an insulating sheath and must be go right up to the socket. (See details in below images)

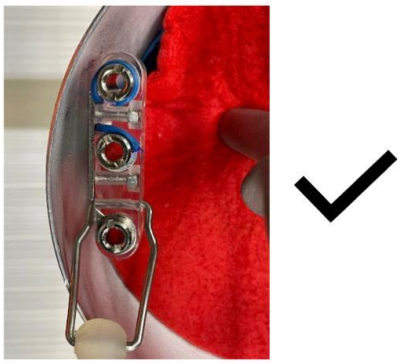


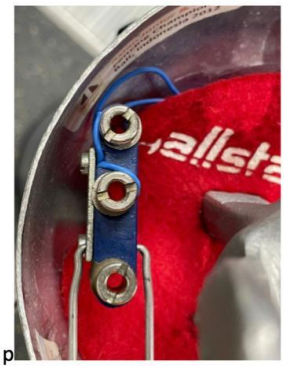
Foil



Epee

2. The socket inside epee guard must have two separate holes in the block, so that the two wires can be passed through the block separately and then connected to the terminals. (See details in below images)





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F: Gloves

1. In all weapons, the gauntlet of the glove must, in all circumstances, fully cover approximately half the forearm of the fencer's sword arm to prevent the opponent's blade from entering the sleeve of the jacket.
2. Under no circumstances should there be any hole in the hand of the glove, even to allow the passage of the body wire.
3. The closure of the glove should be from the middle of the wrist upwards towards the thumb. (See details in below images)

