



BASIC EQUIPMENT FOR FENCING

Beginner to 3 months

During this period use of the equipment at the club is during introductory course. You will probably make use of the clubs weapons, jackets and masks during introductory classes.

Purchase of a fencing glove at this time is recommended, although the use of a gardening glove is equally acceptable.

After 3 months it is worth purchasing other equipment. This can usually be done through the club you are training in.

3 to 6 months

If you have decided to take fencing further now would be the time to purchase some of the basic equipment.

This includes:

- An electric weapon (An FIE weapon is recommended*)
- Body wire
- Fencing Glove
- Some tools to maintain your weapon

The club should be able to provide you with the remainder of the equipment – Mask, jacket, lame so that you can fence electrically. **You need all of this to compete at any Fencing Victoria competition.**

6 to 12 months

The purchase of a fencing uniform (Jacket, Breeches and Plastron) at this time would be recommended, along with

- Either a Mask or Lame (if fencing foil)
- Another electric weapon
- Another body wire
- A complete tool kit

You might also want to consider a fencing bag to carry your equipment in.

* For children over 13.

12 months +

The purchase of either a mask or a lame will mean you have all the basic gear of your own to fence in the club or in State level competitions.

National Competitions – Junior/Senior

The Australian Fencing Federation (AFF) follows the safety requirements as set out by the international body governing fencing (FIE).

The following equipment must be of FIE standard

- Weapons
- Mask
- Uniforms (Jacket, Breeches, Plastron)

It is worth considering purchasing an FIE weapon especially when buying your second weapon as they are a better quality weapon and will provide you with better value for money.

If you have any questions please ask your coach, who can best guide you in your decision.