AUSTRALIAN FENCING FEDERATION
EQUIPMENT POLICY

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1. General Principles

This policy outlines the equipment rules for each category of competition that is sanctioned as an Australian Fencing Federation (AFF) event. The policy follows the following general principles:

- All competitions are fenced using electrical apparatus and require a full fencing uniform.
- All equipment must comply with FIE Material Rules, unless an explicit AFF exemption applies.
- Equipment must be presented to Equipment Control / Weapons Control and may be checked on-piste by referees.
- Unsafe, damaged, or non-compliant equipment may be rejected at any time, even if previously passed.
- It is the fencers responsibility to ensure that their equipment complies with this policy.

2. Schools Championships & Uni Sports Nationals (Individual and Team)

Applicable Events

- AFC Intermediate and Senior Schools Individual Championships
- AFC Intermediate and Senior Schools Team Championships
- Australian University Games

Minimum Equipment Requirements
(Lower thresholds apply to encourage participation)

Item	**Requirement**
Mask	Minimum 350N fencing mask
Jacket & Breeches	Minimum 350N resistance
Underplastron	Minimum 350N
Chest Protector	Mandatory for female fencers
Weapon & Electrical Gear	Electric weapon suitable for the discipline Bodywire and, where applicable, mask wire
Lamé (Foil & Sabre)	Required; conductivity will be checked

Note: FIE-approved (800N/1600N) equipment is strongly recommended but not mandatory at Schools level.

3. Youth Competitions (Under 15 and Under 13)

Applicable Events

- Australian Youth Circuit (AYC) events

Minimum Equipment Requirements
(Lower thresholds apply to encourage participation)

Item	**Requirement**
Mask	Minimum 350N fencing mask
Jacket & Breeches	Minimum 350N resistance
Underplastron	Minimum 350N
Chest Protector	Mandatory for female fencers
Weapons	Electric weapon suitable for the discipline Bodywire and, where applicable, mask wire Smaller size weapons allowed
Lamé (Foil & Sabre)	Required; conductivity will be checked

4. Youth National Championships (Under 15 and Under 13)

Applicable Events

- Youth (U15) National Championships
- Under13 National Championships

Minimum Equipment Requirements

Item	**Requirement**
Mask	1600N FIE-approved, compliant with current FIE strap and fastening rules
Jacket & Breeches	800N FIE-approved
Underplastron	800N FIE-approved
Chest Protector	Mandatory for female fencers. Soft cover required for Foil Only
Weapons	Electric weapons compliant with FIE standards Smaller size weapons allowed
Lamé (Foil & Sabre)	Fully conductive as per Weapons Control Policy

5. Cadet and Junior Competitions (Under 17 and Under 20)

Applicable Events

- Cadet and Junior National Championships
- Cadet events within the Australian Fencing Circuit (AFC)

Minimum Equipment Requirements

Item	**Requirement**
Mask	1600N FIE-approved, compliant with current FIE strap and fastening rules
Jacket & Breeches	800N FIE-approved
Underplastron	800N FIE-approved
Chest Protector	Mandatory for female fencers. Soft cover required for Foil Only
Weapons	FIE-approved blades (Foil, Épée and Sabre)
Electrical Equipment	Two compliant bodywires and weapons recommended
Lamé (Foil & Sabre)	Fully conductive as per Weapons Control Policy

6. Open and Veteran Competitions

Applicable Events

- Open National Championships
- Veteran National Championships
- Australian Fencing Circuit (AFC #1–#4) events

Minimum Equipment Requirements

Item	**Requirement**
Mask	1600N FIE-approved, compliant with current FIE strap and fastening rules
Jacket & Breeches	800N FIE-approved
Underplastron	800N FIE-approved
Chest Protector	Mandatory for female fencers.

	Soft cover required for Foil Only
Weapons	FIE-approved blades (Foil, Épée and Sabre)
Electrical Equipment	Two compliant bodywires and weapons recommended
Lamé (Foil & Sabre)	Fully conductive as per Weapons Control Policy

7. Summary Table

Competition Level	**Mask**	**Clothing**	**Weapons and Wires**	**Lame (Foil and Sabre)**
Schools	350N	350N	Electric	Required; conductivity will be checked
Youth Circuit (U15 and U13)	350N	350N	Electric Smaller size weapons allowed	Required; conductivity will be checked
Youth National Championships (U15 and U13)	1600N FIE	800N FIE	FIE-compliant Smaller size weapons allowed	Fully conductive
Cadet (U17)	1600N FIE	800N FIE	FIE-compliant	Fully conductive
Junior (U20)	1600N FIE	800N FIE	FIE-compliant	Fully conductive
Open / Veteran	1600N FIE	800N FIE	FIE-compliant	Fully conductive