



Kit Purchase Guidelines

Buying kit can be an expensive outlay. There are many manufactures offering a range of kit at a range of prices. If you are new to fencing having completed the beginners course and are now looking to start to invest in your own kit it can be quite daunting about what to invest in and what is good value for the level and amount of fencing you do.

We have tried to put together a guide to help you through the process. It is not exhaustive but gives you a start. Please speak to any of the coaches if you need some advice.

Club Stock

The club do carry some clothing for sale. This has been passed to us from members who have stopped fencing. We have a limited amount of clothing (generally jackets, breeches and gloves) and it is pot luck if it fits. Worth a look though. You can access this kit during Wednesday night sessions.

New Kit

If you are looking to purchase new kit then there are three kit manufacturers that we recommend. All the kit is good quality and CE approved which means you can use it for both club and UK based competitions.

Leon Paul

London based manufacturer and used by most fencers in the UK.

Uhlmann/Allstar

German manufacturers and major players along with Leon Paul. Allstar are originally tailors and are known for the design of their clothing whilst Uhlmann are more engineers and renown for the quality of their weapons.

Excalibur

Relatively new to the market but offering some good quality entry level kit.

N.B. These manufactures will have trade stands at most of the national competitions and some of the regional events. They will always bring a selection of clothing and kit that you can try before you buy if you are unsure about sizes. The club will release competition dates as and when they become available.

Second Hand Kit

If are looking for second hand kit then eBay and Facebook are generally a good starting point. If any kit appears on these sites then it will be used but generally of good quality. It will typically come from a fencing home so it will be looked after. Most clothing kit will be sold because people stop fencing or they have grown out of it, not because it's not fit for purpose. It may have a few marks or blotches but this does not make the kit non functional. The Facebook site is run by fencers and so if a very popular source and because of this the kit will move really quickly.

Ebay: www.ebay.co.uk

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/groups/1464468173792883/?multi_permaLinks=2934154730157546

Kit prices

All suppliers offer HFC a club discount which we pass directly onto our fencers. This generally runs at 10%. However Excalibur offer HFC members bundle discounts which vary depending on which combinations you purchase. Below are their latest bundle offers.

Excalibur Fencing		List Price	With Club Discount	
Foil Clothing sets				
Set A	Foil Mask and Glove	£77.00	(10%)	£69.30
Set B	Mask and glove plus protector, plastron and Jacket	£180.00	(15%)	£153.00
Set C	Clothing set B plus breeches	£215.00	(20%)	£172.00
Body wire				£20.00
Epee Clothing sets				
Set A	Epee Mask and Glove	£72.00	(10%)	£64.80
Set B	Epee set A plus protector, plastron, Jacket	£175.00	(15%)	£148.75
Set C	Epee set B plus breeches	£210.00	(20%)	£168.00
Body wire				£16.00

The club have always supplied weapons for use at the club and at competitions. However if you are looking at doing any form of competition outside of the Yorkshire junior leagues then we suggest you look at buying your own weapon. Please speak to the coaches to discuss specific requirements and weapon sizes before purchasing.

How to size for clothing

To size up for a new mask or any clothing you can use the link below to access sizing guidelines. This based on Leon Paul kit. Whilst there are slightly different cuts and sizings to each of the manufactures these only really apply in the higher rankings where fencing all day requires comfort. For beginners this sizing guideline can be applied to all kit.

<https://www.leonpaul.com/leon-paul-size-chart>.

How to order

With second hand sites like Ebay and Facebook you would need to buy the kit direct from source. The kit generally goes very quickly so we suggest knowing your sizes BEFORE you start any bidding process.

If you are buying new kit then you can either again buy direct from the source (quoting the club discount code) or alternatively purchase it through the club. The advantage of this is that if the club can batch the orders we may get further quantity discounts which can then be passed back to the fencer.