

Kings Historical Fencing Gear Guidelines for Students

We recognize that HEMA gear can be hard to purchase and would suggest that the following purchases be made in this time line to progress in the sport. We are actively trying to keep class costs to a minimum as such there is a limited supply of club gear to support the entry of new members into the club and to help bridge some gaps for some gear as students progress. This is limited in supply so please purchase your own gear. We recommend that people armor up before looking at sword purchases. If more information or discussion about gear is needed we recommend reaching out on the club's discord channel for gear.

The recommended gear purchases and timelines are as followed

Beginner Program		
Required Gear	Required	Recommended Time Line
Groin Protection (Males)	First Class	
Indoor Shoes	First Class	
350 N or Greater Mask	Rented or own	3 to 6 month
Chest Protector		1 to 6 months

Intermediate Program (All Previous Gear Required)			
Personal Mask is required after 20 weeks of classes (After 2 beginner blocks move to intermediate class)			
(For Steel Fencing)			
Saber/Broad Sword	Longsword	Rapier	Recommended Time Line for purchase from starting HEMA
A HEMA specific jacket or gambeson with a 350N patch or higher from a reputable producer. Blade catcher is mandatory.	A HEMA specific jacket or gambeson with a 350N patch or higher from a reputable producer. Blade catcher is mandatory.	350 N min Jacket	3 to 9 months

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Gorget	Gorget	Gorget	3 to 9 months
Medium grade or higher glove	Clam Shell Gloves Or Heavy articulated hard shelled gloved	Padded Fencing grade Gloves	3 to 9 months
Back of head Protection	Back of head Protection	Back of head Protection	3 To 9 months
Elbow Guards	Elbow or Forearm protection		3 to 12 months
Knee and Shin Guards	Knee and Shin Guards		3 to 12 months
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Sword guidelines

Further work will be done on this but the major tournament in our area has the following guidelines

Steel Longsword

- All steel longswords are to be presented at check in.
- All steel longswords are to be from reputable makers.
- All steel longswords are to be in good repair, free of protrusions and relatively clean.
- All steel longswords are to be affixed with a safety tip.
- All steel longswords are to have a maximum length of 53.5 inches.

- All steel longswords are to be between 1340 and 1650 grams.
- All steel longswords are to have sufficient flex, and flex will be tested at check-in.

The tournament director reserves the right to refuse a longsword that they deem unsafe due to unexpected factors not listed, for instance a longsword with too heavy a blade.

Steel Sabre and Broadsword

- All steel sabres and broadswords are to be presented at check in.
- All steel sabres and broadswords are to be from reputable makers.
- All steel sabres and broadswords are to be in good repair, free of protrusions and relatively clean.
- All steel sabres and broadswords are to be affixed with a safety tip.
- All steel sabres and broadswords are to have a blade length of no more than 36 inches.
- All steel sabres are to be between 750 grams and 950 grams. Steel Broadswords will have a weight between 850 and 1300 grams.

The tournament director reserves the right to refuse a steel sabre or broadsword that they deem unsafe due to unexpected factors not listed, for instance a broadsword with too heavy a blade.

Recommended Suppliers:

<https://www.swordshop.ca/>

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