

FENCING EQUIPMENT



Junior Right Handed Foil Kit

Ref: JFKRH

Price: £144.71 (£173.65 Inc. VAT @ 20%)

Please note that our junior starter kits are only suitable for children under 5 feet 2 inches tall.

This Kit includes as Standard

- Club mask with 350N bib -
- Spartan 350N jacket - PROBABLY BETTER TO UPGRADE TO 800
- Standard 350N plastron
- Intermediate glove with Velcro Cuff
- Non-electric Foil with pistol or French Grip
- Allkit bag.

Upgrades available, including breeches, socks and an option to make this kit electric

Hi Parents,

I often get questions about when and where to buy fencing kit. Here is an overview to help you make your decisions.

This is a starter kit. It gives you an idea of price if you were to get everything in the one go. This is not necessary and you may be better to wait and upgrade on certain items.

This kit comes from Leon Paul which is a reputable company. I would certainly get blades and masks from this company.

Other companies you can look at are Allstar and Blades Brand. Blades Brand are cheaper for clothing and gloves (also I prefer their gloves).

PBT are also a good company. Their blades are good but will break more frequently than Leon Paul. Clothing is really good. I would not get body wires elsewhere.

Please be aware that blades need maintenance and they do break after a certain amount of use. We have an armourer who charges a small amount for repairs, or you can learn to do it yourself.

Also worth considering is postage. The suppliers of Leon Paul in Scotland have a training session on a Saturday at Linlithgow and there is normally someone from the club going who can pick things up. Allstar / Blades brand charge a standard amount for delivery so it is better if you can double up with someone. Returning kit to Allstar, especially blades, is tricky but not impossible.

I would ask you to speak to me before you buy to make sure you buy something that is right for your child and for your pocket. Many families donate kit back to the club or sell kit on and as most fencing kit is extremely durable this is worth bearing in mind (as long as your child avoids grass and mud stains).

If you are buying bit by bit, here are my suggestions for the order in which you buy.

Club hoodie: Great for club identity.

Equipment	Leon Paul	Blades brand
	<p>Advanced Glove Product Ref: G126 Price: £21.66 (£25.99 Inc. VAT @ 20%</p> <p>They do a cheaper one but I wouldn't bother with it. Better to use a club one.</p>	 <p>3 Weapon Glove - Child 3 Weapon Glove - Child Details</p> <p>Glove Size: <input type="text"/></p> <p>Right/Left: <input type="text" value="Please Select..."/></p> <p>Price: £13.00 (VAT Inclusive)</p> <p>This would be a perfectly good starter glove. RECOMMENDED</p>

	Leon Paul	
Under plastron. 800 newton used for most electric competitions once your child is using size 5 blades so 13 for LPJS and 14 for YDS. It is worth getting a light one as you can get a larger one which will last longer.	<p>Junior Lightweight FIE Plastron (no VAT) Product Ref: 402JNV Price: £62.49</p> <p>OR</p> <p><u>Junior Economy FIE Plastron (no VAT)</u> Product Ref: 404JNV Price: £34.33</p> <p>It is worth getting the light weight one but get it in a larger size. It will easily last until your child is an adult and is soft enough to be comfortable even if it is a bit large.</p>	<p>Competition Plus - Child 800N Allstar Plastron Boy/Girl: Price: £49.50 (VAT Inclusive)</p> 
Breeches – your child should have these if fencing regularly ‘on the box’ or if over 11 and attending competitions.	<p><u>Junior Phoenix Range Breeches</u> Product Ref: 006BJ Price: £55.08 (£66.10 Inc. VAT @ 20%)</p> 	
	<p>OR</p> <p>Junior Spartan Range Breeches Product Ref: 001BJ Price: £34.16 (£40.99 Inc. VAT @ 20%)</p> <p>A bit crunchy so you have to buy on the large size but absolutely fine.</p>	<p>Junior Lyon Breeches 350N £43.10</p>
Long socks – must be worn with breeches.		

	You can get football boots or ones from LP or Allstar.	
Foil – non-electric Size three until you are 14/15. There are different types of handles. You only really need one of these if you are practicing at home. Parts can be replaced and blades sold on if not damage. Please note that blades CAN break although the Leon Paul etoile are pretty good.	Leon Paul £40.18 – recommended.	Bladesbrand £34.16 but with postage not much difference Bladesbrand sockets are not that good – you can upgrade to LP but then you are better to have an LP body wire. These are pricier but last longer.
Foil – electric or when your child is competing or regularly fencing on the box.	£56.09 – recommended, blades can last longer.	£45.60 - blades are nicely balanced. Ask for a light one.
Body wire – needed if your child is fencing regularly in competitions	£19.99 - recommended	£13 – These do not work well with LP sockets.
BAG and foil covers	Leon Paul Free Roller £93	Competition Bag Competition Bag Price: £49.00
Masks – these are anything up to £200 but you don't need to spend this initially.	Arena Traditional Epee mask: £82 (for Under 13 foilists or all epeeists	Standard Club Competition £45 – Recommended.
When over 13 you will need an electric mask or can buy a bib to glue on. Alternatively, buy the exchange mask which allows you to swap the bib between epee and foil and to wash the interior of the mask.		

After this there will be various expenses. It is usual to have more than one weapon when competing. Blades can be replaced; all the other elements are re-useable. **Please speak to me or one of the other coaches before buying masks and weapons so that we can advise.**

Do **NOT** buy masks from Sword Price Fighters and we would prefer you not to buy second hand masks without checking this out with a coach first.

Make sure all kit is named and that a contact phone number/address is noted. Most fencing kit is built to last a long time. If you look after it, it can be sold on or used for years.

A quick word about shoes. It isn't necessary to have fencing shoes but flat, close fitting indoor shoes are best. Badminton shoes or squash shoes work well. Running shoes can impede movement.

To follow: How to check a blade before buying. We have had a few difficulties with blades from the manufacturers that have faults. This means either getting the blade back to the manufacturer or repairing it so the following is to advise you on how to choose a blade or inspect it when you get it.

Ask to see the blade without tape on.
Check that the wire sits completely within the groove and doesn't protrude.

Check that the groove sits down the middle of the blade particularly at the tang.

Check that the wire at the tang is not glued into the groove (be careful not to break the wire when checking).

Check that the blade is free of rust.

Try to gently screw/unscrew the barrel. This should NOT be possible. If it moves, reject the blade.

Put the blade on your foot and bend it (get your child to do this) so that you can check the flexibility.

Ask to put a handle on the tang and see how it feels with the handle.

The size and mark are on the back of

