

Epic Fencing Club Equipment Policy

Who Can Borrow Club Gear

- Trial, Intro and Kidsport approved Club Members
- Members with admin / coaches / armorer permission may temporarily borrow gear on a case by case basis
- Membership fees must be paid and current
- Gear is available on a first come first serve basis, We encourage members to come early to have the best selection.

How Long Can You Borrow Gear For

- All gear must be returned by the end of the current class
- Longer term borrowing and taking club equipment home (i.e. borrowing gear for a weekend tournament) is not allowed except in exceptional circumstances and must have armorer or coaches permission on a case by case basis and may have rental fees set at the discretion of the armorer. The gear must be returned at the first class after the event is completed. It is highly encouraged that all members have their own gear for participating in any events.
- It is the members responsibility to ensure that any borrowed equipment is returned in the same condition it was received in and Epic will not be responsible for maintaining the gear during the event.
- The coaches and club armorers have full discretion to impose a fee if gear is returned in broken or misused condition. Any appeals can be made to the Epic board of directors.
- During their first season of fencing, members are expected to start purchasing their own set of fencing gear and have a complete set by their first provincial level tournament or by the start of their second year of fencing classes.

Regular Club Members **must** begin to purchase personal equipment for safety and success. Equipment is sold at the fencing club and members who fail to purchase basic equipment may be unable to participate in all activities that require said equipment.

General Equipment Rules to follow at Epic

- Arrive early so that you can be dressed, warmed up and ready to start promptly at the start of practice
- Never point your weapon at a nearby, unmasked person. When not bouting, keep the point of your weapon facing downwards.
- Wear all protective equipment (full uniform, including underarm protector, and fencing pants) for lessons, bouting and competitions.
- Maintain and regularly check your equipment for safety.
- Wear proper shoes for fencing (athletic or fencing shoes). Please be sure that shoes are clean when entering the fencing area.
- Store your fencing bag and equipment out of the way of the fencing strips and doorways.

- Stop fencing instantly if you think something is wrong or if your opponent retreats and waves their unarmed hand or gives any sign of wanting to stop. If your weapon breaks, stop fencing immediately.
- Always connect or disconnect to the wires at the ends of the fencing strips.
- Keep proper fencing distance; never turn your back to the opponent. Never stab anyone when they are not facing you.
- Avoid excessive beauty products while fencing, these can wear off on equipment and be a safety hazard while bouting