

Fencing Equipment

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Brief description of equipment used in fencing.

- EPEE**
A thrusting sword descended from the duelling sword, similar in length to a foil but heavier, with a larger guard and a much stiffer blade.
- FOIL**
A thrusting sword with a flexible rectangular blade and a smaller guard than the epee.
- SABRE**
The modern version of the slashing cavalry sword, similar in length and weight to the foil but able to cut with the blade as well as hit with the point.
- BLADE**
The hitting part of a sword from the guard to the point.
- POINT**
The end of the blade, which must touch the opponent's target area to score a hit.
- GUARD**
The part of a sword between the blade and handle that protects the armed hand.
- HILT**
The handle of a sword; also called the "grip".
- GRIP**
The handle of a sword; also called the "hilt".
- MASK**
With a mesh visor or with a transparent visor.
- GLOVES**
For the armed hand.
- FIL DE CORPS**
- CHEST GUARD**
Used to protect the chest
- PISTE**
French for the field of play where a fencing bout occurs; also called a "strip".