

Absolute Fencing can be much more economical than Leon Paul for those children who are starting in the competitive group. This guide is intended for younger fencers who are just starting to compete.

Some parents have reported that buying everything separately, and not in a kit ended up being easier. More often than not, the kits provide the cheapest options that are no necessarily the best. i.e. Copper lame instead of Stainless steel, weak body cords, etc.

Here is a list of equipment suitable for younger fencers who are just starting in the competitive program when buying from AF: (<https://www.absolutefencinggear.com/shopping/shop.php/view/home>)

1) AF Male Jacket: 350N Comfort (21025). There is the same version of this jacket for females.

L/R Hand Right.

Uniform Size? *THIS I ALWAYS FIND A BIT TRICKY BECAUSE DEPENDING ON WHAT JACKET YOU CHOOSE, THE SIZING CHANGES.* For this particular jacket, that in my personal opinion is very good, you need to measure the chest and add 6 inches to it to calculate the size. **For example:** If chest measurement is 33 inches, you add 6 making it 39 inches. Since jackets come in even sizes you need to pick the next size up. So, the right size for this example should be **40**.

2) AF Foil Mask: Standard w/ Conductive Bib (11001F)

Mask Size?

XS	Small (0)	Medium (1)	Large (2)	XL (3)
Under 21"	21"-23"	24"-25"	26"-28"	Over 28"

3) Absolute Signature Series II Men's Foil Lame (41017). There is the same model for females available.

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Lame Size. If you jacket above (1) is, let's say, size **40**, then you need to get this lame in size **US 42, EU 50**. Please, bear in mind that each lame model is measured differently. The sizing suggested here applies to the jacket model listed above (1) and this lame. So, for determining the lame size, add one size up from the jacket (as shown above).

4) AF Adv. Gold E. Foil w/: Pistol Grip (83004). There are different options for the handle i.e. French, pistol, etc. Your coach will recommend what's best for your child. The price is the same.

Foil Point Absolute

Blade Size #5 (Standard)

Pistol Grip AF Visconti S/M/L Ins. If the glove is size S, the grip should be the same size. Ask your coach if unsure.

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Foil Guard AF Aluminum (Standard)

Foil Pad AF Plastic

Foil Socket AF Bayonet. Make sure you select "bayonet" and not "prong"

Would you like a Bodycord? Here select: **Af Advanced Bayonet Bodycord**. It is stronger and of better quality than the one offered in the kit. You can also buy the cord from Leon Pauls (\$27 vs. this one for \$22/Absolute Fencing).

5) ABSOLUTE STANDARD 3-W WASHABLE GLOVE (XS ~ XL)

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GLOVES

Measure around your palm (excluding your thumb) and add 0.5". The chart below notes what size range your final measurement falls into.

XS	Small	Medium	Large	XL
6½ - 7	7½ - 8	8½ - 9	9½ - 10	10½ - 11