

CAPITOL CLASH

WASHINGTON DC HEMA OPEN 2017

EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS: SWORD & BUCKLER (YOUTH/TEEN CATEGORIES)

Note: In the event of an equipment failure (e.g. blade breakage, straps for forearm guards ripping, etc.) the competitor has 10 minutes to find a replacement or must forfeit the match.

Weapon:

Participants of the Youth and Teen categories of the Sword & Buckler tournament must use the Rawlings line synthetic swords produced by Red Dragon. The blade may be the Single Hand Sword or Messer/Falchion blade. All standard pommel and grip options are allowed. The guard may be a standard cross guard or a messer styled guard with a nagel (the nail protrusion). No basket hilts are allowed. The weapon is expected to be in good repair, with no jagged gouges in the blade that could rip an opponent's protective gear.

Buckler:

Participants may use a buckler that is steel, wooden, hardened leather or synthetic. The buckler may not be larger than 18" in diameter. The buckler may not have any protrusions on the face (such as spikes or anything designed to catch a blade). The buckler must be in good repair free of jagged edges.

Apparel:

–Padded HEMA jacket, padded fencing jacket, gambeson or equivalent. A standard fencing jacket without padding is insufficient protection, however a standard fencing jacket combined with a padded undershirt (such as those designed for hockey and lacrosse) is acceptable.

–Long athletic pants or fencing/HEMA pants combined with long socks. No shorts, no jeans, no cargo pants. All skin must be completely covered, and there must be complete overlap between the pants and jacket at all times (fencing/HEMA pants with a high waist are therefore highly

recommended) If you lift your arms and bare skin can be seen under the jacket, you will not be allowed to participate.

–Fencing mask (or equivalent) with back of the head protection. The back of the head protection can be integrated, or it can be a separate add-on to the mask.

–Rigid throat guard or gorget.

–Protective gloves made for HEMA usage (such as those made by SPES, Sparring Glove, or Absolute Force). Steel/aluminum gauntlets are also acceptable, but participants should only use them if they are made properly and allow good mobility, as poorly made gauntlets are more of a hindrance than a help. Lacrosse gloves or Red Dragon HEMA gloves are not sufficient for the sword hand, but are allowed for the buckler hand. Please note that the buckler hand must still have a heavy glove in the event that a blade slips through.

–Rigid elbow and knee protectors.

–Rigid forearm and shin guards

–Athletic cup for male competitors.

Additional Suggestions:

-Rigid chest protector

-Padding for thighs (such as padded hockey shorts to wear underneath pants, or else padded HEMA pants)

-Spare rubber blunt and tape