



RECOMMENDED EQUIPMENT LIST

2019

Green for training, Red for Tournament Use

Swords:

Viktor Berbekucz (VB) Steel Techniques Feder w/Pear Pommel - \$199

Good for study group training, light contact, drilling. Not recommended for full speed sparring and disallowed from tournaments

https://www.woodenswords.com/Steel_Techniques_Feder_sword_with_Pear_Pommel_p/feder.tech.pear.htm

VB Steel Tournament Feder, RevC - \$269

Entry level Tournament grade feder. Good flex, positive reviews from people.

https://www.woodenswords.com/Steel_Tournament_Feder_VB_Revision_C_p/feder.vb.standard.htm

Peter Regenyi Standard Feder - \$325

essentially the HEMA world's "standard" for feders. Acceptable pretty much everywhere

<https://hemasupplies.com/product/standard-feder/>

Castille Armory Standard Mark V Feder - \$399

Widely accepted tournament feder, some hold up extremely well (mine) some have occasional issues after a couple years of use

<https://castilearmory.com/product/mark-v-feder/>

Szymon Chlebowski Standard Feder - \$400

Widely accepted tournament feder, damn pretty to look at, great for training. Heat Treat can sometimes be "interesting" on them

<https://hemasupplies.com/product/chlebowski-standard-feder/>

Ensifer Light Feder - \$450

Shorter version of the Ensifer, widely accepted tournament blade (8.5" grip, 38" blade)

https://www.woodenswords.com/Ensifer_Standard_Feder_with_Light_Blade_p/ensiferlight.htm

Ensifer Long Feder - \$525

Longer version of the Ensifer, widely accepted tournament blade (10.25 grip, 40" blade)

https://www.woodenswords.com/Ensifer_Long_Feder_with_Heavy_Blade_p/ensiferlong.htm

Masks:

(All masks require back of head protection added for tournaments)

Absolute Force HEMA Basic w/Liner - \$65

Standard HEMA mask, widely used, holds up well.

https://www.woodenswords.com/Absolute_Force_HEMA_Basic_Fencing_Mask_p/af.mask.basic.liner.htm

PBT HEMA Mask - \$116

Another HEMA staple, good solid mask

https://www.woodenswords.com/product_p/p-mask.1600n.htm

Leon Paul Titan X-Change HEMA Mask - \$295

Cadillac HEMA mask, all the padding can be stripped and washed, thicker mesh, etc.

<https://www.leonpaulusa.com/titan-x-change-hema-mask.html>

Gloves:

Red Dragon GLoves - \$89

"light" gloves, unsuitable for sparring, disallowed for tournaments. Fine for study group training. Essentially upgraded Lacrosse gloves

https://www.woodenswords.com/Red_Dragon_HEMA_Gloves_p/glove.red.dragon.htm

Neyman Fencing Hoof/Mitten Gloves - \$130

Common HEMA glove. All custom ordered product, usually 1-3 month lead times. Hold up well, they will absorb a lot of impact, but I've had bruised fingers through them from especially good hits to the hands. I started using SPES heavies after about 2 years with the Neyman's

<https://Neymanfencing.com>

SPES "Heavies" with Updated thumb protection - \$209

Very common use HEMA glove. Large clamshell plates, best when modified slightly, hold up very well to use.

https://www.woodenswords.com/SPES_Heavy_Gloves_w_Updated_Thumb_Pair_p/spes-gloves.th.htm

"Polish" Sparring Gloves - \$230

Common HEMA glove, comes in "clamshell" and "hoof" variations. Very protective (you can still feel hits, but there's no damage).

<https://hemasupplies.com/product-category/gloves/>

"Fancy" Gloves:

St. Mark Konig Gloves - \$270ish

"4th generation" glove, leather with steel plates, very protective. Have a tendency to start falling apart with heavy use, good for larger hand sizes

Rarely available due to low production and high-ish demand

Sparring Glove "Infinity" - \$240

"4th Generation" glove, ABS plates, makes your hands look like Iron Man. Brand new, I've never seen these in person before. Custom ordered, estimates a 4 month lead time.

<https://hemasupplies.com/product/infinity-gloves-by-sparring-gloves/>

Crossguard "Pro-Gauntlet" - \$450+

Bigfoot. The Loch Ness Monster. Yeti. Much like these mythical creatures, the Pro-gauntlet may not actually exist. They took a bunch of kickstarter money in 2013. blurry pictures of Prototypes have been seen for years. The "release" date keeps getting pushed back. Official US Distributor is Purpleheart Armory. Supposedly available summer 2020. Rumor has it they are awesome, but they are VERY specific about sizing.

Thokk "Weaponmaster" Gauntlet - \$???

Like the Pro-Gauntlet, but with more pictures, and about 2 years less development time. Prototypes are supposed to be amazing, I've actually talked to humans that have held them. Who knows if they will ever show up for us normal people to use.

Required for heavy sparring and tournament use:

Back of Head Protection:

SPES Trinity Overlay - \$80

"hood" style protector. Will fit over AF masks.

https://www.woodenswords.com/SPES_HEMA_Mask_Overlay_with_Back_of_the_Head_Prote_p/spes-head.trinity.htm

SPES Unity - \$80

Less material and lighter than the trinity

https://www.woodenswords.com/product_p/spes-unity.htm

Custom Kydex rig/overlay

I made/make my own BOH/Mask Upgrades. Overlay's are simple to do, we would just need to purchase materials. Back of Heads are tougher – I have a new design I've been working on, but my heat forming rig doesn't pull enough vacuum to do 1/8" kydex that well, and it requires a gorget that handles the top of the spine as well (most don't, so that would be custom too)

Gorget (Throat Protector):

PBT Throat Protector - \$70

https://www.woodenswords.com/product_p/p-gorget.htm

DMZ (Destroyer Modz) Roughneck Gorget – \$40

Minimalist Gorget, Designed by Josh Parise of Broken Plow down in Pittsburgh

https://www.woodenswords.com/Destroyer_Modz_Gorget_p/dm-gorget.htm

Leon Paul Articulated HEMA Gorget - \$115

Really well made, works well with most jackets and masks. I've seen a few early versions of it

<https://www.leonpaulusa.com/hema-gorget.html>

Custom Kydex and Leather Gorget

I have a design that works well for these too, based loosely off a historical “dog collar” style, with some additional larynx and cervical spine protection. Making them would be a matter of material cost, and you can supply most of the labor

Fencing Jacket:

SPES AP jacket (350N) - \$210

HEMA's “Standard” jacket. Worn by just about everyone up until recently. Still works great. Readily available in lots of colors.

[https://www.woodenswords.com/SPES AP Jacket V2 0 350N p/spes-jacket.htm](https://www.woodenswords.com/SPES_AP_Jacket_V2_0_350N_p/spes-jacket.htm)

SPES AP “Light” (350N) - \$215

A thinner, more breathable version of the AP. Newer design, Not as much overall impact protection, but still plenty, and modular

[https://www.woodenswords.com/SPES AP Light Jacket V2 0 350N p/spes-jacket-lt.htm](https://www.woodenswords.com/SPES_AP_Light_Jacket_V2_0_350N_p/spes-jacket-lt.htm)

HEMA Supplies “Scholar” Jacket (350/800N) - \$200

Hema Supplies standard jacket. Available in stock sizes and custom orders, many colors available. modular foam pockets inside. Very similar to SPES AP jacket.

<https://hemasupplies.com/product/scholar-jacket/>

Neyman “Medieval” Jacket (800N) - \$250

Neyman's new standard jacket. All custom orders, many colors available. Very breathable, with modular foam pockets inside. I moved from a SPES AP clone jacket, to one of these last year.

<https://neymanfencing.com>

Knee/Shin/Elbow Protection:

Knee Pro Ultra Flex III - \$28

Very solid knee protection. Knee's only, no shin protection. Not specifically a HEMA product, so of course it's cheap and readily available from all over the place. I've seen many people add additional side of the knee to them.

https://www.amazon.com/K-P-Industries-Knee-Ultra-Flex/dp/B00IO4EZG4/ref=pd_bxgy_469_2/139-5186882-1640147?encoding=UTF8&pd_rd_i=B00IO4EZG4&pd_rd_r=38924adc-7e47-11e9-9902-df0ec59c45d5&pd_rd_w=cx3dM&pd_rd_wg=gvcMw&pf_rd_p=a2006322-0bc0-4db9-a08e-d168c18ce6f0&pf_rd_r=DK7STWDXAK8XPXVRP21Q&pvc=1&refRID=DK7STWDXAK8XPXVRP21Q

SPES shin Guards - \$20

Pair these up with the Knee-pro's under some socks or something, works just fine.

https://www.woodenswords.com/SPES_Hard_Shin_Guards_Pair_p/spes-shin-h.htm

Red Dragon Integrated Shins - \$95

These are essentially rebranded motocross leg protectors. They work well enough, I've seen plenty of people with them.

https://www.woodenswords.com/product_p/rd-shin.guards.htm

Various Baseball Catchers Shins - \$60-100

I like the Easton M7 (and M10) series. They fit well, protect more of the leg than anything above, and with a couple small modifications do a great job at protecting the side of the knee, ankles and tops of the feet. You have to remove the thigh protection plate, swap the foam from left to right, and add a small kydex plate to the knee latch on the outside.

<https://www.baseballmonkey.com/easton-catchers-equipment-a164310-m7-leg-guard.html>

SPES Geko Forarms/Elbows - \$62

Integrated forearm and elbow protection. Works well

https://www.woodenswords.com/SPES_Geko_Forearm_Protectors_PRO_p/spes-forearm.elbow.geko.htm

Neyman Elbows - \$40

Looks cool, semi-rigid, covers the whole elbow and the side of the joint.

https://www.woodenswords.com/product_p/ny-elbow.g.htm

SPES hard elbows - \$22

Attach to spes jackets, work fine. Lots of people use them

https://www.woodenswords.com/SPES_Hard_Elbow_Guards_Pair_p/spes-elbow-h.htm

Nike Soccer shinguards (forearm protection) - \$10

Yet another "non-HEMA" product, so readily available and cheap. Use them as forearm protection underneath a fencing jacket. Can use a compression sleeve (sleeves) or old socks to hold them in place. Some people use one per arm, some two (top and bottom) it depends on your preference.

https://www.soccer.com/shop/details/nike-j-guard-white-soccer-shin-guards_A10040

Fencing Pants:

SPES Locust Pants (350N) - \$120

Standard padded breeches. Come to just below the knee, have suspenders, etc. Available in a multitude of colors.

https://www.woodenswords.com/SPES_Locust_Fencing_Pants_350N_p/spes-pants.htm

Neyman Skirmish Trousers - \$130

Padded breeches. Custom orders only. I have not personally seen these yet, but Neyman makes decent stuff and I may at some point order a pair myself, when my SPES fall apart

<https://neymanfencing.com>