

## **TRAINING SWORDS:**

Often referred to colloquially in the HEMA community as a Feder or Federschwert, likely known in the period as a **Fechtschwert**:

Here's the coolest one that I know of but have never held. This brand has provided swords for the Swordfish Tournament in Göteborg, Sweden a number of times:

## **ENSIFER:**

<https://ensifer.carbonmade.com/projects/96362#6>

## **REGENYEI:**

[http://www.regenyei.com/en\\_feders\\_standard.html](http://www.regenyei.com/en_feders_standard.html)

or

[http://www.regenyei.com/en\\_feders\\_trnava.php](http://www.regenyei.com/en_feders_trnava.php)

Look for this sword: **II. "LIGHT" TRNAVA LONGSWORD FEDER:**

With these customisations:

[http://www.regenyei.com/en\\_feders\\_order.php](http://www.regenyei.com/en_feders_order.php)

### **Schilt types**

b) with wide schilt, which grants extra protection for the fingers and is 80 grams heavier

### **Crossbar types**

2./ 25 cm cylindrical crossbar ( +25€ ) or  
2./ 28 cm cylindrical crossbar ( +25€ )

### **Pommel types**

1. Round pommel (basic pommel)

### **Form of the handle**

(B) Divided rectangular (+10 Euro)

**DANELLI ARMOURIES** **\*Not taking orders for basic model swords at the moment**

<http://www.danelliarmouries.com/index.php/basic-swords/95-feder>

or

<http://www.danelliarmouries.com/index.php/custom-swords/schools-models/131-the-london-longsword-academy-feder>

## **PAVEL MOC**

<http://www.swords.cz/enonehalf.html>

## **VIKTOR BERBEKUCZ- VB SWORD SHOP**

This is an interesting sword. It is copied from an original, owned by an Italian friend of the Guild, which has the Messerschmidt arms carved/etched on the Schilt, very much as they appear in the frontpiece of J.Meyer's 1570 manuscript. There are hi res photos of the original sword on the main MFFG website in the members area. (If you have trouble accessing the members area follow the links and contact Mike Cartier who will sort access for you).

<http://www.swordsviktor.com/spd/FK20/Italian-feder-made-after-original-measures>

<http://www.swordsviktor.com/hema-feder-fencing-swords>

## **The main items (other than the training sword) to start with listed in order of importance are:**

1. **Mask** with back of head protection
2. **Gloves**
3. both **Throat** and **Groin** Protector
4. **Gambeson/fencing jacket**
5. hard **Elbow** protection(under or over the jacket)
5. hard **Chest** protection(plastron/hard leather)
6. additional protections:
  - fingertips
  - knees and legs

In order to compete in the bigger tournaments, most of the above is required. there are variations depending on the organisers- its not really standardised at this point. Here is a link to the equipment standards for the biggest tournament which takes place in Göteborg, Sweden for an example:

<http://swordfish.ghfs.se/equipment-requirements/>

<http://swordfish.ghfs.se/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/Protection-Requirements-for-Swordfish-2015-Tournaments.pdf>

(I will list the posh option first and acceptable alternatives next)

### **1. MASK W/ BACK OF HEAD PROTECTION:**

#### **MASKS:**

<https://www.leonpaul.com/masque-maitre-darmes-contour-fit.html>

<https://www.thehemashop.com/red-dragon-fencing-mask>

<https://www.leonpaul.com/the-ultimate-club-mask.html>

## **BACK OF HEAD PROTECTION:**

MAX protection because this includes front of the neck/throat protection:

<https://www.thehemashop.com/mask-overlay-inc-back-of-head-protector>

this is good but relies on the bib of the mask for throat protection

<http://pbthistoricalfencing.com/products/hema-protectors/#hema-back-of-the-head-protector>

<https://www.leonpaul.com/more/hema/masks.html>

<https://www.thehemashop.com/fencing-mask-cover-black>

## **2. GLOVES:**

Sadly, it seems there is no one with gloves in stock at the moment. The best ones at the moment, Sparring Gloves are made to order with measurements etc. and the best of the cheapest (if that makes sense) are Red Dragon but there are 2 new brands on the near horizon that will likely be competing to be the new top standard and will both likely be exceptional, meant to be ready, firstly, the König Glove, for sale in the new year and secondly, ProGauntlet, in the Spring sometime.

best at the moment:

<http://www.sparringglove.com/>

Also sold in UK to sizes but out of stock here:

[http://www.corsairs-wares.com/martial-arts/index.php?main\\_page=product\\_info&cPath=108\\_88&products\\_id=1971](http://www.corsairs-wares.com/martial-arts/index.php?main_page=product_info&cPath=108_88&products_id=1971)

The likely first available of the amazing new gloves, the **König Gloves**:

<http://www.saintmark.se/product/the-koning-glove/>

check out their videos:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p5nOkjM9t9o>

## **Pro Gauntlet:**

<https://youtu.be/MmOUfNORJIU>

<https://www.indiegogo.com/projects/progauntlet#/>

<http://progauntlet.nl>

**Red Dragon**(best of the cheapest):

out of stock at the moment in size 13, sadly but on pre-order:

<https://www.thehemashop.com/red-dragon-gloves>

note this from the example tournament requirements linked above: "...Unmodified Red Dragon or Lacrosse gloves are not suitable for Longsword..." they are fine for club use though and might be acceptable in some tournaments?

### 3. THROAT:

This is the one I use (but an older model):

[http://www.gilmoursports.com/tk-synergy-s1-neck-protector?utm\\_source=google\\_shopping&gclid=CjwKEAiAhaqzBRDNltaS0pW5mWgSJADd7cYDGf6OljQe4dFfCCBldJN-y7ZDXGi23rVVluon5bypJRoCRgDw\\_wcB](http://www.gilmoursports.com/tk-synergy-s1-neck-protector?utm_source=google_shopping&gclid=CjwKEAiAhaqzBRDNltaS0pW5mWgSJADd7cYDGf6OljQe4dFfCCBldJN-y7ZDXGi23rVVluon5bypJRoCRgDw_wcB)

this seems to be a new standard brand that is on the Swordfish tournament equipment list:

<http://pbthistoricalfencing.com/products/hema-protectors/page/2/>

to buy in UK:

[http://www.corsairs-wares.com/martial-arts/index.php?main\\_page=product\\_info&cPath=108\\_119&products\\_id=1963](http://www.corsairs-wares.com/martial-arts/index.php?main_page=product_info&cPath=108_119&products_id=1963)

### GROIN:

<https://www.thehemashop.com/rd-groin-protector>

[http://www.corsairs-wares.com/martial-arts/index.php?main\\_page=product\\_info&cPath=108\\_121&products\\_id=1938](http://www.corsairs-wares.com/martial-arts/index.php?main_page=product_info&cPath=108_121&products_id=1938)

<http://histfenc.com/productcart/groin-protector>

### 4. GAMBESON/FENCING JACKET

#### FENCING JACKET STYLE:

Custom sizing (made to measurements at 30% extra) available and recommended!:

<http://histfenc.com/productcart/axel-pettersson-fencing-jacket>

or new:

<http://histfenc.com/productcart/hussar-fencing-jacket-800n>

in UK:

<https://www.thehemashop.com/axel-pettersson-fencing-jacket>

techno version:

<http://www.leonpaul.com/acatalog/Titan-Range-HEMA-Jacket.html>

## **GAMBESON STYLE:**

<http://histfenc.com/productcart/fg-gambeson>

Similar gambeson design but not padded or shaped as strategically as the previous which has variable stuffing for more focussed flexibility/protection balance:

<https://www.thehemashop.com/catalogsearch/result/?q=Gambeson>

## **5. ELBOWS:**

I use cheap plastic kids skateboard velcro strapped elbows (or maybe they are knees?) these are OK if you have the gloves with long forearm protection like linked above. Otherwise, here are some of the more fancy versions available:

<https://www.thehemashop.com/spes-hema-elbow-protector>

<https://www.leonpaul.com/titan-range-vambraces.html>

in stock in UK:

[http://www.corsairs-wares.com/martial-arts/index.php?main\\_page=product\\_info&cPath=108\\_56&products\\_id=1765](http://www.corsairs-wares.com/martial-arts/index.php?main_page=product_info&cPath=108_56&products_id=1765)

## **6. CHEST:**

<http://pbthistoricalfencing.com/products/hema-protectors/#chest-protector-for-men>

<https://www.leonpaul.com/fencing-clothing-uniforms/chest-protectors.html>

## **7. ADDITIONAL PROTECTIONS:**

### **FINGERTIPS:**

<http://histfenc.com/productcart/fingertips-protectors>

[http://www.corsairs-wares.com/martial-arts/index.php?main\\_page=product\\_info&cPath=108\\_88&products\\_id=1900](http://www.corsairs-wares.com/martial-arts/index.php?main_page=product_info&cPath=108_88&products_id=1900)

### **LEGS:**

<http://histfenc.com/categorylist/protectors/leg-protectors>

<https://www.leonpaul.com/hema-knee-protector.html>

<https://www.leonpaul.com/hema-shin-protector.html>

<http://www.amazon.co.uk/Knee-Shin-Guard-Brushcutter-Strimmer/dp/B00BXJSK5Y>