

## **Instructions for use**

### **Range of Application**

This garment is designed for use in the sport of fencing according to the rules of the international fencing federation (F.I.E.)

**To choose the correct level of performance for protective clothing for fencers** please refer to the rules of your national fencing federation. We strictly recommend to only use fencing clothing of the highest level of performance (EN 13567-2000 level 2).

### **To find out the correct size of your fencing clothing**

please refer to our sizing chart under Downloads. Protective clothing for fencing should be chosen big enough to ensure room to move. However it should be tight enough to avoid that the fabric falls in folds which might catch the opponent's blade.

### **The zones of protection of this protective garment**

can be seen from the appropriate figure on the supplemental sheet which accompanies the article. The following parts of the garment are not part of the protective zones:

- the elastics at the lower end of the breeches (below the knees)
- the bracers (suspenders).
- all other fastening devices like straps, Velcro, zippers etc.

### **When fastening your fencing breeches,**

make sure, that all fastening devices (straps, Velcros, zippers, buttons etc.) are closed completely and firmly. The garment may not be used any longer, if any of the fastening devices doesn't work properly.

### **Warnings**

Fencing by virtue of being a combat sport in which body contact by the weapon occurs, is by its nature dangerous. Protective clothing and equipment for fencers is intended as far as possible to prevent injuries, or in the worst cases to reduce the severity of injuries, particularly by the point of the weapon. Broken blades pose a particular threat. The circumstances of the breakage of blades may result in high tip velocities and consequent high energy impacts by the broken blade. Broken blades have been known to penetrate protective equipment with fatal consequences. No practical clothing is capable of withstanding all broken blade impacts.

Protective clothing must not be changed or manipulated. In particular seems must not be opened or further parts be added or taken away. Caring instructions must be respected. Non-respect of these instructions can reduce the level of protection of this garment.

Carefully inspect protective clothing for fencing at regular intervals to make sure, that no mechanical defects (like abrasion, holes, broken seems, tears, scratches) have occurred. If this has happened, the garment may no longer be used.

Fencing clothing is designed to only be used by either left handers or right handers (see marking on the cover page). Fencing clothing for right handers must not be used by left handers and vice versa.

### **Caring and Storing Instructions**

This garment can be washed at 30°C in a mild detergent. Don't spin-dry or tumble this garment, as the mechanical impacts might reduce its level of protection. All closures have to be closed during washing. To be stored in its original packing in a cool and dry place without direct light exposure.

This garment doesn't contain any substances that are suspect of provoking allergies to sensible persons.

