

## **Instructions for use**

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### **Range of Application**

This fencing mask is exclusively designed for use in the sport of fencing according to the rules of the international fencing federation (F.I.E.). The epee mask can be used for foil when the bib is equipped with the removable piece of conductive fabric.

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 + A1:2007 level 2).

To find out the correct size of your fencing mask please refer to the sizing chart. The size of the mask must be chosen in the way, that the mask is situated on the head so tight, that even with strong, sudden movements of the head, it will not fall from the head. Nevertheless it should be loose enough to avoid painful pressure to the skin. The mask can be adjusted to the shape of the head by softly pressing together or tearing away the lateral parts of the mask and by bending the bow in the back of the mask.

### **The zones of protection**

can be seen from the appropriate figure on the attachment sheet accompanied to the mask.

The following parts of the mask are not part of the protective zones:

- the elastic at the back of the mask
- the adjustable bow at the back of the mask

When **fastening your fencing mask**, make sure, that the elastics in the back of the mask are closed completely and firmly and that the bow in the back of mask is bent downwards in a way, that the mask is fixed firmly and safely to the head. Hit with increasing force with your hand to the front mesh of the mask to make sure, that an impact will not result in the mask hitting the nose. By strong, sudden movements of your head in all directions make sure, that the mask is safely fixed to your head, so that it won't fall from your head during fencing. If any of the fastening devices doesn't work properly any more, the mask may not be used any longer.

### **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 equipment must not be changed or manipulated. In particular seams 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 equipment. Carefully inspect protective equipment for fencing at regular intervals to make sure, that no mechanical defects (like abrasion, holes, broken seams, tears, scratches) have occurred. If this has happened, the product may no longer be used.

If any damage of the mask's wire mesh (dents, broken wires, fissures, expansion of the wire nettings) is visible or if the wire mesh becomes rusty or if the bib loosens from the mesh, the mask may in no case be used any longer.

### **Innocuousness**

This fencing mask doesn't contain any substances at levels known or suspected to affect the health or hygiene of the user in the foreseeable conditions of normal use. This fencing mask meets basic health and safety requirement for the Regulation 2016/425.

### **Caring and Storing Instructions**

The inside lining of the mask is washable with a wet cloth. Removable inside paddings can be washed by hand at 30°C in a mild detergent. Don't spin-dry or tumble this padding, as the mechanical impacts might reduce its level of protection.

To be stored in its original packing in a cool and dry place without direct light exposure.