

## Shopping For Your Beginner Fencing Equipment Set

There are 15 fencing equipment vendors nationwide. Our coaching staff recommends Absolute Fencing. Unfortunately, there are no stores locally that you can physically walk into to purchase gear. Vendors will attend the larger national tournaments and you can purchase your gear on-site, otherwise it is all online.

Absolute Fencing Gear is a very reputable supplier who has consistently provided great customer service for many years to The Dunwoody HS Fencing Club and to the fencing community. You can visit their website at [www.absolutefencinggear.com](http://www.absolutefencinggear.com). Other options include: Blue Gauntlet and Leon Paul.

Before placing your order talk to our coaching staff! We suggest that you try DHS Fencing club's uniforms and equipment first, and ask us about the type of grip you choose for your weapon.

When ordering it is important to specify the following:

- You are ordering Epee equipment
- Right or left-handed
- Age/birth year of the fencer as the length of weapon is different for each age group
- You fence for Dunwoody High School (make sure that DHS Fencing Club has transmitted your name to Absolute Fencing so you can get the team discount)

You do not, initially, need specific fencing shoes. Any sneaker with a low profile, such as indoor volleyball or wrestling sneakers are good.

Absolute's website does offer a sizing chart for uniforms, but we encourage you to try Dunwoody HS club gear prior to ordering. You may order each piece separately or order their epee beginner set "upgraded to electric".

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# Dunwoody High School Fencing Club Recommended Equipment

## List

(Please also see important side notes):

All items listed below are required by USA Fencing and GHSFL regulations.

Two weapons and two body cords are required to fence at tournaments. Please check with members of our coaching staff for any questions regarding equipment.

- **Mask**  
Masks come in XS, S, M, L. If you are between sizes, you may want to consider ordering the larger size mask with the removable liner that adds padding and can be taken out once the fencer grows into the mask. The mask should fit snugly. You don't want the mask to "wobble" when moving your head up and down or side to side.
- **Jacket**  
Either a cotton or stretch material jacket. Make sure to specify left or right-handed.
- **Dunwoody HS Fencing Patches**  
Patches will be given to fencers by the team sponsor or by a member of the coaching staff.
- **Hard plastic chest protector**  
These come in XS, S, M, L and are available in men's or women's style. Hard chest protectors are only required for female fencers; however, they are encouraged for ALL beginning youth fencers for extra padding.
- **Plastron chest protector** (fabric material)  
These come in XS, S, M, L and are required for both male and female fencers.
- **Glove**  
Try a Dunwoody HS fencing club glove or fellow fencer's glove for size. Specify left or right-handed.
- **2 Epee Body cords**
- **2 Epee Weapons** (please see important notes)
  - Size of blade: size 2 blade for fencers Y10 and younger, and size 5 blade for fencers Y12 and up.
  - Electric epee: Make sure to order a wired epee with German tip, German wire and German screws. Absolute's standard blade should be fine.
  - Type of grip: There are several types of "Pistol Grips" and a "French Grip". Try the different Dunwoody HS Fencing club grips or your fellow fencers' grips to see what feels best and check with your coach. Specify left or right-handed. -Bell Guard: The standard bell guard should be fine, or if you prefer for a few dollars more you can purchase the ultra-light titanium bell guard that is lighter than the standard.
  - Pad for the bell guard: There are many colors to choose from and it is personal preference, however the clear pad offers easy visibility to the weapon's wiring for referees.
- **Knee length socks**  
Soccer socks work well. Dunwoody HS Fencing club colors are red and blue.
- **Knickers**
- **Protective plastic tube cover for weapon** (optional)
- **Bag for your equipment** (optional)  
A basic shoulder bag or a rolling bag.

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