

### 3. Characteristics of the clothing and spoke protectors

- a) Fencers' clothing must be made of sufficiently robust material and be clean and in good condition.
- b) The material from which the equipment is made must not have a surface which is smooth enough to cause the pointe d'arrêt, the button or the opponent's hit to glance off (cf. m.30).
- c) Clothing must be made entirely in cloth able to resist a pressure of 800 Newtons. Very particular attention must be paid to the way the seams under the armpits, if there are any, are made. An under-garment consisting of a protective under-plastron covering the vital upper areas of the body (following the design given in Annexe A to these Rules, 'Safety norms for manufacturers') resistant to 800 Newtons is also obligatory.
- d) Fencers' clothing may be of different colours, apart from black.
- e) There shall be only one national uniform per country. They must be identical for all fencers of the same federation for the following competitions; Paralympic games, World Championships and Zonal Championships. All logos worn by any one fencer must be identical.
- f) Logos and National Strips worn on national clothing and spoke protectors must be approved by the IWF Executive Committee at least 30 days before being used for the first time in an official IWF competition. Approved logos/national strips will be published on the IWAS website.
- g) Spoke protectors: For Paralympic Games, World Championships and Zonal Championships, the use of IWF approved national strips/logos is compulsory on both rear wheel spoke protectors. No Athlete name is permitted on the spoke protector.

Name of country/NPC National code is optional. If used, letters must be in capitals, between 8 cm and 10 cm high, and between 1 cm and 1.5 cm wide, according to the length of the of the name.

- h) The last name of the fencer must be displayed on the back of the jacket, with the abbreviation of the national federation below it, at the level of the shoulder blades. They must be printed directly onto the jacket or onto a cloth carefully sewn onto the jacket. The wearing of IWF approved national strips/ logos are optional on the arm(s).

The letters must be in dark blue, in capitals, between 8 cm and 10 cm high, and between 1 cm and 1.5 cm wide, according to the length of the name.