



## Information sheet for new members

### You finished your trail lessons and then?

You will with the following

- Membership of AEW and paying membership fee
- Membership of the Dutch Fencing Association (KNAS)
- Rent and/or buy equipment
- Taking part in tournaments

### Becoming a member?

If you like fencing at AEW, than a logical step is to become a member. This gives you the opportunity the fence 2 evenings a week. *Aspirant members pay membership for the first have year plus the remainder of the normal severance term up to the 1<sup>st</sup> of July or the 1<sup>st</sup> of January. After this period you are free to terminate your membership taking in account the 4 week notice of termination. When in doubt you may extend your trial lessons one month for €25.*

To become a member you have to fill in the attached membership form. And hand it over to one of the executive members or mail it to the secretary: [secretaris@aewschermen.nl](mailto:secretaris@aewschermen.nl)

In case of a minor one of the legal representatives has to sign the form.

By becoming a member you are obliged to pay the membership fee. It is possible to pay per half year or year. If you pay one year in advance you are granted a 3% reduction on your membership fee. The first payment will be the remainder of the half year (up to the 1<sup>st</sup> of July or the 1<sup>st</sup> of January).

When more than 2 persons from one family (same address) become a member than a reduction is given on the fee. For more information contact one executive members.

*With the first bill the cost of the body wire and breast protection for ladies will be added*  
**For members of the youngest group there is a special arrangement**

Members of AEW are obliged to become a member of the Dutch Fencing Association (KNAS). Membership of the KNAS gives the opportunity the take part in tournaments and knows liability insurance in case of accidents/injuries. Membership of the KNAS starts in the month you become a member. The fee for the KNAS is for the whole calendar year and has to be paid in advance in December of the preceding year. In case of ending the membership of AEW restitution of the KNAS fee is not possible.

### Membership fees

The membership fees for 2018 are as follows. Please check the website for changes in these numbers.

Age group	Per year	Per year*
6 - 14 years	€ 218,00	€ 200,56
15 -19 years	€ 243.00	€ 223,56
20 years and older	€ 263.00	€ 241,96
Students WO/HBO	€ 131,50	€ 120,98**

\*Including 3% discount by paying 1 year ahead

\*\*Students get discount by showing there student card and number

The account number of AEW is NL 37 INGB 0005668713 stating: penningmeester Leidsche Schermvereniging AEW p/a Eli Heimanshof 75, 2341PH, Oegstgeest

### Terms of payment

During the annual member meeting of 2016 the audit committee advised the board to take action to avoid back payments of membership fees and rent of equipment of members. The board decided to publish a table with steps to ensure to payments of fees.

For members who pay their membership fee a year in advance are entitled to a 8% discount.

Notice: this is not applicable for the annual KNAS membership fee .

When there are financial problems you can always contact the board. In consult with the board we will make a payment arrangement. Of course the board will always keep this confidential.

Always keep your e-mail- and/or living address up to date for the administration. Inform the secretary in time.

In the table 4 months are mentioned because we will mail a bill per quarter.

The due date of the payment starts on the date the mail is sent.

Reason	Date sent	Payment due	Way of dispatch	Consequence//remark
Regular bill for membership or rent of equipment	Beginning of December, March, June, September	4 weeks	E-mail	For members who pay their membership fee a year in advance are entitled to a 8% discount. Not for KNAS membership
1 <sup>st</sup> reminder payments overdue	Beginning of January resp. beginning of April, July or October	3 weeks	E-mail	
2 <sup>nd</sup> reminder payments overdue plus 5% administration costs	Beginning of February resp. beginning of May, August or November	3 weeks	Letter of the chair with request to pay. He will mention right in case of suspension	After 3 weeks <b>suspension of membership</b> (art.7 sub 3 statutes) Interdiction to enter fencing hall and return of rented equipment
All overdue payments including 5% administration costs	Beginning of March resp. June, September or December	3 weeks	Letter of the chair with final request to pay mentioning consequences not paying and rights in cancellation of membership	After 3 weeks <b>Cancellation of membership</b> (art.7sub 4 statutes) debt collection agency (extra costs) and legal consequences

### KNAS Fees

The membership fees for the Dutch Fencing Association (KNAS) in 2018 are as follows:

agegroup	Per year	Per half year*
Up to 19 years	€ 29,25	€ 14,75
20 years and older	€ 58,50	€ 29,25

\*If your membership starts after the first of July you pay half of the yearly fee.

The membership of the KNAS is obligatory for all members of AEW. This membership also gives you the possibility to take part in tournaments and has an extra insurance in case of injuries or liability. It is not possible to get a refund in case of ending the membership of AEW.

### Ending membership

Ending the membership is only possible in writing (via post or e-mail) at the secretary or treasurer per 1<sup>st</sup> of July and the 1<sup>st</sup> of January with a term of notice of 4 weeks. When the term of notice is after these dates the payment for the rest of the half is mandatory

### Equipment

Members are responsible purchasing or renting their fencing equipment and other materials necessary for fencing.

It is possible to rent fencing equipment from the club. This equipment has the minimum requirements to participate in practice lessons. There are stringent rules to participate in tournaments (see table below). AEW owns some equipment for tournaments in principle all members have to buy their own equipment for tournaments. In rare cases it is possible to rent it. It is not possible to rent material for electric fencing (weapons, body cord, electric vest and mask). All members have to purchase this themselves.

An exception is the youngest group on Monday because their principle weapon is épée. For them it is possible to buy a basic set consisting of an epee, fencing glove, body wire, under vest and for girls breast protection. The breast protection is also available for boys. The price of this equipment depends on the exchange rate but will be around €52

We are looking into a complete basic set. This will include Mask, trousers and vest.

Members (or their legal representatives) are responsible for maintaining their rented equipment in good order. Our equipment master is always available for advice and help.

For members it is possible to rent equipment as long as they are not a senior member. Senior members are able to rent equipment for a maximum period of 6 months. After this period they should have bought their own equipment.

The specific requirements of equipment depend on the age of the fencer. The strength of the equipment (clothing and mask) is expressed in the force in N. (Newton) that the equipment can resist per cm<sup>2</sup>

In the following table you can find the latest requirements for equipment when participating in tournaments. As a precaution we require female fencers to wear breast protection. In the "category" the Dutch names are given.

Age	Category	Mask	Plastron	Jacket/Pants	Foil/Épée	Sabre
- 10	<b>Kuikens</b>	350 N.	800 N.	350 N.	Normal (size 0)	Normal (size 0)
10 - 12	<b>Benjamins</b>	350 N.	800 N.	350 N.	Normal (size 0)	Normal (size 0)
12 – 14	<b>Pupillen</b>	1600 N.	800 N.	800 N.	Normal (size 5)	S2000+
14 – 17	<b>Cadetten</b>	1600 N.	800 N.	800 N.	FIE Maraging	S2000+
17 -20	<b>Junioren</b>	1600 N.	800 N.	800 N.	FIE Maraging	S2000+
20+	<b>Senioren</b>	1600 N.	800 N.	800 N.	FIE Maraging	S2000+

## Renting

For members it is possible to rent a complete fencing set or part(s) of the equipment. The reason is that the costs for purchasing equipment all at once can be an obstacle for a some of our members. Especially young members will need new material because they grow a lot. However it is policy of AEW to promote the purchase of own equipment.

**Seniors:** can rent equipment for 6 months. After this period it is expected that they own their own equipment.

**Note:** regularly fencers leave their equipment in the hall. Keep in mind that you still have to pay rent for this.

Renting has its limits. Reason for this has to do with hygiene and costs of repairs. For renting costs see table below.

## Renting-buying equipment

**Body wire:** must be purchased at start of membership

**Breast protection:** must be purchased. For security reasons this is an obligation for female fencers

**Weapon:** Can be rented with **a maximum of 6 months**. After this period it is expected that you have bought your own weapon. It is still possible to rent an extra weapon for tournaments

**Glove:** Can be rented with **a maximum of 6 months**.

**Vest:** No restriction for youth members

**Trousers:** No restriction for youth members

**Electric vest (foil/sabre):** not for rent. You have to purchase your own

**Undervest:** not for rent. You have to purchase your own

The prices (2018) per quarter are stated in the table below.

<b>Clothing</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Trousers	t/m benjamins	€ 5.00
	vanaf pupillen	€10.00
Jacket	t/m benjamins	€ 7.50
	vanaf pupillen	€15.00
Mask	t/m benjamins	€10.00
	from pupillen	€18.75
Under vest		Purchase yourself
Elektric vest*		Purchase yourself
Breast protection*		Purchase yourself

\* Use of an electric vet and breast protection is included in trial lessons

Weapon	Rent amount per quarter
Foil electrical	€ 13.50
Epee electrical	€ 15.00
Sabre electrical	€ 12.50
Spare weapon for tournament	€ 10.00 per tournament

### **Buying your own equipment**

There are several ways to buy equipment: shops which also sell via internet or have a shop at tournaments, members of our club are often willing to take materials bought at tournaments, ones a year the club organizes an evening where we will invite an equipment dealer. It is also possible to buy secondhand equipment: via members who have equipment they don't use anymore and via internet. On [www.schermsport.pagina.nl](http://www.schermsport.pagina.nl) you can find information about sellers.

Be aware that equipment some equipment sold on internet is old and is forbidden to use during tournaments and sometimes even too old to use during training. Always ask how old the equipment is and has the applicable labels (clothing/mask) and seals (blade of weapons) according to the table above. Don't hesitate to ask advice from the maître or one of the committee members.

You can check several shops on internet. You can also find prices here.

[www.uhlmann-fechtsport.com](http://www.uhlmann-fechtsport.com) (Duitsland)

[www.duclt.com](http://www.duclt.com) (Nederland)

[www.jcsportworld.com](http://www.jcsportworld.com) (Nederland)

[www.fencewithfun.com](http://www.fencewithfun.com) (Duitsland)

[www.leonpaul.com](http://www.leonpaul.com) (Engeland)

### **Taking part in tournaments**

Most information can be found on [www.nahouw.net](http://www.nahouw.net). On this site you will find all the information about tournaments and relevant information. Most tournaments require that you enlist via this site.

When you want to take part you have to be a member of the Dutch fencing association (KNAS) and must have the equipment according to the list above (page) 3.

### **Statutes and internal regulations**

All right and duties are mentioned in the statutes and internal regulations. You can download them via the site ([www.aewschermen.nl](http://www.aewschermen.nl)) or via the secretary.

Always check the website ([www.aewschermen.nl](http://www.aewschermen.nl)) under "agenda" or "nieuws" for changes in actual times

### **Questions/Information**

For questions or information you can check our website [www.aewschermen.nl](http://www.aewschermen.nl) or contact:

Fees	: <a href="mailto:penningmeester@aewschermen.nl">penningmeester@aewschermen.nl</a>	Nico Toussaint
Youth affairs	: <a href="mailto:jeugd zaken@aewschermen.nl">jeugd zaken@aewschermen.nl</a>	Emma Enderman
Technical fencing affairs	: <a href="mailto:maître@aewschermen.nl">maître@aewschermen.nl</a>	Edwin Treffers
Membership and other	: <a href="mailto:secretaries@aewschermen.nl">secretaries@aewschermen.nl</a>	Hans van den Berg
Equipment	: <a href="mailto:material@aewschermen.nl">material@aewschermen.nl</a>	Emiel Wojcik
Enlisting tournament	: <a href="mailto:wedstrijden@aewschermen.nl">wedstrijden@aewschermen.nl</a>	Emiel Wojcik

## Safety regulations Leidsche fencingclub A.E.W.

### **1 Always wear a mask during fencing or when practicing with an opponent**

The head is the most vulnerable part of the body. A hit on the unprotected part of the body can be life threatening. Never make a fencing move when one of the fencers is not wearing a mask. Even when you are explaining a seemingly simple fencing action. Address others not wearing a mask.

### **2 Keep the tip of your weapon always close to the floor when not fencing**

Due to carelessness it is possible that you hit each other by accident on vulnerable places with a change of (serious) injuries. When not fencing somebody passing by will be less careful towards the possible dangers e.g. a carelessly protruded point of a weapon.

### **3 Be aware of the state of your weapon**

A broken weapon is not flexible and may have sharp edges. A weapon that has been straightened a lot of times tends to break easier because of metal fatigue.

### **4 Always wear adequate protective clothing also during practice**

The protective clothing for fencing protects the body against bruising because of hits and stab wounds after breaking of the blade. Good fencing clothing is therefore the most important measure against risks of injury.

Always inform yourself about the best available clothing and requirements for clothing and make the best choice for yourself (or your child). For fencers of AEW is obligatory to wear a fencing jacket, fencing trousers, a glove and mask. For girls and ladies wearing breast protection is also obligatory.

### **5 Fence self-restrained, without ramming or butting**

In the end it is also more effective. Although it is hard to define the limit where we speak of rough fencing all fencers have to be aware of the fact that weapons can be painful and even can cause injuries. Fencing clothing is not like a like armour, you will feel hard hits.

Always respect your opponent. Trying to impress your opponent by ramming is not only unsporting, but also increases the risk of breaking your blade.

### **6 Follow the instructions of the maître, board and experienced fencers**

They know from personal experience what the dangerous moments are. During training when explaining certain techniques dangerous situations may occur. Therefore always stay focused.

### **7 Keep your distance to fencers who are fencing**

Never pass a fencer nearby. Fencers when fencing are limited in their awareness of their surroundings. The risk of getting hurt as a bystander when passing or standing nearby is very high.

### **8 Address each other when you notice that safety regulations are violated**

Everybody has the obligation to do this. When a situation is not clear to you or you do not trust it, ask the maître or an experienced fencer.

### **9 Respect equipment of other clubs**

Finally a regulation of another nature. AEW uses the gym together with the school and other clubs. In the storing area of the gym all kinds of equipment is stored. It is not allowed to stay there or play with the equipment. Not only belongs the equipment to others but keep in mind that small mistakes can have large consequences.

**Entry form Leidsche Schermvereniging AEW** Undersigned wants to become a member of AEW. By signing agrees to the conditions and terms stated in this information form and the charter and regulations of Fencing Club AEW Leiden. Available via the website or secretary. For questions mail to: [secretaris@aewschermen.nl](mailto:secretaris@aewschermen.nl)

Name : .....

Firstname, : .....

Date of birth : .....

Address : .....

Zipcode / City : .....

Telephone number : .....

Mobile number (WhatsApp Y/N\*) : .....

E-mailaddress : .....

Already membership KNAS

Former/other Club : .....

KNAS nummer : .....

Collegecard nr WO/HBO : .....

In case of a minor please fill in the data of one of the parents/legal custodians in the form below  
The mail-address will be used for mailing the invoice and other official post.

**\* Please state here if you want to be a member of the AEW WhatsApp group**

Name : .....

Firstname : .....

E-mailaddress : .....

Address\* : .....

Zipcode / City\* : .....

Telephone number\* : .....

Mobile number\* : .....

Signature for agreement  
(In case of minor Parent/legal  
resp.)

Place/Date.

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\* To be filled in when the new member is a minor 18 years and younger.

All given information will only be used for purposes for the fencing club AEW.

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