



URGENT DECISION 2

Chest protector

Motivation: An update on Chest Protectors was given to the meeting of the SEMI Commission by Richard Shearer, manufacturer of the new soft outer layer for the chest protector.

Washable EVA layer fix with Velcro to existing chest guard.4mm thickness. Product shown and accepted by SEMI RULE change m.25.4.c to show the correct density and product is EVA.

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c) **At all weapons**, the use of a breast/chest protector (made of metal or some rigid material) is compulsory for women and optional for men. At foil, this breast/chest protector must be worn below the protective plastron.

At foil, the protector will have the following characteristics: The entire outside of the chest protector (the side facing the opponent) must be covered with a soft material **as E.V.A. (Ethylene-vinyl acetate) of four mm thickness and density of 22kg/m³**. (The material can be attached to the current plastic models or incorporated into the manufacture of new chest protectors). **The material, must have the SEMI technical mark at the center of the upper edge.** ~~The hardness of the outside of the material must be 20-30% hardness. This is the typical hardness of wet suit material for scuba diving (neoprene). This measure will be obligatory for the 2015/2016 season: the SEMI commission is to supply the specifications and testing procedures.~~

Implementation: from the 2018 J & C World Championships in April in Verona.