**Skills**

**Advance :** Marche…a movement forward by step, cross, or balestra.

**Attack :** Attaque…..the initial offensive action made by extending the sword arm and continuously threatening the valid target of the opponent.

**Beat** : Battement….an attempt to knock the opponent's blade aside or out of line by using one's foible or middle against the opponent's foible.

**Bout** : Match……an assault at which the score is kept.

**Counter-**attack : Contre-attaque….an attack made against the right-of-way, or in response to the opponent's attack.

**En Garde** : En garde…also On Guard; the fencing position; the stance that fencers assume when preparing to fence.

**Fleche :** Flèche….lit. "arrow"; an attack in which the aggressor leaps off his leading foot, attempts to make the hit, and then passes the opponent at a run.

**Lunge** : Fente…an attack made by extending the rear leg and landing on the bent front leg.

**Retreat :** Retraite….step back; opposite of advance.

**Salute** : Salut…with the weapon, a customary acknowledgement of one's opponent and referee at the start and end of the bout.

**Terminology**

**Bout** : Match…an assault at which the score is kept.

**Flick :** Coup lancé, "Bingo"……a cut-like action that lands with the point, often involving some whip of the foible of the blade to "throw" the point around a block or other obstruction.

**Guard** : Coquille…..the metal cup or bow that protects the hand from being hit. Also, the defensive position assumed when not attacking.

**Point :** Touche…a valid touch; the tip of the sword; an attack made with the point (ie. a thrust)

**Priority** : Priorité….in sabre, the now-superceded rules that decide which fencer will be awarded the touch in the event that they both attack simultaneously; also used synonymously with right-of-way.

**Right-of-way** : Raison, Priorité…rules for awarding the point in the event of a double touch in foil or sabre.

**Simultaneous :** Attaques simultanées….in foil and sabre, two attacks for which the right-of- way is too close to determine.

**Equipment**

**Epee** : Épée……a fencing weapon with triangular cross-section blade and a large bell guard; also a light duelling sword of similar design, popular in the mid-19th century.

**Foil** : Fleuret……a fencing weapon with rectangular cross-section blade and a small bell guard; any sword that has been buttoned to render it less dangerous for practice

**Lamé :** Plastron électrique….a metallic vest/jacket used to detect valid touches in foil and sabre.

**Plastron :** Plastron….a partial jacket worn for extra protection; typically a half- jacket worn under the main jacket on the weapon-arm side of the body.

**Sabre** : Sabre…a fencing weapon with a flat blade and knuckle guard, used with cutting or thrusting actions; a military sword popular in the 18th to 20th centuries; any cutting sword used by cavalry.