



Alberta Fencing Association Immediate Announcement

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New Foil Mask Requirement as of January 1, 2010

Please be advised that as of January 1, 2010 all AFA sanctioned Cadet (U17), Junior (U20) and Senior (Open) Foil events will require the use of the new electrified Foil Bib on the mask. U13, U15, and Veteran events remain unaffected.

History

The CFF has implemented the following policy:

Implementation of the M2009 Foil Mask

The FIE has implemented the new foil mask effective January 2009 for seniors and September 2009 for juniors.

The CFF has no choice but to follow the FIE direction and a members survey concurs with this conclusion.

Policy: The CFF will implement the new Foil Bib effective for senior National Championships 2009 and Junior / Cadet National Championships 2010. In Canada for domestic events, masks that have been retrofitted according to the FIE specifications will be allowed. Internationally, FIE rules apply.

This policy does not apply to veterans or U/15 events hosted by the CFF.

Adopted 9th May, 2009, revised 4th October, 2009

For those unaware of the new foil bib requirement, here is the FIE's rule

Mask (cf. m.25)

m.27. 1. The mesh of the mask must not extend below the chin. It must be insulated internally and externally by

a plastic material resistant to impact.

2. The part of the bib that is beneath a horizontal line 1.5 - 2 cm below the chin, must be entirely covered with a material that has the same conductive characteristics as the conductive jacket.

3. The electrical contact between the conductive jacket and the mask must be ensured by means of a connecting wire, white in colour, and one or two crocodile clips (cf m.32.4).

As a foilist, what do I have to do?

There are several options available to foilists that require the new bib. The first option is to buy a new mask with the electrified bib. The second option is to buy a retrofit kit. The preferred method for installation of the retrofit is to glue the lame material onto the bib (see specifications above) and then sew the lame material onto the bib. The third option is to create your own retrofit kit from an old lame and follow the installation procedure above.

There are several vendors who sell the new masks and retrofit kits. Your coach may be able to help you with your purchase. If not, here are a few sites:

<http://www.fencingcanada.ca/>

<http://www.usfencing.org/pages/3782>