

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW FOIL TARGET (INCLUDING PART OF THE BIB) –  
TIMING FOR IMPLEMENTATION IN COMPETITIONS**

The following chart shows the proposed introduction dates approved by the Board for the new foil target (i.e., including part of the mask) for various categories of competition in the UK, and therefore when fencers in foil competitions will need to be equipped with new or modified masks.

These timings presuppose successful FIE implementation of the introduction for their senior competitions in January 2009.

	<b>Open/ senior</b>	<b>Junior</b>	<b>Cadet</b>	<b>All other size 5 blades</b>	<b>All size 3/2/0 blades</b>	<b>Mask type</b>
FIE events (incl. Satellites)	January 2009	September 2009	September 2009	NA	NA	Full FIE specification
British Champion- ships	September 2009	September 2009	September 2009	September 2010	No plan to implement	Full FIE spec OR mask update inc. wire *
Open competitions	September 2009	NA	NA	NA	NA	Full FIE spec OR mask update inc. wire *
All domestic selection ranking events	NA	September 2009	September 2009	NA	NA	Full FIE spec OR mask update inc. wire *
All other competitions	September 2010	September 2010	September 2010	September 2010	No plan to implement	Full FIE spec OR mask update inc. wire *

\* **Mask update including wire:-** retrofit conductive material covering the new valid bib surface on the outside of the bib, kit supplied by equipment suppliers and fitted by the owner of the mask. The fencer will also be required to connect the mask valid target to the conductive jacket by an approved specification mask wire, as per the FIE specification.

*Note: The Rules definition of the revised bib to allow for the extended target is as follows (Article m.27.2):-*

“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”.