

## USA FENCING SEMI announcement regarding PRIEUR BRAND Epee and Foil MASKS



As of **March 1, 2026**, Prieur brand Epee and Foil masks must have a rivet in the chin area of the mask for it to be considered complete for inspection at any USA Fencing event (National, Regional and Local).



As of **March 1, 2026**, Prieur brand Epee and Foil masks **WITHOUT** a rivet in the chin area of the mask will not pass inspection at any USA Fencing event (National, Regional and Local).

(Images from Prieurusa.com)

Going forward, all Foil and Epee masks that have been previously manufactured by Prieur without the rivet will need to be retrofitted with the rivet, installed by Prieur USA.

On **March 1, 2026**, all Prieur Epee and Foil Masks must be equipped with the rivet to be legal for competition use at USA FENCING events (National, Regional, and Local). All Prieur Epee and Foil masks without the rivet will be considered incomplete and will not be inspected for competition.

**Effective immediately (until February 28, 2026) for Prieur Epee and Foil masks without the rivet:**

At USA Fencing **National** Events:

At equipment check, armory staff will not inspect the mask without the rivet. They will direct the fencer to the Prieur vendor booth for the mask to be retrofitted with the rivet. Prieur USA will be on site and will upgrade masks for no charge on a “while you wait” basis. After the mask has been updated, it may be inspected.

At USA Fencing **Regional** and **Local** events:

At equipment check, armory staff will inspect the mask without the rivet. During inspection, armory staff will make sure that the encircling band around the mask and bib underneath the mask are secure.

- If, after inspection, the mask is in good condition, it may pass inspection and be used at the tournament.
- If, after inspection, there is a concern that can be corrected with the retrofitting, the mask will not pass inspection for use at that tournament. However, the mask does not need to be confiscated or marked. It will be returned to the fencer.

- **Do not attempt to repair the mask with a rivet or other means.**
- All fencers with Prieur masks without a rivet should email Prieur USA for a free upgrade to their mask (including shipping) at [bonjour@prieurusa.com](mailto:bonjour@prieurusa.com)
- For more information please see:  
<https://www.prieurusa.com/prieur-mask-notice-3/>

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