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Spectacle Wearing Players

Under the duty of care policy SAJSA has to develop a policy in regard to all players participating in any event arranged by it or any member Association on it's behalf.

This will come into effect for the 2002 Country Championships that will be hosted by Whyalla in September 2002 and remain in effect until further notice.

All official documentation as noted below must be made available for each and every referee to verify before the player concerned will be able to play in any SAJSA authorised game.

At the discretion of the referee some frames may need to have tape placed around protruding or hinged areas. Failure to comply with the policy or if the referee does not accept that the style of spectacle frame or lenses is safe will result in the player NOT PLAYING.

The SAJSA Vision Correction Equipment Policy

Contact lenses

Contact lenses are the preferred vision correction equipment, and then preferably lenses made specifically for sports.

Spectacles

Sports-specific spectacles with frames made from either Polycarbonate or Nylon in one piece with no hinges or separate sides to fracture under impact (readily available within Australia). These frames normally have an elasticised strap attached to the ends which fits around the back of the head to retain the frames on the head during strenuous movements or impact and are normally used for just the sports activity.

As an interim measure for 2002 players will be able to wear their conventional "street-wear" frame, provided that they are fitted with prescription lenses made from suitable safety materials and are approved by the referee, with or without necessary taping, prior to kickoff. The frames themselves must be made of a suitable material, have no excessive protruding features and preferably be restrained behind the head by some kind of strapping that will retain the frames on the head during strenuous movement.

To all players who must wear glasses whilst playing

Any player who has to wear spectacles for participating in games must visit an optometrist and obtain a written statement regarding the materials from which the frames and lens have been manufactured. The Association that selects those players must submit a copy of this statement along with the player registration form. In addition the team coach must retain a copy of the statement so that it can be produced if the appointed referee requests to view it.

Below are listed some common materials that spectacles are manufactured from **but please note that not all of these are approved for sports use.**

Lenses

Polycarbonate
CR39
Glass
Toughened Glass

Frames Plastic

Plastic
Flexicom
Metal

Any players having a query with this policy should contact the SAJSA secretary above for further advice.

Note for AHJSA non -competitive players

In so far as the non competitive age groups are concerned, because of the reduced likelihood of head clashes, the AHJSA policy is that spectacles may be worn provided that the frames are sufficiently flexible and rounded so as not to pose a danger to the player or another player and that the player has a written certification from his/her optometrist that the lenses are of a suitable material for the playing of sport. It is not necessary that the frames be specifically designed for the playing of sport.