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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 its 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 are safe, will result in the player NOT PLAYING.

## **THE SAJSA VISION CORRECTION EQUIPMENT POLICY**

### **Contact lenses**

These 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 same.

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

<b>Lenses</b>	
Polycarbonate	
CR39	
Glass	
Toughened Glass etc.	

<b>Frames</b>	
Plastic	
Flexicom	
Metal Etc.	

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**Any players that may have a query with this policy should contact the secretary at the above contacts for further advice.**