

E&DJSA Vision Correction Equipment Policy

Elizabeth and Districts have developed a policy covering the wearing of vision correction equipment by players. This policy provides an acceptably safe environment for the vision correction equipment wearing player as well as relevant officials, other players and referees involved in the game.

Player Responsibilities

- All official documentation required under this policy must be made available for each and every referee to verify before the player concerned will be able to play in any E&DJSA 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 lens is safe will result in the player **NOT PLAYING**.

Contact lenses

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

Spectacles & Goggles

- **Preferred spectacle option** - 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 activities. Sports goggles are permissible a letter of compliance is not necessary.
- **Acceptable alternate spectacle option** - Players will be able to wear their conventional "street-wear" frame, provided that they are fitted with prescription lenses made from suitable safety materials. The frames must be made of a suitable material, have no excessive protruding features and must 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

You or your parent/guardian is required to obtain a signed statement from your/an optometrist indicating the material from which the lenses and the frames are made. This documentation must be available for the referee to review prior to each and every game played. A copy should be retained by the Coach/ Manager. All registered players must comply

A list of materials for both frames and lenses is given below.

Lenses

- Polycarbonate
- Tri-Vis

Frames

- Silicon based (flexible plastic)

Any players having a problem with this policy should contact Elizabeth & Districts Junior Soccer Association by phone fax or email for further guidance.

Parents should keep this policy in mind when renewing their child's glasses ensuring that the correct design and types of materials are used in the manufacture.

E&DJSA Executive
Updated 1/2/2017