



## FOOTBALL SOUTH COAST JUNIOR COUNCIL

### Glasses, Spectacles & Sports Goggles

#### 1. SCOPE

This policy applies to all players participating in a match under FSC and FNSW.

#### 2. REASON: FIFA LAWS OF THE GAME- LAW 4 : SAFETY

A player must not use equipment or wear anything that is dangerous to himself or another player (including any kind of jewellery). This law covers the use of glasses, spectacles and sports glasses.

#### 3. METAL FRAMES

Under this law, a player cannot wear glasses or spectacles if in the opinion of the referee, the glasses are dangerous to himself or another. Metal frames would fit in this category.

#### 4. SPORTS GOGGLES, SPORTS GLASSES, SPORTS SUNGLASSES

Players are permitted to wear sports goggles, sports glasses or sports sunglasses as long as, in the opinion of the referee, they pose no danger to the player or other players. The Optometrists Association of Australia has stated that children involved in sport, requiring assisted vision, should wear protective eyewear such as sports goggles or sports glasses with soft or flexible frames fitted with a plastic or polycarbonate lens.

#### 5. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The following extract is found in the Interpretations of the FIFA laws of the game: Law 4  
*“Modern protective equipment such as headgear, facemasks and knee and arm protectors made of soft, lightweight padded material are not considered dangerous and are therefore permitted.*

*In view of the new technology that has made sports spectacles much safer, both for the wearer and for other players, referees should show tolerance when authorising their use, particularly for younger players.*

*If an item of clothing or equipment that has been inspected at the start of a match and determined not to be dangerous becomes dangerous or is used in a dangerous manner during the match, its use must no longer be allowed.”*

Whilst this statement endorses the wearing of modern sports spectacles this does not stop an individual referee refusing permission. The decision to allow a player to wear or not wear particular glasses or goggles under FIFA directives is still up to the individual referee.

#### 6. REGISTRATION:

Players who require sports goggles, sports glasses should at registration wear the item for the photograph required for the ID card.

#### 7. FUNDING SUPPORT

As costs for sports glasses and goggles are expensive, application can be made to FSC Junior Council for assistance. The applicant must be willing to complete a “Means Test Indicator”.