

Sports Glasses/Sports Goggles Policy.

TYPE OF POLICY	Participation
EFFECTIVE DATE	1 st February 2019
POLICY OWNER	Australian Rugby League Commission
POLICY CONTACT	NRL General Manager – Game Development and Education

A. REASON FOR POLICY

The Rugby League Laws of the Game - **International Level state in Section 4 (a) that “A player shall not wear anything that might prove dangerous to other players.” Section 4 (d) outlines that “The referee shall order a player to remove any part of his equipment which may be considered dangerous and shall not allow the player to take any further part of the game until the order is obeyed. The player shall retire from the playing field to remove the offending item if the start or re-start of the game would otherwise be delayed.” This policy addresses the wearing of sports glasses and/or sports goggles and how this practice is applied against Sections 4(a) and 4(d) of the Rugby League Laws of the Game - International Level.**

B. POLICY STATEMENT

The intent of this policy is to provide access and opportunity for players who are required to wear glasses or contact lenses for vision correction to participate in the game of Rugby League.

C. SCOPE

This policy applies to all players in school and club games of Rugby League.

D. DEFINITIONS

SPORTS GOGGLES	Protective sports eye wear worn by a player to aid vision
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E. POLICY HISTORY

PARTICIPATION POLICY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER	VERSION	RELEASE DATE	AUTHOR
P013	1.0	5 th February 2019	National Participation Policy Committee

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1.0. INTRODUCTION

Players' Equipment is addressed in Section 4 of the Rugby League Laws of the Game - International Level. The provisions of this section are outlined in Section 4(a) where a player shall not wear anything that may prove dangerous to other players.

2.0. WEARING OF SPORTS GOGGLES

- Players are permitted to wear sports glasses/sports goggles in the game of Rugby League provided the sports glasses/goggles are assessed for suitability. Before a player is permitted to wear sports glasses/goggles in a game, the player must submit a medical (from their optometrist, ophthalmologist or general practitioner) to the local Junior Rugby League administration confirming the player is required to wear the visual aids while playing Rugby League.
- Based on the medical certificate, design of the said goggles (including strapping), safety of all players, and Section 4(a) of the Rugby League Laws of the Game, the Junior Rugby **League, or it's governing body, will decide on the suitability of each sports glasses/goggles** submission.
- Following the approval of application, a copy of the approval letter from the Junior Rugby League administration and a photo of the approved sports glasses/goggles should be **housed with the player's identification documents and be made available to match officials** on game day.
- Without the approval letter from the Junior Rugby League and photo of the approved sports glasses/goggles, the player will not be allowed to participate in the game.

The match officials in their absolute discretion under The Rugby League Laws of the Game - International Level Section 4 (a), may still exclude the player participating if they believe the sports glasses/goggles to be dangerous to other players, for example due to damage to the sports glasses/goggles.