

REGULATION 42 – PROTECTIVE EYEWEAR

(Amended June 2008, previous 3 October 2005)

General

1. This Regulation only applies to certain groups or individuals who are participating in competitions or programs, which are organised or sanctioned by Squash Australia and/or any of its member associations and affiliates.

Protective Eyewear Standards

2. Protective Eyewear must meet or exceed the frontal impact requirements of Australian/NZ - AS/NZS 4066: 1992, USA - ASTM F803-03, British - BS 7930-1: 1998 or Canadian - CSA P400 and a list of eyewear which currently complies with those requirements is available from Squash Australia and/or the World Squash Federation websites.

Wearing of Protective Eyewear

3. Protective eyewear must be properly worn over the eyes by all squash athletes who satisfy the Squash Australia age eligibility requirements for 19 years and all younger age group competitions, whenever they are participating in any tournament, other competition, coaching clinic, or any other squash related activity which has been organised or sanctioned by Squash Australia and/or any of its member Associations or affiliates. This shall only apply to activities that take place on a squash court and involve rackets and balls.

4. If a junior player (19 years and under) plays in a senior tournament, he/she is to wear protective eyewear. The policy applies to all junior athletes (19 years and under) whether they compete in a junior or senior tournament.

5. Overseas junior athletes (19 years and under) competing in tournaments, which have been organised or sanctioned by Squash Australia and/or any of its member associations or affiliates, must wear protective eyewear whilst playing.

6. Protective eyewear must be worn by all athletes when playing in doubles competition, which has been organised or sanctioned by Squash Australia and/or any of its Member Associations or affiliates.

Protective Eyewear Indemnity and Waiver

7. With effect 16 September 2005 all athletes not obligated to wear protective eyewear under paragraphs 3 to 6 of this Regulation and who elect not to wear such protective eyewear and who are participating in the following events will be required to sign an indemnity and waiver form:

- a. Australian Open;
- b. Australian Closed; and
- c. National Teams Championship.

8. Senior athletes who elect not to wear protective eyewear while participating in events sanctioned or conducted under the auspices of Squash Australia and/or any of its member associations and affiliates will be required to sign an indemnity and waiver form prior to the event. The athlete Indemnity and Waiver Form is attached to this Regulation.

9. Athletes who seek exemption from using the approved eyewear as described in clause 2 of this Regulation, due to a medical condition, may do so by written application to the Chief Executive Officer of Squash Australia. Such an exemption will

be considered if the eyewear to be used is in accord with the standards as indicated at clause 2 above. Evidence from the treating optometrist or other relevant medical practitioner is to be included with the application. Such exemption if granted is valid only for events conducted under Squash Australia jurisdiction in Australia.

Coaches Responsibilities

10. All accredited coaches who are employees, servants, agents, and/or sub-contractors of Squash Australia must wear properly over the eyes, protective eyewear when on the court with athletes who are eligible for 19 years and all younger age groups. This shall only apply to activities that take place on a squash court and involve rackets and balls.

11. Accredited Coaches who elect not to wear protective eyewear while participating in on court coaching people older than 19 years of age will be required to sign an indemnity and waiver form prior to accreditation being confirmed. The coach Indemnity and Waiver form is attached to this Regulation.

Australian Junior Teams

12. All Junior Athletes (19 years and younger) must wear protective Eyewear, which complies with Squash Australia requirements whenever they are representing Australia. This will apply to World Championships, Commonwealth Games, Trans Tasman tests or any other competitions arranged by or with the agreement of Squash Australia. Eyewear will be supplied by Squash Australia for those athletes who do not have their own.

Australian Senior Teams

13. All Senior Athletes who elect not to wear Protective Eyewear whenever they are representing Australia will be required to sign an indemnity and waiver form as part of their team representative agreement. Eyewear will be supplied by Squash Australia for those athletes who do not have their own.

Lensless Eyewear

14. Lensless eyewear is not to be worn.

Method of Wearing Eyewear

15. All athletes and coaches who are required to wear protective eyewear shall wear this properly over the eyes at all times during play.

Approved Eyewear

16. A list of approved eyewear is to be maintained by Squash Australia and made available on request. The Administrative Assistant will hold this list.

Squash Australia File

17. The Squash Australia file "Protective Eyewear" is held and maintained by the Administrative Assistant.

SQUASH AUSTRALIA

PROTECTIVE EYEWEAR INDEMNITY AND WAIVER

SQUASH ATHLETE

This Protective Eyewear Indemnity and Waiver applies to certain groups or individuals who are participating in competitions or programs, which are organised or sanctioned by Squash Australia and/or any of its member associations and affiliates.

I (full name)

Have read and understand the contents of the Squash Australia Regulation 42 – Protective Eyewear.

I understand that although I am not obligated to wear protective eyewear under paragraphs 3 to 5 of Regulation 42, I am required to sign a Protective Eyewear Indemnity and Waiver form under paragraph 7, because I will be participating in the following national event, in which I have elected not to wear protective eyewear:

.....(event name)

.....(event location)

.....(event date)

In consideration of being permitted to participate in the above named national event without protective eyewear, I hereby agree to:

- a. release, discharge and forever hold harmless Squash Australia, its agents, employees, servants and representatives from any actions, claims, demands, suits, proceedings, costs, expenses or losses which I may now have or could have against Squash Australia, in respect to:
 - i. any eye injury of whatsoever kind arising directly or indirectly from any act, neglect or fault (whether negligent or otherwise) on the part of Squash Australia and connected with my participation in the above event through not wearing protective eyewear; and
 - ii. medical treatment conducted on me for injury sustained in the above event through not wearing protective eyewear.
- b. indemnify and keep indemnified Squash Australia, its agents, employees, servants and representatives from all existing and future actions, potential causes of actions, claims, demands, suits, proceedings, costs, expenses or losses which I may now have or could have against Squash Australia.

Signatories to this form must read Squash Australia Regulation 42 before signing.

Signature of Athlete: Date:/...../.....

Name of Witness:

Signature of Witness: Date:/...../.....

Appointment:



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PROTECTIVE EYEWEAR INDEMNITY AND WAIVER

SQUASH COACH

This Protective Eyewear Indemnity and Waiver applies to certain groups or individuals who are participating in competitions or programs, which are organised or sanctioned by Squash Australia and/or any of its member associations and affiliates.

I (full name)

Have read and understand the contents of the Squash Australia Regulation 42 – Protective Eyewear.

I understand that I am obligated to wear protective eyewear under paragraph 9 of Regulation 42. I am required to sign a Protective Eyewear Indemnity and Waiver form under paragraph 10, because I will be participating in the on court training of athletes older than 19 YAG, in which I have elected not to wear protective eyewear:

In consideration of being permitted to participate in the on court training of athletes older than the 19YAG without protective eyewear, I hereby agree to:

- a. release, discharge and forever hold harmless Squash Australia, its agents, employees, servants and representatives from any actions, claims, demands, suits, proceedings, costs, expenses or losses which I may now have or could have against Squash Australia, in respect to:
 - (1) any eye injury of whatsoever kind arising directly or indirectly from any act, neglect or fault (whether negligent or otherwise) on the part of Squash Australia and connected with my participation in the above event through not wearing protective eyewear; and
 - (2) medical treatment conducted on me for injury sustained in the above event through not wearing protective eyewear.
- b. indemnify and keep indemnified Squash Australia, its agents, employees, servants and representatives from all existing and future actions, potential causes of actions, claims, demands, suits, proceedings, costs, expenses or losses which I may now have or could have against Squash Australia.

Signatories to this form must read Squash Australia Regulation 42 before signing.

Signature of Coach:Date:

Name of Witness:

Signature of Witness: Date:/...../.....

Appointment:

