

## PROTECTIVE EYEWEAR

(Version 4)

### OVERVIEW

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.

### COMPLIANCE

2. Protective Eyewear must comply or exceed the frontal impact requirements of the following world standards
  - Australia & New Zealand AS/NZS 4066
  - United States of America ASTM F803-03
  - Great Britain BS 7930-1 : 1998
  - Canada CSA P400
3. The World Squash Federation maintains a current list of eyewear which currently complies with these requirements. This list can be accessed through the Squash Australia website in the Players Equipment area.
4. Lenseless eyewear **does not** meet these regulations and may not be worn at any time when participating in squash activities.

### WEARING OF PROTECTIVE EYEWEAR

5. Players required to wear protective eyewear in accordance with this Regulation must wear their eyewear properly over the eyes at all times whenever they are participating in activities conducted on-court which involve racquets and/or balls.

#### Junior Players

6. Any Australian player who satisfies the Squash Australia age eligibility for 19 years and all younger age groups is required to wear eyewear when they are playing in domestic or international tournaments and/or competitions.
7. This policy applies to junior players at all times, regardless whether they are participating in a junior or senior activity.
8. An overseas player, who meets the Squash Australia junior age eligibility, must wear protective eyewear in accordance with this regulation whilst participating in any squash activity or event in Australia.

#### Senior Players

9. Senior players who elect not to wear protective eyewear while participating in events as an Australian representative player will be required to sign an indemnity and waiver form as part of their team representative agreement (see Attachment A).

### **Doubles Players**

10. Protective eyewear must be worn by all players (junior or senior) when playing in doubles competitions/tournaments.

### **Coaches**

11. All accredited coaches are obligated to wear protective eyewear when conducting on-court activities with players that meet the Squash Australia junior age eligibility.
12. Any Squash Australia accredited coach who elects not to wear protective eyewear while participating in on-court coaching activities with senior athletes should review the relevant Coach Education Accreditation Information relating to protective eyewear.

## **EXEMPTIONS**

13. Athletes who seek exemption from using the approved eyewear (eg wearing of prescription glasses) as described in Compliance section of this Regulation may do so by written application to the CEO.
14. Such an exemption will only be considered if the eyewear to be used is in accord with the standards outlined above and evidence from the treating optometrist or other relevant medical practitioner is included with the application.
15. Such exemption, if granted, is valid for events conducted under Squash Australia's jurisdiction in Australia.

## **RECORD KEEPING**

16. The Squash Australia file 'Protective Eyewear' is held and maintained by the Administrative Assistant.

## **VERSION CONTROL**

Version 1	16 September 2005
Version 2	3 October 2005
Version 3	June 2008
Version 4	6 November 2010

# SQUASH AUSTRALIA PROTECTIVE EYEWEAR INDEMNITY AND WAIVER

## AUSTRALIAN SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE PLAYER

Full Name .....

Event .....

Event Location .....

Event Date/s      \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ to \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

I hereby declare that I have read and understood the contents of Squash Australia's Regulation 42 – Protective Eyewear.

I understand that although I am not obligated to wear protective eyewear under Paragraphs 6 to 8 of this Regulation, I am required to sign a Protective Eyewear Indemnity and Waiver Form under paragraph 9, because I will be participating in the above event as a representative player for Squash Australia in which I have elected not to wear protective eyewear.

In consideration of being permitted to participate in the above named 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.

Signature of Athlete ..... Date \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

Name of Witness ..... (Block Letters)

Signature of Witness ..... Date \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_