

WAFC POL.08: Protective Equipment Policy

GENERAL INFORMATION

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POLICY BACKGROUND

The West Australian Football Commission understands that due to the nature of Australian Football, parents and players may want to take certain safety measures to ensure they are protected while participating in training and matches. In doing this, the WAFC must ensure that any protective equipment is suitable for football and that the safety of all participants is considered.

RULES

1. MOUTH GUARDS	
1a	The WAFC strongly recommends that all players wear a mouth guard when either at training or playing football.
2. PROTECTIVE HEAD GEAR	
2a	A player who desires to wear protective headgear during a match must wear Sports Physician or Doctor approved headgear that is suitable for football.
2b	The necessary headgear approval form, signed by a competition official, must be available to the umpire to view at each match. The umpire is authorised to forbid the player from participating in the game or ask the player to remove the helmet if the form of approval is not shown.
2c	Players suffering from disabilities or medical conditions: A player who has a disability or medical condition which could potentially result in injury is required to have a certificate from a medical practitioner certifying that the player will (in the view of the medical practitioner) receive adequate protection from the protective headgear. The necessary forms are available from the WAFC.
3. SPECTACLES	
3a	To minimise the risk of injury, players wishing to wear spectacles during matches and training must wear spectacles with plastic frames and plastic lenses. Spectacles must be held on securely by a band.
4. OTHER PROTECTIVE GEAR	
4a	Players are not permitted to wear a Plaster Cast during a game.
4b	Players are not permitted to wear jewellery including wrist bracelets.
4c	Medical bracelets are permitted however they must be taped and marked 'MEDIC'.
4d	All other protective gear must be approved by the WAFC. This includes but is not limited to shin guards, diabetic pumps and kidney guards.