

2012 MWFRA Safety Glasses Approval Policy

For safety glasses to be approved, the following two conditions must be met:

1. Hard surfaces of the glasses must be wholly plastic. This includes the frames, lenses and arms.

Plastic is the safest material available for frames and lenses. Some exceptions can be made, such as glasses with arms wrapped in foam, but these exceptions must be physically inspected.

2. The glasses, when worn during play, must be firmly secured to the head. This takes the form of a band around the back of the head, such as elastic bands found on swimming and ski goggles.

This is required so that in the event of medium to heavy challenges in play, particularly in the air, the glasses will remain firmly secured to the head and do not fall off. If the glasses were to fall off, this presents a significant safety issue for both the wearer and other players on the field.

The MWFRA is aware that proper sports glasses (professionally made for that purpose with polycarbonate frames and lenses and elastic bands) can cost up to hundreds of dollars and purchasing such glasses may not always be cost effective. Therefore, the MWFRA does not expect that all players who require glasses will have those types of glasses, and homemade ad hoc solutions that satisfy the two conditions above will be acceptable.

The approval process is as follows:

1. For professionally made glasses, players should take a photo of both the glasses and another photo of him or herself wearing the glasses (both front on and side on photos) and email those photos to the MWFRA Floor Member. In the vast majority of cases, these glasses will be approved. The MWFRA Floor Member will then directly advise the MWFA that the glasses have been approved.
2. For home made ad hoc solutions, players should first ensure their glasses satisfy the two conditions above. Players should then take a photo of both the glasses and another photo of him or herself wearing the glasses (both front on and side on photos) and email those photos to the MWFRA Floor Member. In the vast majority of cases, a physical inspection will need to be made prior to approval. The MWFRA Floor Member will then contact you to arrange a suitable time and place for the physical inspection. Provided the glasses have been subsequently approved, the MWFRA Floor Member will then directly advise the MWFA of approval.

The MWFRA Floor Member is Thomas Lee and can be contacted at floor@mwfra.com.au or 0413 90 27 99. Questions and queries about this approval policy should be directed to him.