



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT WOMEN'S LACROSSE EYEWEAR

All protective eyewear legal for play in 2020 for both youth (US Lacrosse) and high school (NFHS) women's lacrosse must be Safety Equipment Institute (SEI) certified to meet the current ASTM 3077 performance standard. This revised standard was first included in the 2017 US Lacrosse rulebook for implementation in the 2020 season. All protective eyewear products legal for play in 2020, including headgear with integrated eyewear, are listed on the SEI website.

The primary concern for US Lacrosse is the health and safety of the athletes and US Lacrosse believes every effort should be made for players to be equipped with eyewear that meets the latest safety standards.

ASTM and SEI are independent organizations that develop performance standards and certify products. While US Lacrosse is not affiliated with ASTM and SEI, US Lacrosse rules require protective eyewear that must be SEI certified and meet the current ASTM standard.

Q. Where do I go to find the listing of approved eye protection models?

A. Click on the link below to go directly to the SEI website page:

https://www.seinet.org/search.htm#query=lacrosse§ion=hidden-us_lacrosse,hidden-eye_and_face_protect_sports,hidden-48-65,hidden-48_266-65,hidden-188-103

While there may be a few instances where SEI certified eyewear does not have an SEI mark on the product, US Lacrosse encourages all players and consumers to purchase equipment with the mark included as it ensures adherence to both the SEI certification and the current ASTM standard. The SEI mark is part of the certification compliance process. The SEI mark on the product is required for 14U and younger (US Lacrosse youth) play.

If you have a product that you believe is certified, but does not have the SEI mark, please contact the manufacturer for clarification.

Q. How long will my eye protection meet safety requirements?

A. US Lacrosse does not manufacture eye protection and therefore is not aware of any length of time it would take for eye protection to no longer meet safety requirements. Manufacturers determine the safe and useful life of the equipment they produce, but all ASTM standards are reviewed by ASTM on a five-year cycle.

Q. How does this impact my insurance coverage?

A. At this time, your US Lacrosse member insurance will not be impacted by the new safety standard and certification compliance. Enforcement of the rules on the field are in the hands of coaches and officials. There is increased risk when rules are intentionally ignored or not followed.

Q. Are there RX lens options or Over the Glass models that meet the new safety standard and are certified for play?

A. At this time, there are no protective eyewear options with Rx lens or specifically designed to be worn over glasses that are legal for play. However, there is no language



in either the rule book or the ASTM standard that prohibits the wearing of personal glasses under protective eyewear or headgear with integrated eyewear if the protective equipment can be worn securely on the player's head.

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