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Hello,

I am writing you today to clarify a question regarding the Football Manitoba “Eye Shield/Visor” policy. In the event that an athlete participating in tackle football must wear corrective eye glasses it is strongly advised that he/she wear prescription sport goggles during practices and games. If it is not possible for the athlete to wear prescription sport goggles, then it is strongly advised that he/she wear a sport strap on their glasses to hold them in place and also wear a clear eye shield (visor) to protect the eyes.

In the event that the athlete needs to wear prescription sun glasses or prescription eye glasses that “tint” in the sun. An ophthalmologist’s note must be provided for both practices and games. The reason for this is that it is difficult to assess a player’s eyes in the case of a possible head or neck injury. Tinted glasses under a clear eye shield (visor) would make this process very difficult. Both the eye shield (visor) and the tinted glasses would have to be removed thus endangering the player further. For your convenience I have attached the Football Manitoba Eye Shield policy to this e-mail for you to review.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this rule clarification, please feel free to contact the Football Manitoba office.

Best regards,



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