

Mandatory Eyewear

CIAC Ruling – Beginning with the fall 2004 season, ALL CIAC field hockey players shall wear protective eyewear that meets the American Society of Testing and materials (ASTM) F803 Standard for field hockey.

The Protective Eyewear Certification Council (www.protecteyes.org) (PECC) became operational in 1999. PECC certifies that the protector has been tested to an ASTM standard and that the manufacturer has had quality control certified by an independent testing laboratory.

Players should wear sports eye protectors that bear the PECC seal. Otherwise, the manufacturer should be asked to present proof of independent testing.

This Ruling is Mandatory for Public School/CIAC Field Hockey ONLY.

NOTE: High school athletes who are NOT CIAC affiliated may choose to use eye protection: it is NOT mandated.

CIAC/Private School Competition:

1. If a CIAC team plays at a private school that does not mandate eye protection the eye protection must be worn by the CIAC team.
2. If the Private school team plays at the CIAC site, they are NOT mandated to wear eye protection.

Refer to the following in administering the game of field hockey with players wearing eye protection.

EYE PROTECTION IS TO BE TREATED THE SAME AS MOUTHGUARDS

EYE PROTECTION IS PLAYER'S EQUIPMENT: **(Rule 1 Section 6- Article 1)**

All field players shall wear mouth protectors, and shin guards. The mouth protectors shall cover all molars as well as front teeth, and shall not have any protruding tabs and not be attached around the neck.

ADD to this rule the following: All CIAC field hockey field players must wear properly fitting and properly placed eye protection meeting the ASTM/PECC Seal.

FAILURE TO PROPERLY WEAR EYE PROTECTION WILL BE A FOUL.

THE HEAD COACH at the captains meeting must verbally certify to the umpires that any eye protection worn meets the ASTM standard for their level of play.

Penalties for illegal equipment: (2008-2009 NFHS Field Hockey Rules Pg.16-17)