

Medicine Hat Pickleball Club

Protective Eyewear Policy

May 21st, 2025

1. POLICY STATEMENT

It is mandatory for all Junior players under the age of 18 to wear protective eyewear while playing/practising pickleball at the South Country Courts or Big Marble Go Centre as part of the Club's Junior programs.

2. CONTEXT/BACKGROUND

Safety on the pickleball courts is important to the Medicine Hat Pickleball Club and the Club is committed to creating a safe and enjoyable playing experience for all members, particularly our junior members.

The Board of Directors adopted an adult play only motion at the May 2023 Regular Board meeting, so this policy is consistent with that direction.

This policy is the outcome of a Board of Directors motion adopted on May 21, 2025

3. APPLICATION

This policy applies to all Junior players under the age of 18 that are playing/practising pickleball at South Country Courts or Big Marble Go Centre as part of a Medicine Hat Pickleball Club Junior Program and sanctioned or non-sanctioned tournaments.

The policy does not apply to Junior players playing or practising as part of a school program or third party private booking at the South Country Courts.

4. APPEAL PROCESS

Parents may submit an appeal in writing to the Board if they believe there are special or medical circumstances under which their child should not be required to wear protective eyewear. The Board will determine if there is sufficient rationale to allow the player to not wear protective eyewear.

For sanctioned and non sanctioned tournaments there is no appeal process.

5. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

5.1 Board of Directors are responsible for:

- Developing, implementing, reviewing and evaluation on the policy
- Reviewing and responding to any complaints regarding the policy.
- Reviewing and responding to any requests for exemptions to the policy.

5.2 Junior Players are responsible for:

- Abiding by the policy

- 5.3 Parents of Junior Players are responsible for:
- Providing protective eyewear for their children

6. **IMPLEMENTATION**

Medicine Hat Pickleball Club is responsible for communicating and implementing this policy.

7. **RESULTS**

This policy ensures that the Junior players involved in playing/practising at the South Country Co-op Courts have a safe and enjoyable playing experience.

Approval on behalf of the Board of Directors:

Wanda Lazar
President, Medicine Hat Pickleball Club

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Signature

04/06/2025
Date