



# Memorandum

**To:** Interested Field Hockey Coaches, Parents and Players

**From:** B. Elliot Hopkins, MLD, CAA, Field Hockey Rules Editor

**Subject:** Statement on various types of protective eyewear for field hockey

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We have received numerous inquiries regarding the type of protective eyewear for field hockey. The new rule states that the field player shall wear protective eyewear that meets the current ASTM standard. The current ASTM standard is identified as ASTM F2713-09.

The protective eyewear is distinguished by two different construction styles, polycarbonate lens style and a wire frame style. Both styles are acceptable for high school competition as long as they meet the ASTM F2713-09 standard. We suggest that you contact a local retailer to inquire about the various products they carry that meet the ASTM F2713-09 standard or search on the internet for that type of protective eyewear products.

The NFHS does not do testing on any equipment. We rely on the scientific community, national standard writing bodies along with equipment manufacturers to develop products that protect our students. Specific questions should be directed to your local state athletic and activity association.