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# **Visual Aids For Kyorugi Competitions**

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# **VISUAL AIDS FOR KYORUGI EVENTS POLICY**

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# Policy Statement

## Intent

To ensure the safety of athletes and officials in relation to wearing of visual aids in kyorugi competition.

## Objectives

Athletes/officials must not use equipment or wear anything that is dangerous to themselves or another athlete or official. As there are no WT regulations relating to wearing of visual aids, this policy seeks to provide clear guidelines for both athletes and officials.

## Scope

This policy applies to all athletes participating in AT sanctioned kyorugi events.

## Definitions

**Spectacles** means eyewear whose lenses have been made to correct defects in vision.

**Contact Lenses** means a thin lens placed directly on the surface of the eye to correct defects in vision.

**Sports Goggles** means protective eyewear that enclose or protect the area surrounding the eye.

## Policy Principles

Wearing of visual aids is at the athlete's discretion, however where the athlete chooses to wear visual aids, the following rules shall be applied:

1. Selection events.
  - 1.1 Only Contact Lenses may be worn.
2. National and State Championships and other sanctioned events.
  - 2.1 Contact Lenses are recommended.
  - 2.2 Spectacles or Sports Goggles may be worn on the proviso that they meet the following criteria:
    - Lenses are polycarbonate or plastic.
    - Frames are safe, ie soft or flexible with no protrusions.
  - 2.3 Visual Aids must be presented at Inspection Desk.
  - 2.4 In the event that spectacles/goggles become unsafe during a match, the referee may refuse permission to continue their use.

## Accountabilities

Implementation:	National Kyorugi Referee Committee
Compliance:	Chief Executive Officer
Monitoring and Evaluation:	Board
Development and Review:	National Kyorugi Referee Committee
Interpretation and Advice:	National Kyorugi Referee Committee

## Who Should Know This Policy

1. All AT **Referees, Athletes and Coaches** are responsible for informing themselves of this policy.
2. The **Kyorugi Performance Committee** is responsible for educating athletes and referees on the content of this policy.
3. The **Kyorugi Coaching Committee** is responsible for educating coaches in the content of this policy.

## How Will The Effectiveness Of This Policy Be Measured?

1. No injuries relating to the wearing of Visual Aids.
2. The policy will be inserted in the Kyorugi Referee Course and disseminated to all current Kyorugi Referees.
3. The policy will be inserted in the Coaching Course and disseminated to all current Coaches.
4. Awareness of the policy amongst athletes, coaches and officials.

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