



VPA Protective Eyewear Policy

The Vernon Pickleball Association (VPA) is committed to the health, safety and wellbeing of our members during play sessions. Of particular concern are injuries to the eyes caused by the ball or paddle. To this end, VPA mandates that all players must wear eye protection when playing within the VPA facility or any courts rented by VPA.

Eye protection includes:

- Safety glasses or other eye protection such as those used in pickleball, squash or racquet ball.
- Regular eyeglasses, but the wearer should check with their optometrist about any impact that may occur.

Refusal to wear eye protection:

If a player does not wear eye protection and/or refuses to wear eye protection their play will be suspended.

- 1st. non-compliance: - the player will be given a verbal warning.
- 2nd non-compliance: - will result in 2 weeks suspended from play.
- 3rd non-compliance: - will be suspended from further play indefinitely until the member agrees to comply.

Safety glasses checkout:

If a player forgets their glasses, there will be glasses that they can sign out from the front desk.

VPA Borrowing Conditions:

1. The borrower accepts responsibility for the glasses and agrees to return the glasses at the conclusion of their playing time that day. If they do not, they acknowledge that their account will be charged \$10 for every pair not returned.
2. The borrower acknowledges the condition and quality of the safety glasses provided. They acknowledge that the glasses do not mitigate all risk of injury.
3. The borrower agrees to take care of the glasses, and to only use it for its intended purpose. VPA will not hold the borrower liable for any defect or damage incurred to the glasses if used appropriately.

This policy comes into effect on January 1, 2025.