



### Players Wearing Casts Policy

This policy is designed to reduce inconsistencies in rulings over players wearing casts. All referees are expected to follow these policies in all matches.

- a. Law 4 states that a player may not use equipment or wear anything that is dangerous [to anyone]. It further states that non-dangerous protective equipment is permitted as long as it has the sole purpose of protecting the individual physically, providing it poses no danger to the individual or any other player.
- b. Modern protective equipment made of soft, lightweight, padded materials are not considered dangerous and are therefore permitted. Players wearing a soft cast will be permitted to play if the cast does not present a danger to the individual or any other player.
- c. Hard casts are considered to pose a danger to both the wearer and other players and are not permitted to be worn. The practice of padding a hard cast does not reduce the element of danger.
- d. The referee or Supervisor of Officials (if one has been appointed to the match/tournament) will make the final decision as to the acceptability of any cast.
- e. Any player who uses a cast with the intent to intimidate or injure an opponent shall be sent off.