



CANADIAN BALL HOCKEY ASSOCIATION TECHNICAL BULLETIN – JUNE 18/08

Attn: Provincial Governing Bodies
CBHA Officials

To clarify what the CBHA considers acceptable face protection for players other than goaltenders we offer this Technical Bulletin.

Eligible Face Protectors and Visors

- Complete list of certified protectors and visors is available at:
www.directories.csa-international.org/ Class 7263

CSA Class Description

CLASS NUMBER: 7263-01 **DESCRIPTION:** SPORTS SAFETY EQUIPMENT-Face Protectors And Visors

COVERAGE:

1. Face protectors intended to protect the entire face of ice hockey players from normal hazards likely to be encountered during a game.
2. Visors intended to protect the eyes of ice hockey players from normal hazards likely to be encountered during a game.

There are four categories of face protectors:

- Type 1, intended for use by players over ten years of age;
- Type 2, intended for use by players ten years of age or younger;
- Type 3, intended for use by goaltenders;
- Type 4, intended for use by persons in the junior age category and older other than goaltenders.

NOTE: The face protectors are certified for use only with specific CSA Certified hockey helmets.

REQUIREMENTS:

CSA Standard CAN3-Z262.2-M90

Face Protectors and Visors For Ice Hockey Players

MARKING:

A: Face protectors and visors and any replaceable components, except fasteners, shall bear the following permanent markings:

- protector type;

- submittor's identification or trademark;
- model designation or equivalent;
- week and year of manufacture;
- CSA Monogram with Z262.2-M90 adjacent to it;
- size or size range.
- The above markings shall be by means of readily visible sticker. The colour or background colour of the stickers shall be as follows for the corresponding type of protector:

- (a) Type 1: White;
- (b) Type 2: Orange, Pantone 804 or equivalent;
- (c) Type 3: Blue, Pantone 801 or equivalent; and
- (d) Type 4: Yellow, Pantone 803 or equivalent.

Note: Markings for replaceable components do not require a colour-coded sticker.

B. A label or tag bearing the following information in English and French shall be securely attached to each face protector or visor at the point of sale:

- general instruction in the following or similar words: "FOR MAXIMUM PROTECTION THIS FACE PROTECTOR/VISOR SHALL BE PROPERLY ATTACHED TO A COMPATIBLE CSA CERTIFIED HELMET, BE FREE FROM CRACKS, AND REMAIN SECURELY IN POSITION WHEN FITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE";
- instructions for proper fit, including a description of the size or size range of the face protector or visor as set forth in Clause 1.3;
- instructions for attaching the face protector or visor to a helmet with which it is intended to be used;
- identification of the helmet(s) with which the face protector or visor is intended to be used;
- care and cleaning instructions, including a warning that no cleanings agents, antifog agents, paints, or decals should be applied to the face protector or visor unless authorized by the manufacturer on this label or tag;
- instructions for the continued inspection of the face protector for deterioration or breakdown. These instructions shall stipulate that if the face protector or visor has broken welds, bent wires, cracks, reduced optical quality, or has sustained a substantial impact, the face protector or visor should be replaced. Damaged fasteners or hardware should also be replaced before the face protector or visor is used again. These instructions shall also stipulate that the face protector or visor should be inspected after any impact for damage which may reduce its protective capacity or its optical quality; a warning printed in a contrasting colour informing the user about the limits of protection afforded by the face protector or visor: "ICE HOCKEY IS A SPORT WITH INTRINSIC HAZARDS. PARTICIPATION IN ICE HOCKEY IMPLIES THE ACCEPTANCE OF SOME RISK OF INJURY. USE OF A FACE PROTECTOR OR VISOR CERTIFIED UNDER THIS STANDARD WILL NOT PREVENT ALL INJURIES. WHEN USED AS INTENDED AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MANUFACTURER'S INSTRUCTIONS, THE USE OF A FACE PROTECTOR OR VISOR CERTIFIED UNDER THIS STANDARD MAY REDUCE THE FREQUENCY AND SEVERITY OF INJURIES TO THE FACE AND EYES".

Note: Permanent marking may be via an adhesive data plate, moulding, stamping or an equally permanent means.