

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Legislative Bill	Blue Bill # 19						
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1 An act to ban athletes from wearing street frames during practices and games involving contact sports.

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3 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

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5 Section 1: Student athletes with prescription lenses will be required to wear protective eye gear or contact
6 lenses at all practices and games. No traditional lenses/frames (a.k.a. "street frames") will be allowed on
7 athletes during practice sessions or events.

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9 Section 2: The Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSAA) will educate athletic directors, head
10 coaches and officials at both yearly trainings and conference events. All other coaches and assistants will be
11 educated through the yearly, mandatory on-line safety course. In addition, all publications distributed by the
12 KHSAA as well as the KHSAA website will include information about this new regulation.

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14 Section 3: Parents and student athletes will be informed of this requirement on the official KHSAA physical
15 form which is available on-line and through local athletic directors. All athletes are required to have a yearly
16 physical and this universal form used state-wide is the best means of education on both eye safety and this
17 new protective eye gear regulation.

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19 Section 4: Coaches will enforce this requirement at scheduled practices and game officials will enforce at
20 any/all athletic events.

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22 Section 5: Student athletes found in non-compliance with this regulation will not be allowed to participate in
23 the scheduled athletic event.

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25 Section 6: Schools who cannot field a team without non-compliant athletes will be forced to forfeit the
26 game/match. However, coaches and/or trainers may provide non-prescription goggles that can be worn over
27 the "street frames" to ensure safety and provide protection for all athletes on the field or court.

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29 Section 7: Funding for all protective eye gear will be responsibility of the family of the athlete. School
30 resource centers, booster clubs, and/or athletic budgets may be used to offset the cost for the individual
31 families.

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33 Section 8: This bill will go into effect the 2015-16 school year.