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United DFC Policies and Procedures Athletes Wearing Casts Policy

1.0 Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide the parameters for equipment safety for Athletes, as it relates to Athletes Wearing Casts. This policy is in line with Canada Soccer's "Players Wearing Casts Policy."

2.0 Definitions

Athlete: Is defined as all persons who are members of or play on a soccer team or participate in soccer programs with United DFC.

Persons in Authority: Is defined as those persons in positions of authority, such as roles as coach, assistant coach, team manager, executive member, administrator, referee, or any Persons of Authority who works with, for, or around **athletes**.

Vulnerable Participant: Includes Minors and vulnerable adults (people who, because of age, disability or other circumstance, are in a position of dependence on others or are otherwise at a greater risk than the general population of being harmed by people in positions of trust or authority).

3.0 Scope

This policy applies to all United DFC Athletes.

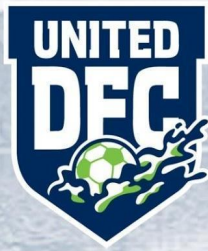
4.0 Policy Statement

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

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 that it poses no danger to the individual or any other player.

Modern protective equipment made of soft, lightweight, padded materials are not considered dangerous and are therefore permitted.



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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.

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.

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.

Any player who uses a cast with the intent to intimidate or injure an opponent shall be sent off.

5.0 Procedures

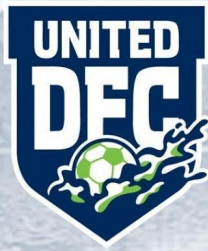
Athletes and/or Persons of Authority overseeing Athletes wearing casts are responsible for ensuring that all casts [as equipment] poses no danger to the individual Athlete or other Athletes on the field. When in doubt, Athletes and/or Persons of Authority should seek guidance from Technical Staff.

6.0 Related, Policies, Legislation and/or Documents

[Canada Soccer's Players Wearing Casts Policy](#)

7.0 Approval and Review

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