

## **BRYST Cast Policy**

BRYST follows the Canadian Soccer Association's Player's Wearing Casts Policy.

All BRYST officials/coaches/parents/players must follow the CSA Cast Policy:

All referees are expected to follow this policy in all matches sanctioned by the CSA. Law 4 states that a player may not use equipment that is dangerous to himself/herself or another player.

This is further expanded upon in the interpretations of the Laws of the Game whereby it is advised that players may use equipment that has the sole purpose of protecting the individual, 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.

Hard plaster 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 plaster cast does not reduce the element of danger. Players wearing a soft, lightweight, cast will be permitted to play if the cast does not present a danger to the individual or any other player.

Members are strongly encouraged to send photos of any cast to the club in order to have a determination made by a qualified BRYST representative prior to attempting to play.

In the case of a cast made of a hard material the player will not be able to play. 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 (soft/lightweight) cast.

Any member who intentionally attempts to circumvent this policy may be subject to disciplinary action by the club.

Adopted by the Board of Directors: June 21, 2016

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This CSA policy document issued by the Referees Committee is designed to reduce inconsistencies in rulings over players wearing casts. All referees are expected to follow these policies in all matches sanctioned by the CSA

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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 to intimidate or injure an opponent shall be cautioned or sent off depending on the nature of the player's action.