



The following is important information with respect to ongoing facial protection.

If the butt end of the hockey stick has not been sufficiently covered there is a possibility that it could penetrate the cage causing injury to the facial area.

Hockey Canada Rule 3.3 states that the end of the shaft of all sticks must be covered to protect against injury. In the case of hollowed shaft sticks, the end of the shaft must have a protective cap as well as being covered to protect against injury. Hockey Canada recommends that parents, coaches, safety people, trainers and player's ensure that the sticks butt end is sufficiently covered to minimize the possibility of this type of injury.

It is important to encourage coaches and trainers/safety people to stress the importance of extra tape on the butt end of the stick to their players. It should also be stressed that players wear the correct type of facial protection depending on their age.

The following are the guidelines for facial protection under CSA certification;

Hockey Canada requires all minor and all female players to wear CSA certified full face protectors, properly attached to CSA certified hockey helmets. Full face protectors come in three (3) styles: wire cage, high impact polycarbonate shield or a combination of the two.

CSA certifies full-face protectors and eye protectors (visors). Below are protectors appropriate for use in ice hockey.

APPROPRIATE FOR USE IN ICE HOCKEY

Category	Description	Type	CSA Sticker Color
Full facial protector	Intended for use by a person of any age who is not a goalkeeper	B1 or 1	White
Full Facial Protector	Intended for use by a person 10 years old or younger who is not a goalkeeper	B2 or 2	Orange
Full Facial Protector	Head and Face Protector intended for a goalkeeper of any age	D1 or 3	Blue
Eye Protectors (Visors)	A partial face protector (e.g. visor) that shields only the eyes, intended for use by a person 18 years old or older	C or 4	Yellow

APPROPRIATE FOR USE IN ICE HOCKEY AND RINGETTE

Category	Description	Type	CSA Sticker Color
Full Facial Protector	Intended for use by a person of any age who is not a goalkeeper	B1 or A	Green
Full Facial Protector	Intended for use by a person 10 years old or younger who is not a goalkeeper	B2 or B	Red
Full Facial Protector	Head and Face Protector intended for a goalkeeper of any age	D1 or C	Blue

Although facial injuries are rare when wearing full facial protection, it is important that all facial protection fits properly, is properly fastened, and is mounted to the helmet according to the manufacturer guidelines. By taking proactive steps we can continue to minimize facial injuries in the game.