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To Lacrosse Equipment Manufacturers:

Bulletin #3: SEI - US Lacrosse Certification Program: Eyewear Certification

We would like to thank those manufacturers that have initiated the SEI certification process and achieved certification to ASTM F3077 Standard Specification for Eye Protectors for Women's Lacrosse and ASTM F3137 Standard Specification for Headgear Used in Women's Lacrosse (excluding Goalkeepers). There are currently fifteen (15) eyewear models and four (4) headgear models certified and listed on the SEI certified product list. To view the SEI certified product list, please visit the SEI website at www.seinet.org.

The 2018-19 US Lacrosse/ NFHS Girls Rulebook states; All field players must properly wear eye protection that meets the ASTM standard for women's lacrosse (F3077). For 2018 and 2019, all ASTM women's lacrosse eyewear and headgear that is legal for play will be listed on the US Lacrosse Website. Starting January 1st, 2020, all eyewear on the playing field must be SEI certified and bear the SEI mark for certification and will be listed on the SEI website. If a manufacturer has not submitted product to SEI for certification, the eyewear and/or headgear models, will not be listed on the US Lacrosse website starting January 1, 2020 nor will they be listed on the SEI website.

At the June 2019 US Lacrosse / NFHS Rules meeting, the rules committee considered the number of certified product models listed on the SEI website at that time. It was the committee's concern that girls who have purchased or were grant recipients of eyewear within the last two years, that met the ASTM standard but do not bear the SEI certification mark would be forced to purchase new eyewear that does bear the SEI mark and the product offerings would be limited. Based on the limited number of products that were listed on the SEI website in June, the rules committee voted to delay the 2020 implementation of the requirement for the SEI mark to be checked on field with a five-year extension to allow consumers with legal certified eyewear to continue using their products.

Since June, additional certified eyewear models have been added to the SEI certified product list. The NFHS and US Lacrosse are currently in discussion about the potential for rolling back the extension date. NFHS and US Lacrosse are requesting manufacturers send SEI an inventory estimate of all eyewear models that meet the standard, are SEI certified, but do not bear the SEI mark, by October 18th, 2019.

As of the current status of SEI certifications, many of the US Lacrosse listed models will not be recognized as legal for play come January 1, 2020. US Lacrosse and SEI, in the interest of the lacrosse players, would like to encourage manufacturers to submit these models for certification. Manufacturers must submit product through the SEI submittal process to be listed on the SEI Certified Product List.

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns about the SEI US Lacrosse Equipment Certification Program and the SEI Certified Product List.

Sincerely,

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