

GAME FACE

According to the American Optometric Association's 2014 American Eye-Q® survey, only about

21 PERCENT OF ADULTS

wear protective eyewear during sports, and only 46 percent of parents make their children wear eye protection. Get in the game about the importance of protective eyewear in sports.



More than **600,000** eye injuries related to sports/recreation occur yearly. This is about **15 percent** of the 2.5 million eye injuries in the United States yearly.



1 in 18 college athletes will sustain an **eye injury** each season. This increases to **1 in 10** for **basketball players**.



More than **90 percent** of all eye injuries can be prevented with use of **appropriate eyewear**.



The National Eye Institute classifies **baseball/softball, basketball, boxing, hockey, lacrosse, paintball and racquet sports** as **"high risk"** for eye injury.



Baseball is the leading cause of eye injuries in **children under age 14**.



Most eye injuries among **children ages 11 to 14** occur while **playing sports**.



Protective eyewear is made of **ultra-strong polycarbonate**, which is **10 times** more impact-resistant than other plastics.



Basketball is the leading cause of eye injuries among **15- to 24-year-olds**.

To find a doctor of optometry near you, visit aoa.org.

Sources: Coalition to Prevent Sports Eye Injuries, National Eye Institute