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**TO / À:** Provincial Union Presidents & Staff

**FROM / DE:** Myles Spencer

**CC / CC:** Mike Chu, General Manager, Rugby Operations & Performance  
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**SUBJECT/OBJECT:** International Rugby Board "Rugby Goggles" Trial Information

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Dear Provincial Union Presidents & Staff

The International Rugby Board (IRB) has recently announced a trial to allow the use of Rugby Goggles on the field for those who have monocular vision, chronic eye conditions, or who need to wear corrective lenses. Rugby Canada has signed on to be one of the trialing unions.

It is important to note that the Rugby Goggles are not meant to be purchased as eye protection for participants. Instead, those who do apply through the IRB for a set will have to demonstrate their need for Rugby Goggles through a letter from the ophthalmologist stating that there is a medical need for them. Only those Rugby Goggles with the official IRB Trial Approval logo will be permitted on the field.

Though Rugby Canada is a participant in the trial, the IRB will oversee the entire application and distribution process to individual players. For more information on, or to apply for, Rugby Goggles please visit [www.irbplayerwelfare.com/goggles](http://www.irbplayerwelfare.com/goggles).

I respectfully request that you communicate this information to your members and key stakeholders. For any further enquiries please contact Nathan Abdelnour at Rugby Canada via email ([nabdelnour@rugbycanada.ca](mailto:nabdelnour@rugbycanada.ca)) or phone (250 418 8998 ext. 302).

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,  
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