

OTNY and O'Neil Mask Clarification  
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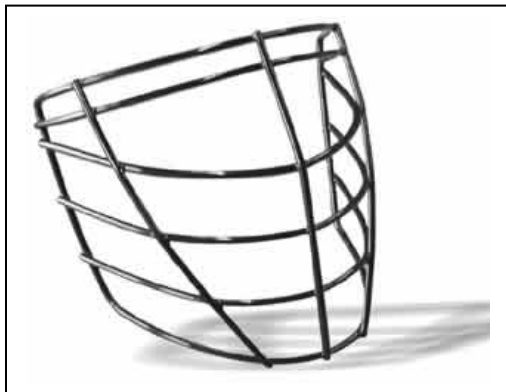
At the Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Lacrosse Association the equipment review committee chairperson discussed the use of the OTNY Sr. and O'Neil masks. Because of their design, the OTNY 20/20 Sr. Mask and O'Neil masks do not give access to a players airway without the entire helmet being removed, it **WILL NOT** be permitted to be used in minor lacrosse – defined as midget age players and below. For this same reason, these masks **ARE NOT RECOMMENDED** for players up to the age of 21.

**Please note:** This decision is based on CSA standards regarding access to airways in relation to CSA hockey helmets and facemask combinations. Lacrosse helmets fall under NOCSAE which is a different standard.

The Canadian Lacrosse Association (CLA) is currently working with the CSA to set a standard for lacrosse facemasks. For our initial discussions, both these masks would be deemed inappropriate for use in lacrosse, however at this time no official ruling has been made. Should a ruling be made/a standard set which limits the use of these masks or does not permit the use of these masks in their entirety, they will be deemed illegal immediately and **WILL NOT** be permitted as per the ruling of CSA.

For further clarification on this bulletin, please feel free to contact the Canadian Lacrosse Association Office at [info1@lacrosse.ca](mailto:info1@lacrosse.ca) or the Chair of the Equipment Committee.

O'Neil Mask



OTNY 2020 Sr.



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