

Sports Sunglasses Intermediate

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Criteria:

- Fit for active lifestyle – sports
- Durable, shatter-resistant lenses
- Protect from UV Rays
- Wrap-around style

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Bolle Canebrake Polarized Sunglasses

Price: \$75.00

These glasses offer:

- polycarbonate lenses that are lightweight and virtually shatterproof
- anti-reflective coating that eliminates glare and makes the visual field incredibly clear, especially when worn in direct sunlight
- polarized to aid in the elimination of glare and reflections
- 100% UVA/UVB protected
- coated to offer superior scratch-resistance
- one-year warranty
- protective case
- are a wrap-around style



#2

Adi Eyewear Men's Shield Sunglasses

Price: \$15.00

These glasses feature:

- fashionable, designer metal frames
- gradient style lenses that offer 100% UV protection
- black and brown lens colors.
- protective case included
- lenses and frames are manufactured in the USA



Number 3
Franklin Flip-Up Sport Shield 3-Lens Sunglasses
Price: \$30.00

These glasses:

- are made specifically for use in sports settings, especially on baseball fields
- are a flip-up style so that the wearer can choose the correct color of lens for different lighting conditions—from green grass to light reflection to basic sunlight. The wearer must only flip to the correct lens to provide the protection they need.
- are made of impact-resistant polycarbonate making them virtually shatterproof.
- provide 100% UV protection to the wearer
- are a wrap-around style



Number 4
Smith Sport Optics Method Sunglasses
Price: \$50.00

These glasses:

- are a wrap-around style
- are equipped with lenses that provide 100% UVA/UVB protection
- provide the wearer even more protection than regular frames with the wrap around style
- have frames made of nylon
- include a flexible hinge to prevent accidental snapping



Sports Sunglasses Officials

Official Placing: 1-3-4-2
Cuts: 3-2-4

In this class of sports sunglasses, the official placing is 1-3-4-2. When looking at Jon's needs, one pair of glasses easily sorts itself to the top, one falls to the bottom, and this leaves a close middle pair. Since Jon needs a shatter-resistant pair of glasses that will protect him from UV rays, 1 fits his needs most closely and is placed at the top of the class.

In the top pair I place 1 over 3 as the Bolle Canebrake Polarized Sunglasses fit all of Jon's needs. These glasses are shatter-proof to fit his requirement of being able to wear them for his sports and are 100% UVA/UVB protected with a wraparound style. They will also eliminate glare due to the protective coating and come with a protective case.

I do grant that number 3 is less expensive, but given that Jon wants to make an investment with these glasses, he is willing to pay the higher price for number 1.

In the middle pair it is 3 over 4. The Franklin Flip-ups are the less expensive pair of sunglasses and provide Jon with the impact-resistance and UV protection he desires.

I do grant that 4 sunglasses are designed for general sports use, whereas 3 is specifically designed to be beneficial to baseball players. Number 4 may also be more stylish, but Jon's safety and health should be taken into account before fashion.

Lastly, 4 places over 2 in the bottom pair. The Smith Sport Optics Method glasses are specifically sports glasses, have the benefit of the wrap-around style to block out more light, and the frames are less likely to snap on impact. Whereas both pairs of glasses protect against UV rays, neither pair of glasses are designed to be impact-resistant which Jon requires for his sports involvement.

Whereas I do realize that the number 2 glasses are the least expensive glasses in the class and are fashionable, they do not fit the majority of Jon's needs as they are not sports glasses or impact-resistant and do not have a wrap-around style. As a result, 2 remains at the bottom of the class.

Therefore, this class is placed 1-3-4-2.

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1-2-4-3 - 38
1-3-2-4 - 46
1-3-4-2 - 50
1-4-2-3 - 42
1-4-3-2 - 48
2-1-3-4 - 31
2-1-4-3 - 29
2-3-1-4 - 28
2-3-4-1 - 23
2-4-1-3 - 24
2-4-3-1 - 21
3-1-2-4 - 43
3-1-4-2 - 47
3-2-1-4 - 34
3-2-4-1 - 29
3-4-1-2 - 42
3-4-2-1 - 33
4-1-2-3 - 37
4-1-3-2 - 43
4-2-1-3 - 28
4-2-3-1 - 25
4-3-1-2 - 40
4-3-2-1 - 31

Sports Sunglasses Questions – Answers

1. Which item is specifically designed for baseball players? 3
2. Which item comes with a one-year warranty? 1
3. Which item has a flexible hinge to prevent accidental snapping? 4
4. Which item has an anti-reflective coating that eliminates glare? 1
5. Which item is the least expensive? 2

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