

FFA NATIONAL POLICIES

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Introduction

This Policy replaces the 2004 version.

Policy Guidelines for Match Officials

Law 4 states: *A player must not use equipment or wear anything that is dangerous to himself or another player (including any kind of jewellery).* In summary all players must remove all items of jewellery prior to entering the Field of Play. This includes anti-discrimination bands, leather necklaces and any other loose wristbands.

The taping of wedding rings is no longer permitted.

Sweatbands may be worn.

Other details

Earrings: No earrings are acceptable. The practice of taping earrings is not acceptable.

Facial rings: Any kind of jewellery around the eyes must be removed.
Jewellery in any other part of the face must be removed.

Necklaces: All necklaces must be removed
Medical alert necklaces only may be worn but they must be taped securely to the chest.

Bracelets: All bracelets [including metal, rope, fabric, leather, etc] must be removed.
Medical alert bracelets may be worn. With the exception of the medical information the bracelet must be covered by tape.

Body Piercing: Piercing not visible to the referee is of no concern. Should the piercing become visible the referee will ensure the item is removed.

Tongue Piercing: Rings/studs through the tongue are discouraged for the players' own safety.
Should the referee detect a tongue piercing, the referee will ensure it is removed.

Rings: No rings may be worn.

Watches: Players [but not match officials] must remove all watches.

Beaded Hair: If a player is wearing hair beads the hair must be tied in a bun or covered by a hair net. Loose beaded hair should not be allowed.

Referees: Within the spirit of these guidelines, referees are expected to conform to the standards set for players, with the exception of the need to wear watches.

Any player not complying with this Policy should not be allowed to play.