



Jewelry & Cast Policy

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Jewelry:

As per the FIFA Laws of the Game (Law 4) and NEUSC policy, all jewellery must be removed before stepping onto the field.

This includes, but is not limited to, bracelets, rings, necklaces and earrings/facial piercings (inclusive of studs).

The taping of jewellery is not permitted. Medical identification jewellery is permitted but must be secured to the satisfaction of the referee, eyeglasses may be worn but must be secured with a band and hard knee braces are permitted only if protected with an appropriate cover.

Religious headgear is permitted, but must be secured appropriately.

A referee can request the removal of any jewellery/accessories that they deem a safety risk. Non-compliance with referees can result in your removal from the game and/or disciplinary action. NEUSC Staff and/or Coaches are not authorized to override any Referee decision regarding this issue.

Cast Wearing:

This CSA policy is designed to reduce inconsistencies in rulings over players wearing casts. All referees are expected to follow these policies in all matches sanctioned by the CSA.

Law 4 states that a player may not use equipment that is dangerous to himself or another player. This is further expanded upon in the Interpretations of the Laws of the Game whereby it is advised that players may use equipment that has the sole purpose of protecting the individual physically providing that it poses no danger to the individual or any other players.

- Modern protective equipment made of soft, lightweight, padded materials are not considered dangerous and are therefore permitted.
- Hard plaster casts are considered to pose a danger to both the wearer and other players and are not permitted to be worn. The practice of padding a hard plaster cast does not reduce the element of danger.
- Players wearing a soft cast will be permitted to play if the cast does not present a danger to the individual or any other player.
- The Referee or Supervisor of Officials (if one has been appointed to the match/tournament) will make the final decision as to the acceptability of any cast.
- Any player who uses a cast with the intent to intimidate or injure an opponent shall be cautioned or removed from the game as per Referee decision.