



MEMORANDUM

To: MSA Referees

From: Larry Eloy

Date: April 14, 2013

Re: Use of Turbans/Patkas/Keski

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The MSA RDC would like to inform all MSA Referees that effective immediately, until further notice, officials are instructed to extend the FIFA ruling on the wearing of headscarves by female players to include the wearing of turbans/patkas/keski by male players.

As explained and discussed at the 2013 Outdoor Refreshers, The Canadian Soccer Association (CSA) on September 11, 2012, implemented with immediate effect, the International Football Board (IFAB) decision to unanimously approve the wearing of headscarves by female players. This decision can be found at <http://www.manitobasoccer.ca/referees/documents/CSA%20Memo%20-%20IFAB%20Headscarves.pdf>.

On March 23, 2013, the CSA Board of Directors, confirmed that, in light of this IFAB decision, referees may, until further notice, extend this ruling to the wearing of turbans/patkas/keski. The head covering must be safe and must not pose a danger to the wearer or other participants, as per Law 4 of the FIFA Laws of the Game. All items of clothing or equipment are subject to the inspection of the match referee.

If you have any questions regarding the CSA directive regarding the wearing of turbans/patkas/keski by male players, please contact Dennis at dpetrelli@manitobasoccer.ca.

Regards,

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Chair, Referee Development Committee

