



MEMORANDUM

To: MSA Referees

From: Dennis Petrelli

Date: May 30, 2013

Re: Stretched Ear Holes

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Some players of both the male and female gender may have a stretched ear hole on their earlobes (see picture 1 below). As these holes may be of various sizes and could be dangerous to the player's safety, the Manitoba Soccer Association has re-evaluated this concern and has decided to issue a directive to all referees on how these stretched ear holes should be handled in order for the players to participate in matches.

Players will be allowed to wear synthetic plastic covers in their ears (see picture 2 below). These covers are not to be confused with any form of earrings and are inserted into the ear lobes as a protective measure for the player. The devices are bendable and made of plastic. The player must then tape over the device in order to cover the opening. The player must comply with your request to tape over the cover in order to participate.

Any other jewelry including other forms of earrings or visible piercings will still have to be removed for any player to participate in matches.



Picture 1



Picture 2



If you have any questions regarding this, please contact me at dpetrelli@manitobasoccer.ca.

Regards,

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MSA Referee Development Coordinator

