

# Football Federation Australia

## National Policy on the Wearing of Jewellery

### Introduction

This Policy replaces the 2004 version.

Despite Law 4 being quite specific about the wearing of jewellery, it would seem that there are still a number of variances in the application of this law. In order to gain greater consistency the following is a summary of the recommendations created by the Football Federation Australia. It is offered as an Australian interpretation of the law and is National Policy.

### Policy Guidelines for Match Officials

- **Law 4 - states: A player must not use equipment or wear anything that is dangerous to himself or other players (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, etc] must be removed. Medical alert bracelets only may be worn but must have all but the medical information covered by tape.
- **Body Piercing:-** Any Piercing not visible to the referee is not of concern. Should the piercing become visible the referee will ensure it 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.**

Richard Lorenc (National Refereeing Manager)

July 2005