

# VJBL HAIR AND JEWELLERY POLICY



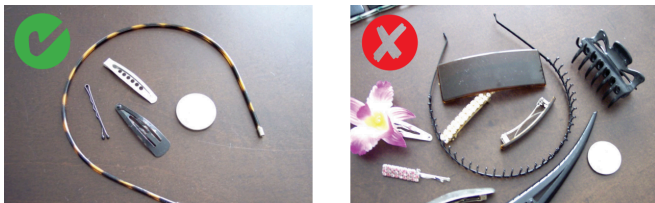
## Hair Accessories

To clarify what is considered acceptable, players are permitted to take the court wearing “bobby pins” and/or “one touch” or “snap” clips to hold their hair back. These items pose no threat of injury to any player on the court (see photo).

Players will not be permitted to wear barrettes, headbands made of metal or clips larger than a bobby pin or snap clip – especially those that are present for decorative purposes only. These items do pose a threat of injury, due to their increased size.

If items in a player’s hair are made from a non-abrasive, pliable material, they may be permitted to be worn, as they pose no threat of injury. This includes headscarves or other fabric articles worn for religious purposes held in place by bobby pins or snap clips.

Examples of accepted or not accepted hair accessories are represented below



## Religious Head Gear

Religious head gear may be either black, white or the same dominant colour as the playing singlet. The colour choice will be decided by the player’s association to ensure that teams have uniformity if more than one player is wearing headgear.

The headgear shall not cover any part of the face entirely or partially (eyes, nose, lips etc.) and shall not be dangerous to the player wearing it and/or to other players. The headgear shall not have opening/closing elements around the face and/or neck and shall not have any parts extruding from its surface.

## Jewellery

Exposed jewellery is not to be worn during any VJBL games. This also includes any items that are used for decoration. EG: Rings, earrings, studs, nose rings, lip rings, necklaces, bracelets, anklets and watches.

Referees should monitor all players’ appearance prior to the commencement of the game, looking out for items listed above.

If an official establishes that a player has jewellery and or body pierced jewellery the following FIBA Interpretation shall be applied.

### FIBA Interpretation

Players who wear jewellery that is visible and could cause injury to themselves or to other players shall be instructed as follows;

- Any player wearing an object that might cause injury (such as those objects listed above) must be politely told of the existence of the rule (referees should not presume that a player is aware of the rule) and be asked to remove the object prior to taking the court.
- If a player claims that an item cannot be removed, the referee should instruct the player that he/she must cover the object with a suitably protective device such as medical tape. The player may not participate until such time that the referee is satisfied that the object is appropriately covered.
- Where the protective device (e.g. tape) falls off during the game the referee must stop play at the next opportunity and direct the player to remedy the cover. If this occurs more than twice then the referee should instruct the player that they can no longer participate in the game, unless they remove the jewellery.
- The various rubber, leather and silicon etc. wrist bands (fitness bands) are regarded as objects which may cause injury to other players. Consequently, players must remove the bands prior to playing or have them covered with adhesive tape, or towelling sweatband, eliminating any possibility of another player getting their finger(s) caught under them.