

BASKETBALL VICTORIA JEWELLERY POLICY

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DOMESTIC JEWELLERY POLICY

FIBA Rule, Article 13.2.5, states ;

“The referee shall not permit any player to wear objects that may cause injury to themselves or to other players”. ‘The following are not permitted, - Headgear, hair accessories and jewellery”.

In addition to this rule it is Basketball Victoria policy that the following directions be implemented by all Associations.

Referees should monitor all players' appearance prior to the start of each match. In particular, referees should look out for rings, bracelets, necklaces, earrings and other body piercing objects.

- ◇ Any player wearing an object which 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 asked to remove the object prior to taking the court.
- ◇ If a player claims that a particular item cannot be removed then the referee should instruct the player that (s)he must cover the object with a suitably protective device such as tape. The player may not participate until such time that the referee is satisfied that the object is appropriately covered.
- ◇ Where the protective device (eg tape) falls off during a game the referee must immediately stop play and direct the player to remedy the cover. If this occurs more than a couple of times then the referee should instruct the player that (s)he can no longer participate in the game whilst wearing the object - protective cover or not.
- ◇ In circumstances where:
 1. a referee is not convinced that such a protective measure will adequately overcome the risk of injury;
 2. suitable protective measures are not available;
 3. the player refuses to remove or cover the offending objectThe referee should prohibit the player from participating in the game.
- ◇ Any player who seeks to participate in defiance of any of the above directions by a referee should be disciplined as per the association's rules.

BASKETBALL VICTORIA **HAIR ACCESSORIES POLICY**

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RULE INTERPRETATION – Art 13.2.5

In recent weeks there have been many questions raised with regards to Article 13.2.5, in particular the point that “headgear, hair accessories and jewellery” are not permitted to be worn on court.

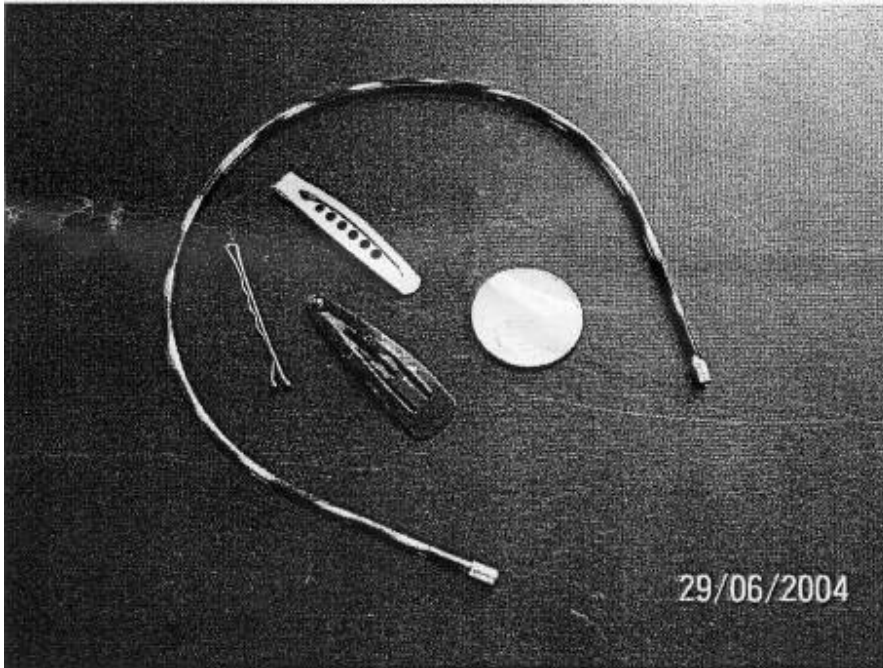
“Headgear” and “jewellery” are reasonably self explanatory items, however there has been some discussion surrounding what constitutes acceptable “hair accessories”.

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.

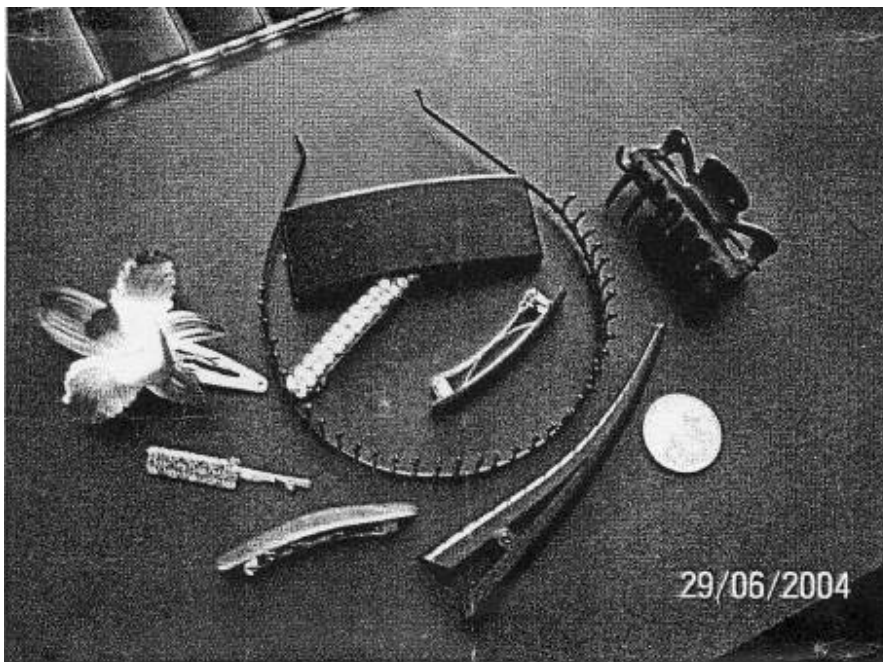
Players will not be permitted to wear barrettes, headbands made of metal, or clips larger than a bobby pin or snap clip – especially those that are present for decorative purposes only. These items do pose a threat of injury, due to their increased size.

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

Referees and competition administrators cannot prevent a player taking the court if the religious clothing that he/she is wearing poses no threat of danger to another player. Common sense must be used in these situations. Any person preventing a player from taking the court due to the clothing that they are wearing for religious purposes may leave themselves open to legal action.



The items above are examples of what **are** permitted to be worn. The headband is made of soft, pliable material and has no sharp ends. Inside are two different style snap clips and a bobby pin. A 20c piece is included to give an indication of size.



The items above are examples of what is **not** permitted to be worn. A 20c piece is photographed with them to give an indication of size. There are many more items that fall in this category. They are far larger than the items in the top picture and most are made of metal or hard plastic with sharp ends.