



OHIO VALLEY REGION

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Player Uniforms & Equipment (December 3, 2018)

Players, Parents, Coaches & Club Directors:

I've emailed some information to club directors and coaches regarding the legality of certain player uniform and equipment items. I want to share this information with everyone to address questions I have received.

“Daith” Piercing (for migraine treatment)

USAV and the OVR will allow a daith piercing for migraine treatment provided documentation from a physician/medical professional is submitted to OVR Commissioner Bob Price (price@ovr.org). (NOTE: The piercing may need to be covered if there are any sharp edges.) Commissioner Price will then provide a waiver to allow the player to participate while wearing this type of piercing. Without the OVR or USAV waiver, the player cannot participate, including warm-ups, while wearing a daith piercing – even if they have a physician's note.

Leggings/Long Spandex/Warm-up Pants

You may have seen men's or women's collegiate players wearing long pants/spandex during matches this past season. They received a waiver from the NCAA to wear compression pants/leggings or warm-ups pants due to a medical condition. If an OVR player has a medical condition requiring her/him to wear leg coverings while playing, a note from a physician/medical professional must be submitted to OVR Commissioner Bob Price (price@ovr.org). Commissioner Price will verify and provide an OVR waiver so that the player can participate while wearing them.

Jewelry

Jewelry is PROHIBITED and may not be worn by junior players during warm-ups or a match. An exception is made for religious pendants, which must be taped or sewn beneath the uniform.

Taping or covering jewelry, particularly piercings (earn, nose, brow, etc.), does NOT legalize them.

If the player does not, or cannot, remove the jewelry, she/he will not be permitted to participate in warm-ups or the match. No exceptions.'

Medical Devices (insulin pump, cochlear ear implant, etc.)

Required medical devices, such as an insulin pump, cochlear ear implant, or similar devices, are LEGAL and may be worn by players during warm-ups and a match. The item may need to be covered if there are any sharp or protruding edges.

Please contact me if you have any questions about other player equipment or uniform items.

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