Devon Netball Policy Document

JEWELLERY, PIERCINGS & NAILS POLICY

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Introduction

Devon Netball Association follows the International Federation for Netball (INF) rules on Jewellery, Piercings & Nails and are guided by Netball Australia (NA) & Netball Tasmania in relation to these rules.

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide clear rules for players who have piercings and those wishing to wear jewellery. Also included are our rules on fingernails and other adornments.

Guidelines

1. Players may not wear any thing that could danger themselves or other players
2. No adornment or jewellery may be worn, other than a wedding ring or medical bracelet/necklace. These items must be tapped.
3. No other item/s are allowed to be tapped (includes smart watches, any type of piercings and jewellery)
4. Any player wishing to wear a medical device, including piercings, must provide Devon Netball with a letter from their GP stating that they must wear such medical devices for their personal safety. (please refer to Surgically Implanted Piercings policy)
5. Continuous Glucose monitoring devices are allowed to be worn but must be covered for protection/risk of damage of device or secured within playing uniform.
6. Fingernails must be short and smooth, including artificial nails, acrylics and gel nails.
7. Tapping of fingernails is not permitted
8. Gloves cannot be worn.
9. Prescribed glasses or sunglasses may be worn.
10. Cultural or protective head gear may be worn.
11. We recommend that hair be suitably tied back, to prevent obstructive view.

Procedure

1. Umpires must check all players, before the start of the game. They will check nail length and check for piercings and jewellery.
2. Players must remove all identified piercings, jewellery as directed by the umpire
3. Players must cut nails to approved length, as directed by the umpire. (nail clippers available to borrow at the office)
4. If a player will not remove items or cut nails, the umpire has authority to prevent the player from taking the court.
5. An umpire can remove a player during game play if they identify the above items.
6. Players cannot re-enter the game until items removed, and only re enter after they have shown the umpire they have complied and must wait until the next centre pass before taking the court again.

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Policy promotion

The club will promote this policy by:

- Putting a copy of the policy on the club website for viewing
- Having a copy of the policy available to be printed if required.
- Basic flyer on notice board

Policy review

This policy will be reviewed annually to ensure it remains relevant to club operations and reflects both community expectations and legal requirements.

Signature

Signed:		Signed:	
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