

Sedlescombe Rangers Football Club

Dear Colleague

Law 4 - The Players' Equipment

Law 4 of The Laws of the Game states that **"A player must not use equipment or wear anything which is dangerous to himself or another player (including any kind of jewellery)"**

It has been the practice in some matches, particularly within the professional game, to allow players to wear a plain 'wedding ring' provided it was taped. However, it is clear that this practice contravenes Law 4 as laid down by the International Football Association Board.

This Law exists to protect the safety of players. Its importance was highlighted last season when, yet again, a number of players were injured as a result of jewellery being worn by themselves or other players.

Therefore, with immediate effect, **all items of jewellery must be removed** by players, in all matches under the jurisdiction of The Football Association. It is thus not permissible to tape over any form of jewellery.

Would you please communicate this decision to all relevant parties within your county, including leagues, clubs and referees?

Regards

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