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JEWELLERY - STUDS

The question of studs wherever they are placed (i.e. tongue, ears, nose etc., etc!!) has been raised endlessly

There is no debate at International, National, Regional or County playing levels, this rule (1.4.3) is adhered to in its strictest senses but there is scope for local leagues to introduce some flexibility into their own rules. In other words if a player is involved in International, National, Regional or County squads you have no choice. No stud or no play!!

With players involved in local leagues only then on a game organised by personnel other than England Netball then everyone is subject to the league rules. The league may choose to adhere strictly to the above rule or they may decide to make certain allowances as they are an autonomous body, but with these comes the responsibilities, restrictions if someone is injured.

Umpires have a duty to ensure in the normal way that all their pre-match duties are adhered to. This includes the checking of jewellery and nails etc. Umpires should not however be asking players to physically show that they have no adornments as it is hoped that all players would respect that the umpire is dealing with her pre-match duties as an umpire according to the rules. However, if during a match a player is found to still have an item of jewellery on after having been asked to remove 'all jewellery' then again the umpire will deal with this by asking for it to be removed. If the player should refuse then she would be asked to leave the court and not continue the game until it was removed.