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**Westerville Amateur Soccer Association**  
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## Earrings & Jewelry

As stated in FIFAs Laws of the Game, earrings and other jewelry are not permitted. FIFA is soccer's world-wide governing body. Except as noted below, earrings and other jewelry are not permitted. Players choosing to not remove earrings or other prohibited jewelry cannot participate in play.

US Youth Soccer, the national governing body of youth soccer, joins FIFA in explicitly prohibiting jewelry in its laws of the game. This includes bracelets, earrings, hair barrettes/beads/pins, necklaces, rings, watches, etc. Recognizing that WASA is a youth recreational league and to enhance access to the league, these laws are modified to allow soft elastic hair ties (i.e., scrunchies), and hair beads or religious or medical-alert items that are covered and/or contained with a soft material, and appropriately secured. The referees have the final determination on whether the covered/secured item is determined safe for play.

There is no exception for recently pierced ears. FIFA as well as US Soccer and the Ohio Soccer Association have issued a directive to referees that tape and/or band-aids over earrings or pierced-ear starter plugs are not permitted under any circumstances. Parental consent is irrelevant. Referees will not allow a player to play with earrings or other prohibited jewelry. Any player who is considering having their ears pierced is advised to wait until the season is over.