

From Roberto Alvarez – Washington State Youth Referee Administrator

Straight from <http://wasrc.org/help.php?action=display&key=86>, the State Referee Website:

Jewelry

Please note that Rule 301.5 is now **SILENT** with respect to Jewelry, whereas in the past it specifically stated **Jewelry** was **not** allowed. This silence should not be taken as to condone wearing jewelry, because that is **NOT** the intention.

Rather the intent is to **remove** references to specific rules that are already covered in the FIFA Laws of the Game. Therefore **dangerous** Jewelry is **NOT** allowed in **WSYSA** play.

In other words, NO jewelry means NO JEWELRY. Anytime, any place, on any part of the body. NO JEWELRY. Why? Because FIFA and USSF law 4 says... NO JEWELRY.

So as far as the SYRA is concerned, the player can remove the earrings or watch the match from the bench. Because NO JEWELRY is allowed. There is no rule change, we simply have eliminated the repetition of the same thing (NO JEWELRY) over and over, although it seems that some people need to have it (NO JEWELRY) repeated over and over.

The issue is not whether the earrings will harm another player. The issue is whether an errant ball will hit her ears, causing the earring to RIP through it and make her bleed like a stuck pig. Therefore, the referee was quite correct in not letting her play.

NO JEWELRY!! NO JEWELRY!! NO JEWELRY!!

Is that clear enough?

Roberto

P.S. It's amazing how easily the earrings come out and go back in after only 90 minutes. It's been done before.