

## **HEADWEAR & HAIR ACCESSORIES**

### ***Purpose***

The Dandenong Stadium recognises that in circumstances where religious and cultural beliefs conflict with the Dandenong Stadium's standard dress code, that modification to the standard uniform may be required.

The Dandenong Stadium requires that headscarves are permitted to be worn, as (by rule) they pose no threat of injury. This includes head scarves or other fabric articles worn for religious purposes held in place by bobby pins or snap clips. It is recommended that the colours of headscarves or other garments should resemble the official colours of the association/club they are representing.

Players are permitted to take the court wearing 'bobby pins' and/or 'one touch' or 'snap' clips to hold head scarfs in place or to hold back hair as these items pose minimal threat of injury to any player on the court

### ***Policy***

Players will not be permitted to wear barrettes, headbands made of metal, or clips larger than a bobby pin or snap clip – especially those that are present for decorative purposes only. These items pose only minimal threat of injury, due to their increased size.

If items in a player's hair are made from a non-abrasive, pliable material, they may be permitted to be worn, as (by rule) they pose no or minimal threat of injury. This includes head scarves or other fabric articles worn for religious purposes held in place by bobby pins or snap clips.

### ***Procedure***

- Referees and competition administrators cannot prevent a player taking the court if the religious clothing that he/she is wearing poses no threat of danger to another player. Any person preventing a player from taking the court due to the clothing that they are wearing for religious purposes may leave themselves open to legal action.
  - This policy will embrace all Dandenong Stadium officials, players, staff, performers and others taking part in Dandenong Stadium activities.
  - The Dandenong Stadium will implement the actions outlined in this policy daily. This policy will be reviewed annually to ensure it remains relevant to the needs of the Dandenong Stadium.
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