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Information Bulletin

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To: District Administrators, Presidents, Technical Directors
CC: OSA Board of Directors, Staff
From: Gary Miller, Technical Director
Subject: Clarification of the Personal Health/Activity Tracker devices (Fitbits/Garmin/Polar etc.) during a game

An earlier communication did not clearly specify the target this announcement was intended for. The OSA is clarifying the use of Health/Activity Tracking devices is prohibited for use *by players*.

The Ontario Soccer Association has recently received questions in reference to players wearing *Activity Trackers*(i.e. Fitbit). As a result The OSA would like to confirm the following;

FIFA "Law 4", supported by the CSA is clear and as a provincial organization, the OSA cannot make exceptions. Only medical alert bracelets are permitted.

FIFA and/or Canada Soccer are the only ones that can make changes/amendments to Law 4.

Law 4 2015-2016 FIFA Laws of the Game

Safety

A player must not use equipment or wear anything that is dangerous to himself or another player (including any kind of jewelry).



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Jewelry

All items of jewelry (necklaces, rings, bracelets, earrings, leather bands, rubber bands, etc.) are strictly forbidden and must be removed. Using tape to cover jewelry is not acceptable.

These items CANNOT be worn during a game.

If you have any further questions, please contact [Nicky Pearson](#).