



# TEWKSBURY YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE

## Player's Equipment and Safety

A player must not use equipment or wear anything which is dangerous to himself or another player (including any kind of jewelry), therefore TYSL Referees should check for the following safety items during their Player inspections.

### Basic Equipment

- a uniform jersey or same color must be worn
- shorts or other leggings
- stockings
- shin guards must be worn
- footwear must be worn, but do not have to be soccer cleats

### Shirts

- should be tucked in at the start of each substitution period except for the goalkeeper

### Shin guards

- are covered entirely by the stockings
- are made of a suitable material (rubber, plastic, or similar substances)
- provide a reasonable degree of protection

### Safety *The following is not allowed:*

- Earrings – even if covered by tape
- Other Jewelry – Except taped down religious or medical items
- Casts or splints – Even if covered and padded
- Metal or hard plastic hair clips, beads, etc.
- Baseball or other hard brimmed hats
- Metal Cleats or other footwear. Baseball cleats are not allowed (i.e. no spike in the middle front of the cleat.)
- Anything else that in the opinion of the referee could cause injury to either the player or others



### **For any infringement of this Law noticed during play:**

- play need not be stopped
- Unless it can be quickly corrected, the player at fault is instructed by the referee to leave the field of play to correct his equipment. Substitution is allowed if at an appropriate stoppage
- any player required to leave the field of play to correct his equipment does not re-enter without the referee's permission - need not wait for stoppage of play.
- the referee checks that the player's equipment is correct before allowing him to re-enter the field of play
- the player is only allowed to re-enter the field of play after play has resumed.

### **Restart of Play**

- If play is stopped by the referee to administer a caution:
- The match is restarted by an indirect free kick taken by a player of the opposing side, from the place where the ball was located when the referee stopped the match, unless play had already been stopped for another reason in which case an appropriate restart should occur (throw in, goal kick, etc)