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Are there any special requirements in regard to player fingernails?

There is no official AYSO or USSF position on the length of players' fingernails. Players are not allowed to "wear" anything that is dangerous to themselves or another player. The acceptable length and shape or adornment of fingernails is up to the good judgment of the referee. In general, long or fake fingernails are not to be considered dangerous by themselves. However, the use of such as a deterrent should be sanctioned according to the severity of use.