



AMERICAN YOUTH SOCCER ORGANIZATION

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Are players permitted to wear any kind of medical devices?

If the device is needed to restrict mobility, protect an injury or support proper alignment to expedite the healing process of a temporary injury and is hard (cast, splint, etc.) then this is not allowed. If, on the other hand, the protective device is used to provide support, flexibility or enable an otherwise healthy player to function normally such as a knee brace, prosthesis, hearing aid, insulin pump, etc. then this would be allowed provided the device was sufficiently padded to prevent injury to other players. The *Laws of the Game* specify that “A player must not use equipment or wear anything which is dangerous to himself or another player.” The referee is the sole judge of whether or not the individual item in question is permissible to wear in the game.