

## Religious Medals and Other Religious Items

In response to recent questions regarding religious medals, please refer to rule 4-1-7 quoted here:

*All jewelry shall be removed, except small, secured jewelry (stud or post). No jewelry shall be permitted below the chin. String bracelets, commemorative bracelets and body jewelry are considered jewelry and are not permitted. Taping over jewelry is not permitted.*

*a. A medical-alert shall be taped to the body and the alert may be visible.*

*b. Religious medals and/or other religious items shall be taped to the body and worn under the uniform.*

Casebook 4.1.7, situations A, B, and C further amplify this rule. Situation B specifically states:

*Religious items shall be taped and worn under the uniform.*

Please note that neither the rule nor the associated casebook situations (or any words in the official's manual) require the chain to be removed for either medical-alert or religious items.

If a player is seen with a medical-alert or religious item described in the rule, the official should ask the head coach if it is properly taped. If it is not, have the coach tape the item as required by the rule.

In the case of medical-alert items, taping should be in a location where it will be seen by first responders and other health care professionals if needed.

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