# BASKETBALL MANAWATŪ WEARING MEDIC ALERT JEWELLERY POLICY BAS



# INTRODUCTION

While it is acknowledged that BBNZ does not have a particular policy in place regarding this matter Basketball Manawatū believes that for the safety of players on the court, including anyone wearing a medical alert bracelet needs to understand the rationale and implication of wearing such items.

# **RATIONALE**

Technically, players are not supposed to wear any jewellery while playing in a game, but beyond that there is no specific directions in this regard.

It is more based on common sense and the fact that any medic alert "jewellery" including, but not limited to bracelets and necklaces, could prove dangerous to other players hands and fingers.

# **POLICY**

Any player that wishes to wear a medical alert jewellery may do so while playing a game, however it is suggestions the player:

- Wear the bracelet/necklace on their ankle; or
- Give the item to the coach and/or manager for safekeeping and so that someone within the team is aware of the possibility of a medical issue and potential threats.

If, however the player insists that they "must" wear it while playing, then the item must be completely covered with a soft (& secure) material i.e. sweat band type material; that shall in no way harm the wearer or other players.

# ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

Nil

# **POLICY REVIEW**

Basketball Manawatū will monitor and review this policy on a bi-annual basis.