

GUIDELINES ON WEARING OF FAITH-BASED ITEMS AND SPIRITUAL ARTIFACTS IN BASKETBALL GAMES

Canada Basketball and the Canadian Basketball Officials Commission (CBOC) are committed to fostering an inclusive and respectful environment for all participants. Effective September 15, 2025, new guidelines are in place regarding the wearing of faith-based items and spiritual artifacts during basketball games. These guidelines are intended to provide a clear and consistent process that balances respect for religious practices with the paramount importance of safety in basketball. Officials are expected to apply them with professionalism, respect, and consistency. For questions, please contact: certification@basketball.ca. These guidelines will be posted on Game Plan for your reference.

[Click here for Guidelines](#)

Thank you for supporting inclusivity and fairness on the court.

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Allowed

- Religious head coverings, bracelets, artifacts, etc. if safe and secured
- Items covered/padded with cloth, tape, sweatband
- Inclusion prioritized if item poses no risk



If Uncertain

- Prioritize safety and inclusion
- Allow participation if safe
- Report situation afterward



Unsafe Items

- Must be adjusted before play
- No technical foul just for wearing the item
- Coaches must notify officials 20 min before game

Respect. Inclusion. Safety.

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