



Baptist Football Queensland



Queensland Baptist Football Queensland Policy Number: 2009-01

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Subject: Wearing of Shin Pads by Players

Baptist Football Queensland has developed and defined a policy in regard to the wearing of suitable shin pads by players actively involved in BFQ sanctioned games of football.

After much consultation with other like minded bodies (Football Qld, FFA, FIFA) the executive of BFQ has decided to follow the lead of the above bracketed organizations and adopt the following policy as outlined in the current edition of the Laws of the Game 2007 edition.

In accordance with law 4, players must wear suitable shin guards that:

- Are covered entirely by the socks or stockings
- Are made of rubber, plastic or a similar material
- Provide an reasonable degree of protection

The last point for the purposes of BFQ sanctioned games of football shall be interpreted by the referee that the shin pad must cover 2/3 of the leg region between the top of the ankle and 50mm below the bottom of the knee cap.

The wearing of junior shin pads by senior players is strictly forbidden and the referee is to immediately send the player from the field until such time as the player is ready to return to the field of play with correct shin protection.

The offending player may be substituted until such time as his uniform is deemed to be in correct order. Players that refuse to change their shin protection to be deemed adequate in the opinion of the referee shall be requested to leave the field in the interest of player safety. Should the player refuse to leave the field the referee shall consider this to be persistent infringements of the game and issue the appropriate caution. If the player continues to reject the referees request he shall be issued a second yellow card for not obeying a directive of the referee (dissent) and issued a red card and he shall take no further part in the game.

This directive is made in the best interest of player safety FOR ALL and infringements that result in cautions and send offs will be dealt directly by the league match review committee as a very serious matter.