

The USA Volleyball rule says:

USAV 4.5.1: It is forbidden to wear hats or casts (even if padded). Braces, prosthetic limbs, or other headgear that may cause an injury or give an artificial advantage to the player must not be worn. If a brace, prosthetic limb or headgear is used, padding or covering may be necessary. Jewelry may be worn provided its nature does not present a concern for safety, such as extremely long necklaces and/or necklaces with large medallions, or large hoop earrings.

In most circumstances, it should be allowed. It may need to be modified, such as the picture to the right, so it is considered safe, but it could be allowed with proper attention. Padding or wrapping would normally make something legal which is allowed by rule.



Based on the pictures below, it should have been allowed. The knee area is covered with a knee pad. In my opinion, the foot area would be no worse than a shoe. If the edges of the foot were considered dangerous, they could cover or wrap the area with a wrap or padding of some kind to make it safe.

It was a very unfortunate situation that we hope never happens again. We never want to keep athletes from playing the sport.

If you have any questions for me, please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

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