

Solid Color Jersey Rule

Sent on behalf of the USA Volleyball Rules Commission – Pati Rolf, chair, and Paul Albright, Indoor Rules Interpreter. Please share this information with your club directors and officials. Questions may be sent to vbinterp@usav.org.

In an effort to alleviate some confusion over the solid colored jersey rule that went into effect on September 1, and to ease the transition to the new rule, the Rules Commission has agreed to the following modified interpretations for the coming season.

Either the Libero and/or the rest of the team must wear a solid colored jersey that clearly contrasts with the predominant color(s) of the other jerseys. To be considered compliant as a solid colored jersey, the jersey must be a single color, including the sleeves. Numbers must be clearly contrasting and meet the size and location requirements as described in Rule 4.3, i.e. centered on the player's chest and upper back and at least 4" and 6" front and back, respectively. Exceptions for collars, cuffs and piping/trim, provided the piping/trim is along a working seam and is no wider than 1" at its widest point, are provided for in the rule. This part of the rule and its associated interpretations has not changed.

What has changed is that the Rules Commission has decided to relax the implementation of the solid colored jersey definition only as it pertains to the size and placement of the team logo/name graphic. Effective immediately, printing of the club/team/player name on the jersey and printing of a club logo or team mascot on the jersey will not be considered when determining if the jersey is compliant as a solid colored jersey.

Clubs are encouraged to follow the more restrictive examples portrayed in the VRT module since the intent is to enforce the definitions as agreed to by USAV, NCAA and NFHS for next season (beginning September 1, 2015). The placement of the numbers as defined in the rules will still be enforced (centered on player's chest and upper back) and could not be displaced by the team logo/name graphic. There is a very complete explanation on the VRT site which further illustrates solid colored jersey examples at: https://www.volleyballreftraining.com/training_materials_indoor.php. Click on Solid Colored Jersey Rule at the top of the right hand column.

It is important to note here that any jersey that was legal last year will still be a legal jersey this year, it just may not be compliant as a solid colored jersey. That means that either the team or the Libero could still wear any jersey that was legal last year, the only difference is that now the opposite jersey (worn by either the Libero or the rest of the team) would need to be compliant as a solid colored jersey

Solid Colored Jersey Rule Fact Sheet

November 1, 2014

Beginning on September 1 of this year, the solid colored jersey rule went into effect. This document will summarize the rule and its associated interpretations in a single document. For additional information, please review the Solid Colored Jersey Rule powerpoint presentation on www.volleyballreftraining.com to see numerous examples and more detailed descriptions.

As is the case in previous years, as long as the jerseys worn by the rest of the team are identical and meet the requirements of the regular uniform rules, those jerseys will be legal jerseys. So jerseys with designs, patterns, logos, multiple colors and/or sublimation that were legal last year are still legal. The only thing that has changed is what jerseys can be worn to contrast with those jerseys.

So if the team can still wear multi-colored jerseys, then who must wear the solid color jersey? The rule states that either the Libero and/or the rest of the team must wear a solid colored jersey that clearly contrasts with the jerseys of the rest of the team. That means that if the team is wearing jerseys with multiple colors, the Libero **MUST** wear a solid colored jersey. If the team is wearing solid colored jerseys, the Libero can wear either a contrasting solid or a multi colored jersey.

And what qualifies as a solid colored jersey? First, it means that the jersey has to be all one color. No sublimation, no color variants or hues, just one solid color. That includes both the body of the jersey and sleeves of all types, i.e. long, short, cap, etc., which must be the same color as the rest of the jersey. Exceptions are allowed for collars, cuffs, and piping/trim that is along a working seam and is no wider than 1" at its widest point. All of those exceptions can be of a different color than the rest of the solid color jersey.

Which leaves us with two final areas to discuss; lettering and logos. Initial information regarding the restriction on size, location and quantity of lettering and logos on the solid colored jersey was sent in the powerpoint distributed on September 2. Based on concerns from several clubs/regions, the Rules Commission has agreed to relax the limits on lettering and logos. Essentially, that means that for this season there will be no specific limitations on team/club/player lettering on the solid color jersey, and there is no specific size or location limitations on a team mascot/logo that is printed on the solid colored jersey. So long as all other aspects of the solid colored jersey requirements are met, lettering and logos will **NOT** make a jersey non-compliant.

To recap, a solid color jersey will be compliant provided that both body and sleeves are one solid color, all piping and trim is along a working seam and no wider than 1", and numbers are clearly visible and meet the specifications for size and location as described in Rule 4.3. Club names, team names, player names, team mascots and team logos will not be considered when determining if a jersey is compliant as a solid colored jersey.

Solid Colored Jersey Rule Summary Sheet

November 1, 2014

Beginning on September 1 of this year, the solid colored jersey rule went into effect. This document will summarize the rule and its associated interpretations. For additional information, please review the powerpoint presentation on www.volleyballreftraining.com to see numerous examples and more detailed descriptions.

- Solid-colored uniform tops shall clearly contrast with the predominant color(s) of teammates' uniform tops
 - Predominant color(s) is color(s) appearing on approximately half of uniform
 - If a multi colored jersey does not have a predominant color, the solid color jersey cannot be any of the colors in the multi colored jersey.
- Sleeves, regardless of style, shall be the same color as the body of the uniform
- Collars and cuffs may be different color(s) than uniform top
 - Cuffs can be no wider than 1"
- May be constructed of two or more different materials, as long as all materials are same color and hue
- Numbers shall be a contrasting color to uniform top and meet all other specifications in respective uniform rule (Rule 4.3)
- Piping/trim not exceeding 1" at widest point may be placed along working seams
 - May be different color(s) than uniform top
 - Working seam is one that holds two pieces of material together
- Darts are a type of stitching to create a fitted style and are not considered seams
 - Piping of different color may not be used on dart
- Accent pieces are also considered trim and shall not exceed 1" at widest point
 - Accent pieces may only be placed along functional seam
- A single team name, club name, sponsor name and/or player's name may be placed as lettering on front and/or back of body of uniform top, but shall not disrupt the integrity of the solid-color uniform top
- A single team mascot or club logo may also be placed on front and/or back of jersey even if there is lettering on same side of jersey, but shall not disrupt the integrity of the solid color uniform top
- A single team mascot or club logo and/or school/club/team name may be placed on the sleeve(s)