

Uniform Requirements and Reminders for 2017-2019 USA Volleyball Competition

This document is intended to provide a brief overview of uniform requirements and reminders for this season.

The complete DCR (PDF) can be found at:

https://volleyballreftraining.com/rules_interpretations_indoor.php

Before Purchasing Uniforms

Teams are strongly encouraged to review this document and the DCR or to contact their **Region Office** or **Region Officials/Referee Chair** if they have any questions regarding the legality of uniforms.

KEY POINTS REGARDING LEGALITY

- 1. Jerseys and Shorts must be identical for all regular players (non-Libero).
- 2. Uniforms must be numbered in a permanent manner using Arabic numerals.
 - a. Numbers 1-99 are legal. Numbers 0, 00-09 are not legal and will not be permitted
 - b. Number minimum height: Front 4"; Back 6". Recommended: Front 6"; Back 8".
 - c. The stripe must be solid with a minimum width of 3/4".
 - d. Stripe must clearly contrast with the jersey. This means the entire number even if outlined must contrast with the jersey. (Effective 2018-2019)
- Uniform numbers must be clearly visible, entire number must clearly contrast with the jersey, and be centered on the chest and upper back of the jersey.
 Chest is from the neck to the sternum, not the stomach.
 See number placement guide in this document.
 The main goal is to see the number at a glance, Placement and size are factors.
- 4. Numbers on shorts (if any) must match jersey number. All shorts must be identical for regular players.
- 5. USAV 19.2 changed in March 2016. It now reads: The Libero(s) must wear a uniform which clearly contrasts with the rest of the team.

THE SOLID COLOR REQUIREMENT NO LONGER EXISTS. This will give teams more options regarding uniform selection. The only requirement is **CLEARLY CONTRASTING**.

Certain combinations of colors do not meet any standard of contrast. Some are, but not limited to, black/navy; red/maroon/burgundy; black/dark green; white/light yellow; navy/maroon. Such combinations must be avoided. One way to get a better idea of contrast is to take a photo of both jerseys and convert it to monochrome (gray scale). If it is difficult to determine which is which, this combination should be avoided.

Since contrast can be subjective (eye of the beholder, lighting, wetness) some jersey combinations like (black/gray) may be **IN THE MARGIN**.

The legality of combinations which are **IN THE MARGIN** is left to the officials conducting the match. Some match officials may permit the combination while others may prohibit it. **Match officials have the right to prohibit the team from playing in such combinations.**

If a team chooses such a combination, it is recommended that an additional jersey, which will provide a **CLEARLY CONTRASTING** combination, be available. A Head Official **should not** overturn the decision of the match officials.

It is requested that clubs/teams, **first** contact their **Region Office** or **Region Officials/Referee Chair** with any uniform questions, playing rules questions, or any officiating matters. They will contact the USAV Rules Interpreter as needed or you may contact the Interpreter directly at <u>VBInterp@usav.org</u>.



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NUMBER PLACEMENT GUIDE



1. Front

GOOD LEGAL



1. Back



NOT SO GOOD

IN THE MARGIN May or May Not be legal when jersey is seen live. Should be HIGHER.



2. Back



3. Front

BAD ILLEGAL





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LOGOS / TEAM NAMES PLAYER NAMES Placement





Logos may be placed anywhere on the jerseys providing:

- 1. The number is placed legally.
- 2. The visibility/readability of the number is not hindered.
- 3. The contrast of the jersey is not affected.

With respect to the other jersey (libero or regular jersey)

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