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NFHS Soccer Uniform Rule Change – EFFECTIVE FALL 2013

This memo is a reminder of changes to the NFHS soccer uniform rules that will take effect in Fall, 2013. If you replace your varsity soccer uniforms prior to that time, you may want to replace them with uniforms that satisfy the 2013 requirements.

The following is a detailed explanation of the upcoming change in NFHS soccer uniform requirements from OSAA State Soccer Rule Interpreter (and NFHS Soccer Rules Committee member) Patrick Duffy:

The current NFHS rule is that the home team is to wear “white or light” colored shirts and socks. There is no restriction on the color of the shorts. The 2013 change requires that the home team wear all white shirts and socks. In other words, the light color option is going away. Of course, the numbers, school name, player name and any other markings should be in a contrasting color. “All white” excludes any colored side panels, colored piping around the sleeves or neck, etc. Obviously, this also prohibits shirts with stripes as a home uniform.

Away shirts and socks will continue to be dark colors. This means that shirts with roughly equal sized stripes of white and dark colors do not have a dominant color and cannot be considered to be a “dark” color. In other words, stripes are okay if neither color is white. This is not a rule change but something to remember when ordering new shirts. So called “bumble bee” socks have been prohibited for some time.

NFHS rules require that all shirts have a number on the back at least six inches high. The rules also require that either the shirt or the shorts have the same number on the front, at least four inches high. Unfortunately, quite a few schools do not have the number on the front. This can lead to problems with player identification for coaches, players, officials, announcers and spectators. While it is not possible to add numbers to uniforms that have already been worn, please include this when you do order new uniforms.

It is the NFHS position that rules like these are written to apply to varsity games. Many schools will pass down the old uniforms to JV and later JV2/freshman teams when they order new varsity uniforms. It is OSAA’s position that sub-varsity teams will not be penalized if they do not meet the requirements of these rule changes in 2013.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact either Peter Weber (peterw@osaa.org) or Patrick Duffy (patd@amgearpdx.com).



Required Equipment Rule 4-1-1b

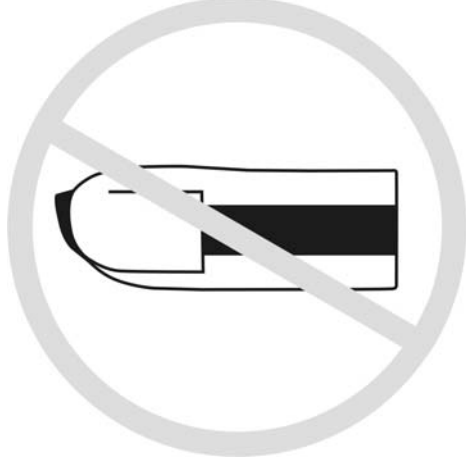


EFFECTIVE 2013 FALL SEASON



The home team shall wear *solid white jerseys and solid white socks* and the visiting team shall wear *dark jerseys and socks*.

Illegal Home Team Uniforms Starting Fall 2013



Color Side Panels and Color Piping

Legal Home Team Uniforms Starting Fall 2013

