



2012 NFHS Football Jersey Rule

ART. 1 . . . Mandatory equipment. Each player shall participate while wearing the following pieces of properly fitted equipment, which shall be professionally manufactured and not altered to decrease protection:

- c. A jersey with clearly visible and legible Arabic numbers 1-99 inclusive on the front and back which shall be long enough to reach the top of the pants and shall be tucked in if longer.
 1. The numbers shall be centered horizontally at least 8 inches and 10 inches high on front and back, respectively, and with bars or strokes approximately 1½ -inches wide.
 2. The color and style of the number shall be the same on the front and back.
 3. The body of the number shall be either a color(s) contrasting with the jersey color, or the same solid color(s) as the jersey with a minimum of one border that is at least ¼-inch in width of a single solid contrasting color.
 4. Players of the opposing teams shall wear jerseys of contrasting colors. Players of the home team shall wear dark jerseys and players of the visiting team shall wear light color jerseys (white in 2012). The visiting team is responsible for avoidance of similarity of colors, but if there is doubt, the referee may require players of the home team to change jerseys.

NOTE: An American flag, not to exceed 2 by 3 inches, and either a commemorative or memorial patch, not to exceed 4 square inches and with written state association approval, may be worn on the jersey provided neither the flag nor the patch interferes with the visibility of the number.

5. Beginning in 2012, players of the visiting team shall wear jerseys that meet the following criteria:

The body of the jersey (inside the shoulders, inclusive of the yoke of the jersey or the shoulders, below the collar, and to the bottom of the jersey) shall be white and shall contain only the listed allowable adornments and accessory patterns in a color(s) that contrasts to white:

- (a) as the jersey number(s) required in 1-5-1-c or as the team and/or player name within the body and/or on the shoulders,
- (b) either as a decorative stripe placed during production that follows the curve of the raglan sleeve or following the shoulder seam in traditional yoke construction, not to exceed 1 inch at any point within the body of the jersey; or as decorative stripe(s) added in the shoulder area after production, not to exceed 1 inch per stripe and total size of combined stripes not to exceed 3.5 inches,
- (c) within the collar, a maximum of 1 inch in width, and/or
- (d) as a side seam (insert connecting the back of the jersey to the front), a maximum of 4 inches in width but any non-white color may not appear within the body of the jersey (inside the shoulders, inclusive of the yoke of the jersey or the shoulders, below the collar, and to the bottom of the jersey). The exception to (d) would be what is stated in (b) above.

6. Beginning in 2012, players of the home team shall wear jerseys that meet the following criteria:

The body of the jersey (inside the shoulders, inclusive of the yoke of the jersey or the shoulders, below the collar, and to the bottom of the jersey) may not include white, except as stated below. If white appears in the body of the jersey of the home team, it may only appear:

- (a) as the jersey number(s) required in 1-5-1-c or as the team and/or player name within the body and/or on the shoulders,
- (b) either as a decorative stripe placed during production that follows the curve of the raglan sleeve or following the shoulder seam in traditional yoke construction, not to exceed 1 inch at any point within the body of the jersey; or as decorative stripe(s) added in the shoulder area after production, not to exceed 1 inch per stripe and total size of combined stripes not to exceed 3.5 inches,
- (c) within the collar, a maximum of 1 inch in width, and/or
- (d) as a side seam (insert connecting the back of the jersey to the front), a maximum of 4 inches in width but any white color may not appear within the body of the jersey (inside the shoulders, inclusive of the yoke of the jersey or the shoulders, below the collar, and to the bottom of the jersey). The exception to (d) would be what is stated in (b) above.

Legal Football Jerseys

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A.



B.



C.



D.

Description of Illegal Football Jerseys

Comments:

- All of the sample football jerseys on this slide are currently legal by NFHS rules.
- In 2012, all four of these designs and color schemes will be illegal based on the new NFHS football jersey rule.
- Football Jersey A: This football jersey will be illegal in 2012 because the white on the blue home team jersey cannot be between the shoulders, on the yoke and below the collar.
- Football Jersey B: This home football jersey will be illegal in 2012 because it cannot have both a white decorative stripe insert on the shoulder and a white side seam decorative stripe to the collar. It could have one or the other as long as the decorative stripe does not exceed 1 inch at any point in the body of the jersey or the decorative stripe insert does not exceed 3.5 inches.
- Football Jersey C: This football jersey will be illegal in 2012 because the black on the white visiting team jersey cannot be between the shoulders, on the yoke and below the collar.
- Football Jersey D: This football jersey will be illegal in 2012 because the orange on the white visiting team jersey cannot be between the shoulders, on the yoke and below the collar.