



Oregon School Activities Association

25200 SW Parkway Avenue, Suite 1

Wilsonville, OR 97070

503.682.6722 fax: 503.682.0960 <http://www.osaa.org>



To: Athletic Directors and Volleyball Coaches:

Here is a volleyball Uniform rule summary from the NFHS Volleyball Rule Book 2019-2020. Please ensure that your screen printers and uniform providers have these rules before you finalize any uniform orders. As soon as we receive the 2020-2021 rules, we will indicate any clarifications or additions to these rules.

Rules where there were consistent questions last year are bolded below. Please remember a couple of key uniform rule components.

- 1) Team jersey and libero jerseys must contrast. If you take a black and white picture of the jerseys side by side and you cannot tell the difference between them, then they do not contrast enough.
- 2) A **single** manufacturer's logo is permitted on the uniform top and a **single** manufacturer's logo on the bottoms. Nike Pro spandex have multiple logos on their waistband and therefore are not permitted as a legal uniform bottom.
- 3) Number location, number size and number colors are all very important! Please confirm that your number on the front and back of your uniform tops meet the requirements in rule 4.2.4. below. We had many uniform tops that had numbers too low on the front because of the addition of a team name between the neckline and the number. This was a common error that made the uniform top illegal.

Volleyball Uniform Rule Summary:

4.2.1. Legal Uniform

- a. Uniform tops [with the exception of the libero (4-2-2)] and bottoms shall be like-colored.
- b. Uniforms shall be worn as the manufacturer intended.
- c. Uniforms shall be free of hard and unyielding items (buttons, zippers, snaps, fasteners, etc.).
- d. **A single, visible manufacturer's logo and/or single school name or insignia no more than 2 1/4 inches are permitted on each visible undergarment. (One logo permitted on top and one logo permitted on bottom)**
- e. The school's name, nickname, logo, mascot and/or team member's name are permitted on the uniform top and/or bottom. A single mascot reference and/or school name may be placed on the sleeve(s), not to exceed either 4 by 4 inches or 3 by 5 inches.
- f. A single partial/whole manufacturer's logo/trademark/reference, no more than 2 ¼ square inches with no dimension more than 2 ¼ inches, is permitted on each piece of the uniform provided placement does not interfere with the visibility of the player's number.
- g. One American flag, not to exceed 2 by 3 inches may be worn or occupy space on each item of uniform apparel. By state association adoption, to allow for special occasions, commemorative or memorial patches, not to exceed 4 square inches may be worn on the uniform without compromising its integrity.
- h. **Uniform top:**
 1. Bare-midriff tops are not allowed.
 2. The uniform top shall hang below or be tucked into the waistband of the uniform bottom when the player is standing upright.
 3. Any visible garment (t-shirt, body suits and other similar garments) worn underneath the uniform top shall be unadorned and of a single, solid color that is similar in color to the predominant color of the uniform top.
- i. **Like-colored uniform bottom:**
 1. Multiple styles of uniform bottoms may be worn by teammates and may include: shorts, spandex, pants or skirts.
 2. A visible undergarment may be worn under the uniform bottom. It shall be unadorned and of a single solid color similar to the predominant color of the uniform bottom and may extend below the uniform bottom.

4.2.2. Contrasting Libero Uniform (NEW in 2019)

ART 2...The libero uniform top must clearly contrast from the predominant color(s) of the team uniform top, excluding trim. The libero's uniform top cannot be made up solely of the same predominant color(s) of the team's uniform top, even if the like color(s) are placed differently on the uniform top. Numbers shall meet all specifications in Rule 4-2-4.

- **The libero must clearly contrast with the rest of his/her teammates** and conform to all other uniform rules.
- Predominant color(s) is the color(s) appearing on the **majority** of the uniform top (body and sleeves).
- Uniform tops can have one predominant color with accent colors (colors used in designs or trim).
- **When one predominant color can be established, any of the accent colors – if clearly contrasting – can be used as the predominant color of the libero uniform top.**

Art Specifications:

4.2.4. The number shall be:

- a. Permanent and clearly visible;
- b. Not more than two digits 0-99;
- c. A plain, numeral of solid color, where either the body of the number (measuring not less than $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch at its narrowest point) or the surrounding solid color(s) of trim (a contrasting border not to exceed $\frac{1}{2}$ inch at its widest point? Is a color that is in sharp contrast to the color of the uniform top. A shadow of part of the number not to exceed $\frac{1}{2}$ inch at its widest point is permitted but shall not be used to make the number clearly visible regardless of color. **Beginning July 1, 2023, the body of the number must clearly contrast from the body of the uniform regardless of trim;**
- d. Located on the upper front and back of the uniform;
- e. At least 4 inches tall on the front of the top and at least 6 inches tall on the back of the top;
- f. **Placed so the top of the number on the front of the uniform is no more than 5 inches down from the shoulder seam or placed so the number is centered no more than 5 inches below the bottom edge of any neckline ribbing, placket or seams of the uniform top.**