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It has come to our attention that a number of clubs' jerseys are not compliant with the rules. Some jerseys have numbers that are too low, some jerseys have numbers that are not contrasting and some teams are wearing libero uniforms that are not contrasting.

Rule changes in the 2013-2015 DCR (rulebook) that are different from last year are noted by underlined words.

The region is able to allow teams to play in the region with non-compliant uniforms IF you request a waiver. A waiver will be given to each team that can be presented to tournament directors, referees, etc showing this specific team is allowed to wear the non-compliant jerseys in Great Plains Region events (ONLY). However, there are NO allowances for teams to wear non-compliant jerseys at out of region tournaments.

Page 16, Rule 4.3 EQUIPMENT of the 2013-2015 DCR (rulebook) states:

USAV 4.3.1 (gray box) The color and the design for the jerseys, shorts must be uniform for the team (except for the libero).

USAV 4.3.3 (gray box) The player's jerseys must be numbered in a permanent manner from 1 to 99. Duplicate numbers are not allowed.

4.3.3.1 The number must be placed on the jersey at the center of the front and of the back. The color and brightness of the numbers must contrast with the color and brightness of the jerseys.

USAV 4.3.3.1 (gray box) a. Uniform numbers must be clearly visible and centered **(both horizontally and vertically) on the player's chest and upper back.**

b. Each jersey must use the same color and number height for all players, except the Libero's jersey, which may have different color and size numbers, provided it still meets the minimum criteria stated in USAV 4.3.3.2

c. Color combinations such as purple/black, dark green/black, navy/black, white/light yellow or navy/maroon are not distinctive enough to comply with the rules.

Commissioner comment on USAV rule 4.3.3.1 – If the number is placed in the stomach area (below the female chest area), it is too low. Many jerseys that have numbers below a team name on the front are not compliant. This statement is being made after I requested an interpretation from the USAV Rules interpreter.

LIBERO EQUIPMENT

19.2 The libero player(s) must wear a uniform (OR JACKET)/BIBFOR THE RE-DESIGNATED Libero) **which has a different dominant color from any color of the rest of the team.** The uniform must clearly contrast with the rest of the team. The libero uniforms must be numbered like the rest of the team.

USAV 19.2 The Libero player's jersey must contrast in color with that of the predominant colors of the jersey of the other team members. Color combinations such as purple/black, dark green/black, navy/black, white/light yellow or navy/maroon are not distinctive enough to comply with the rules. (In addition, you need to know the Libero uniform rule will change again next season. For a full copy of the rule, see page 58 of the current rulebook.)