SOLID-COLORED UNIFORM JERSEY – 2016
NFHS Welcomes Sports Imports as Volleyball’s Corporate Partner
Regarding the solid-colored uniform top:

- The solid-colored uniform top shall clearly contrast from the predominant color(s) of the teammates’ uniform top. Predominant color(s) is the color(s) appearing on approximately half of the uniform.
- Sleeves shall be the same color as the body of the uniform top.
- Piping/trim not exceeding 1 inch in total at its widest point may be placed along the seams and may be a different color(s) than the uniform top.
- Lettering and collars may be a different color(s) than the uniform top.
- Numbers shall be a contrasting color to the uniform top and meet all other specifications in the respective uniform rules.
- A single school name, club name, mascot name and/or player’s name may be placed on the body of the uniform top, but shall not disrupt the integrity of the solid-color uniform top. Designs are not permitted.
- A mascot, not to exceed 4x4 or 3x5 inches, may be placed on the front and/or back of the jersey. (Spartan head, tiger head, etc.)
- A single mascot reference and/or school/club name may be placed on the sleeve(s), but shall not exceed either 4 by 4 inches or 3 by 5 inches.
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- Sleeves are to be same color as body and considered when determining predominant color(s).
- Piping/trim size and location are specified.
- Lettering and collars have flexibility of colors.
- Numbers must be in contrasting color to uniform jersey.
- Location and size of mascot, school, reference to such on solid-colored jersey is clarified within the rule.
- Interpretation of the size of a mascot is 4x4 or 3x5 inches when appearing on the body, front and/or back and/or sleeve(s) of the solid-colored jersey.
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- Who must wear the solid-colored jersey?
  - Libero, or
  - Teammates with libero in a contrasting colored jersey or
  - Both may wear solid-colored jersey, but libero shall be in contrasting solid-colored jersey
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- Piping/trim may only be placed along a **functional** seam (serves to hold materials together)
- When a uniform top is using sublimation, the restriction of where trim may appear is STILL based upon a **functional** seam

- Collar/neckline may be different colors
- Piping/trim on seams – no wider than 1”
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- Sleeves same color as body
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- Sleeves on solid-colored jersey shall be the same color as body of uniform
- Cap-style sleeves shall meet this requirement if being considered as solid-colored uniform
- A single school mascot and/or team reference may be placed on the front and/or back of the solid-colored jersey. The mascot/team reference shall not exceed 3x5 or 4x4 inches

Cap-style must be same color as body, may have trim (no wider than 1 inch) on seam

Not to exceed 3x5 inches or 4x4 inches on sleeve(s)
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Trim not wider than 1 inch and placed on functional seam

Shall not exceed 4x4 or 3x5 inches to preserve integrity of solid-colored body

Front

Back
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Non-compliant solid-colored jersey
Sleeves different color from body
Compliant as non-solid-colored jersey
The integrity of the solid color is disrupted by the change in color for the mascot in this example.

Using a change in shades or tones of the uniform color is not in compliance with “a solid color”.

Mascot exceeds 4x4 or 3x5 inches.
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- Accent on seam
- No wider than 1 inch
- Cuff may have trim of color(s) but not exceed 1 inch

Accent located on seam

OR

3x5 inches mascot reference, team name

4x4 inches mascot reference, team name
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Not to exceed 3x5 inches or 4x4 inches

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- Trim on seam no wider than 1 inch

- Measure widest point of accent – must be 1 inch or less in width

- Cuff that goes around sleeve is considered separate from accent and not included in measurement for accent
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- Trim is limited to a 1-inch maximum width
- If the trim is a different color, it must be measured at its widest point to determine compliance
  - An accent piece is also considered trim and shall not exceed 1-inch in width
  - Accent may only be placed along a functional seam or an actual piece of material sewn into the jersey

Non-compliant: Side trim different color and too wide

Trim too wide 3”

Accent on seam and no wider than 1”

Seam
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Trim runs along the seams

Trim is no wider than 1 inch in total width

Trim may be more than 1 color

Collar/neckline may be any color(s)

Body is solid color

Compliant solid-colored jersey
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- Designs shall not be placed on the solid-colored top, except as allowed within legal trim, placement of school name, team name, player name and mascot reference.

(NFHS and NCAA Rules allow for number to be on upper left, center or right)

May be placed on uniform top:
- School name
- Team name
- Player name
- Mascot name
- Mascot

Non-compliant Solid-Colored Uniform Top

Compliant Solid-Colored Uniform Top
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Non-compliant – design on solid-colored jersey
Compliant as a nonsolid-colored jersey
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Non-compliant solid-colored jersey

Trim (red, white and tan) is wider than 1 inch in total width.
Trim is located along seams

Trim is no wider than 1 inch at widest point

Trim may consist of more than one color and may contain a design

Compliant solid-colored jersey
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All White Jersey
Compliant solid-colored jersey

Black piping no wider than 1 inch

White

White, made of different material

Black piping
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- sleeves are the same color as the body of the jersey
- horizontal piping/trim runs along a seam
- piping/trim is no wider than 1 inch

Compliant solid-colored jersey
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SUBLIMATION: HOW TO DETERMINE COMPLIANCE

Horizontal arc is legal IF it runs along a seam

Horizontal arc is illegal IF it is only a design across the chest with no seam

- Sublimation may be used to create the piping/trim or design of the trim providing:
  - The piping/trim is placed along a seam.
  - The piping/trim is no wider than 1 inch at its widest point.
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This jersey includes an insert rather than piping or trim.

Side panel is not considered trim and exceeds 1 inch width.
Solid-colored uniform must be of a contrasting color to red and white.

Both red and white colors appear on approximately half the jersey.

Predominant colors are red and white.

Uniform Top - Two predominant colors
Solid-colored uniform shall not be red or white.
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- Solid-colored jersey could be white or gold, but no blue
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Team members’ jersey, so what is the predominant color?

Red, white and blue – no clear, predominant color

Can solid-colored jerseys be white, red or blue?

No to all three colors

- If a multiple-colored jersey does not have a predominant color, the libero’s jersey color shall be different than any color on the teammates’ jerseys
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Non-compliant – tone on tone (different tones)
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Non-compliant for solid color – tone on tone
Different tones, so not solid color
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- Is it non-compliant if only the SFSU is on the sleeve?

- Non-compliant with large mascot

- If mascot fits in space not to exceed 4x4 or 3x5 inches and SFSU in space 3x5 or 4x4 inches, it is in compliance
The inclusion of the school name and/or mascot is permitted to be placed on the uniform jersey. However, it shall not be done in a manner to destroy the integrity of the solid-colored jersey or the sleeves being the same color as the body of the jersey. Both of these jerseys have sleeves that are no longer solid-colored due to the lettering and mascot.
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- Sublimation vs. seams

- If all trim is on functioning seams, these could be in compliance
- If all trim is by sublimation and NOT on functioning seams, this would not be in compliance
- It is important when ordering jerseys to confirm seams
- If evaluating, may need to see actual jersey
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- Which are in compliance with solid-colored jersey requirements?

- No – not solid

- No – sleeves not solid color

- Yes – accent on seams, 1 inch

- Yes – trim on seams, 1 inch

- Yes – solid color, mascot in body less than 4X4 or 3X5 inches
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Non-compliant for solid-colored jersey – design on front and back
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- All other uniform requirements as set forth in the specific rule codes of the NCAA and NFHS must be met for a uniform to be legal.
- Questions regarding uniforms should be directed to the respective organization for which the question applies.
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