

OVR Officiating Memo: Note to OVR Club Directors Regarding Uniform Rules January 23, 2015

(This memo was sent to all OVR club directors)

Club Directors:

Now that the season is kicking into high gear, I want to send one last reminder regarding the solid-colored jersey rule as it relates to our referees and tournaments.

We've provided a substantial amount of information via email and through online video modules, to clubs and referees alike. At this point, all teams should be well aware of the uniform requirements. As such, referees have been instructed to apply the rules accordingly.

In short, if your team is using a Libero but you do not have a solid-colored jersey, your team cannot play with a Libero. The Libero is surely permitted to wear the team jersey and play as a "regular" player. Remember, it doesn't matter whether the Libero or his/her teammates wear the solid-color, but at least one of the sets of jerseys must be a solid-color. If both sets are a solid color, they must contrast (dark vs light).

Referees have been asked to apply this rule accordingly. The only portion of the rule that has been relaxed relates to the team or club name/mascot/logo. The current rule states that a solid-colored jersey may have a team name/logo/mascot on the front, the back and each sleeve of the jersey (4 logos in total) provided those logos are either 3X5 or 4X4 in size. ONLY the size restriction has been relaxed. In other words, those logos/mascots/team names may be larger than 3X5 or 4X4. However, if they are substantially larger and take up a significant portion of the solid color of the jersey, they are considered part of the design and the jersey will no longer be considered a solid color.

I know this rule has been a bit of a pain, but it has become necessary in order for the Libero to be clearly recognizable from all angles.

Please know that the referees are only applying the rules as they've been instructed to do. Do not criticize the referees or argue with their decisions. If you have questions about any rulings, please contact me. I will need photos of the jerseys in question.

So let's move forward now and have another great season in the OVR!

Thank you for your work in this endeavor,

Brian Hemelgarn
OVR Referees' Chair