

Referees,

Our pre-season clinics specifically clarified junior boys may play on girls' 12 & under teams. There are additional details, if you need them, in the OVR Junior Tournament Packet:
[https://www.ovr.org/juniors/tournament_packet/JTP Procedures and Rules.pdf](https://www.ovr.org/juniors/tournament_packet/JTP_Procedures_and_Rules.pdf),
Section 3.1.

Twice this season coaches have contacted me that referees have expressed concern that the boys' uniforms didn't match the girls' uniforms. We need to use some common sense here, please!! Boys typically don't wear spandex, and they don't wear the same style jerseys that girls wear. If the boy's jersey is the same predominant color as the girls', and the shorts are the same predominant color as the girls' spandex or shorts, that's all we ask.

Again, common sense must prevail. Our clinic material was clear - report uniform concerns to ME. Yet in both cases, I heard nothing from the referee(s), but coaches contacted me because referees had a concern. I'm trying to establish an environment where referees don't have to be "uniform police" -- there are more important things for referees to focus on. Please help me in this endeavor.

Thank you,

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