

It is SOLELY the REFEREES' responsibility when it comes to enforcing USAV rules, including player uniforms/equipment, court & facility equipment, etc. That means the REFEREES are deciding if a team's jerseys are compliant with the solid-colored jersey requirement. That also means the REFEREES are determining if the court is correctly setup, that the free zone meets minimum requirements, and that the net/posts/ref stand meet USAV requirements and are properly padded.

I emphasize that these things are the REFEREES' responsibility because we have had a couple of instances where tournament directors/site directors/hosts have been involved with determining the legality of a team's uniforms. This needs to cease and desist. We don't ask tournament directors to help us with ball handling decisions, so why are they helping with uniform issues? Tournament directors run the event, but they are not USAV DCR rule enforcers. That is the job of the REFEREES. Seek input from your fellow referees at the site, NOT tournament staff, when it comes to rules enforcement.

I will ensure that tournament directors receive this memo as well.

Thank you! As always, let me know if you have any questions about the info in this note, or any other officiating matter.

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OVR Referees' Chair