

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

(This memo was sent to all OVR tournament directors)

Referees,

The following memo was sent to OVR Tournament Directors. Note that I reminded them that they CANNOT over-rule any of your decisions.

Thank you!
-Brian

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OVR Tournament Directors:

With the season getting into full swing, I wanted to touch base with each of you regarding a couple of topics that were brought to my attention by referees during our pre-season clinics this year.

1 - Regarding the new solid-colored jersey rule that USAV (and the OVR) have implemented, I have given referees extensive information about the proper application of this rule. We have also provided clubs/teams with significant notice that this rule will be implemented this season, and they have been given comprehensive guidelines so that they can ensure their teams comply.

If the referees at your tournament make a ruling that a team's jerseys do not comply with the solid-color requirement, the team cannot play with a Libero. **You may not over-rule the referees' decision.**

2 - Similarly, a number of referees have expressed concern about tournament directors becoming involved in the application of other playing rules, including sanctions (team or individual), ground rules, etc. **I just want to clarify that tournament directors may NOT make any decisions regarding the application or interpretation of the playing rules.** These decisions rest with the head referee and the officiating crew. If you ever have questions about a rule application or a referee's decisions, please feel free to contact me.

The OVR truly appreciates your work, and we're looking forward to another great season in the OVR! You all do such an excellent job, and our teams wouldn't have these playing opportunities without you.

Let me know if you need anything from an officiating or rules standpoint.

Have a great weekend and an even better season,

Brian Hemelgarn
OVR Referees' Chair