

Referees,

I wanted to let everyone know in advance that I have sent the following memo to club directors. For those of you who haven't attended a pre-season referee clinic yet, we will cover this in that presentation. If you have questions about this rule, hang onto them until you attend a clinic (unless you were at Toledo last weekend).

We expect all referees to apply this rule accordingly! If you encounter a team with illegal jersey numbering, ALLOW THE TEAM TO PLAY and report the team/club name and age division to me and Bob Price after the tournament.

Thanks,

Brian Hemelgarn  
OVR Referees' Chair

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OVR Club Directors:

Since many of you are busy preparing for the season, including ordering uniforms, I want to be sure we are clear on one important RULE CHANGE that goes into effect this season:

"The color of the (jersey) number must clearly contrast with the color of the jersey (surrounding the number) irrespective of any border (or trim) around the number." USAV Rule 4.3.3.1 c

This basically means that dark jerseys need a light-colored number, and light jerseys need a dark number.

We often see a contrasting trim/border around a number, but starting this year, that will NOT make a jersey number legal. The number itself must clearly contrast (dark vs light).

You can send a photo of your jersey with the number on it if you'd like me to verify for you.