

Team Uniform/Equipment Waivers – emailed by Brian Hemelgarn, January 27, 2020:

Below are a few points of clarification regarding team uniform waivers.
We all need to be on the same page with this!

In general, waivers are used for one of two reasons:

1) Something about the team's uniforms is illegal and it can't/won't be corrected by the team/club this season, i.e., numbers aren't centered, number color doesn't contrast with jersey, etc. These are typically issues that would have a significant financial impact on the team/club if the team were to correct it.

2) A player has a (medical) condition requiring her/him to wear a "modified" uniform. Example: ONE player wears long-legged uniform bottoms while the rest of the team wears shorts/spandex.

If you encounter either of the above two situations, ask the COACH if she/he has an OVR waiver. DO NOT ASK THE PLAYER(S). If the coach does not have a waiver from me or Bob Price, let them play and send me a note at the end of the tournament so that we can take care of them.

The following DO NOT require a waiver:

1 - Wearing a religious head covering, i.e., hijab, yarmulke, bonnet, etc.

2 - Wearing shorts/skirt/culottes that don't match the rest of the team. The alternative item still needs to be the same color as the predominant color of the corresponding uniform item worn by the rest of the team.

3 - Wearing required medical equipment, such as insulin monitor/pump, cochlear ear implant, padded/foam helmet, plastic face/nose guard, among others.

With the above, DO NOT ASK FOR A WAIVER since none is needed. But if there's something that concerns you, let the team play and send me a note after the tournament.

Regarding USAV uniform waivers: These are specifically for teams that will be playing in national-level events (National Qualifiers/Bids, National Championships, High Performance). These waivers typically address only two areas: number contrast with the jersey color, or Libero uniform contrast with the rest of the team. Medical waivers may also be granted by USAV but aren't necessary.