

# Solid Colored Jersey Rule Fact Sheet

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Beginning on September 1 of this year, the solid colored jersey rule went into effect. This document will summarize the rule and its associated interpretations in a single document. For additional information, please review the Solid Colored Jersey Rule powerpoint presentation on [www.volleyballreftraining.com](http://www.volleyballreftraining.com) to see numerous examples and more detailed descriptions.

As is the case in previous years, as long as the jerseys worn by the rest of the team are identical and meet the requirements of the regular uniform rules, those jerseys will be legal jerseys. So jerseys with designs, patterns, logos, multiple colors and/or sublimation that were legal last year are still legal. The only thing that has changed is what jerseys can be worn to contrast with those jerseys.

So if the team can still wear multi-colored jerseys, then who must wear the solid color jersey? The rule states that either the Libero and/or the rest of the team must wear a solid colored jersey that clearly contrasts with the jerseys of the rest of the team. That means that if the team is wearing jerseys with multiple colors, the Libero **MUST** wear a solid colored jersey. If the team is wearing solid colored jerseys, the Libero can wear either a contrasting solid or a multi colored jersey.

And what qualifies as a solid colored jersey? First, it means that the jersey has to be all one color. No sublimation, no color variants or hues, just one solid color. That includes both the body of the jersey and sleeves of all types, i.e. long, short, cap, etc., which must be the same color as the rest of the jersey. Exceptions are allowed for collars, cuffs, and piping/trim that is along a working seam and is no wider than 1" at its widest point. All of those exceptions can be of a different color than the rest of the solid color jersey.

Which leaves us with two final areas to discuss; lettering and logos. Initial information regarding the restriction on size, location and quantity of lettering and logos on the solid colored jersey was sent in the powerpoint distributed on September 2. Based on concerns from several clubs/regions, the Rules Commission has agreed to relax the limits on lettering and logos. Essentially, that means that for this season there will be no specific limitations on team/club/player lettering on the solid color jersey, and there is no specific size or location limitations on a team mascot/logo that is printed on the solid colored jersey. So long as all other aspects of the solid colored jersey requirements are met, lettering and logos will **NOT** make a jersey non-compliant.

To recap, a solid color jersey will be compliant provided that both body and sleeves are one solid color, all piping and trim is along a working seam and no wider than 1", and numbers are clearly visible and meet the specifications for size and location as described in Rule 4.3. Club names, team names, player names, team mascots and team logos will not be considered when determining if a jersey is compliant as a solid colored jersey.