



Contrasting Uniform Top Requirements



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Legal Uniform
Rule 4-2-1



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ART. 1. . . . All uniforms shall adhere to the following:

- a. Uniform tops [with the exception of the libero (4-2-2a)] shall be like-colored and uniform bottoms [with the exception of the libero (4-2-2b)] shall be like-colored;
- b. Uniforms shall be worn as the manufacturer intended;
- c. Uniforms shall be free of hard and unyielding items (buttons, zippers, snaps, fasteners, etc.);
- d. A single, visible manufacturer's logo and/or single school name or insignia no more than 2 1/4 inches are permitted on each visible undergarment;
- e. The school's name, nickname, logo, mascot and/or team member's name are permitted on the uniform top and/or bottom;



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- f. A single partial/whole manufacturer's logo/trademark/reference, no more than 2 ¼ square inches with no dimension more than 2 ¼ inches, is permitted on each piece of the uniform provided placement does not interfere with the visibility of the player's number. Manufacturer's logo/trademark/reference restrictions do not apply to waistbands on uniform bottoms;
- g. One American flag, not to exceed 2 by 3 inches, may be worn or occupy space on each item of uniform apparel. By state association adoption, to allow for special occasions, commemorative or memorial patches, not to exceed 4 square inches, may be worn on the uniform without compromising its integrity.



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- h. Uniform top:
 - 1. Bare-midriff tops are not allowed.
 - 2. The uniform top shall hang below or be tucked into the waistband of the uniform bottom when the player is standing upright.
 - 3. Any visible garment (t-shirt, body suits and other similar garments) worn underneath the uniform top shall be unadorned and of a single, solid color that is similar in color to the predominant color of the uniform top or be solid black, white or gray. All team members, other than the libero, must wear the same color undershirt.
- i. Like-colored uniform bottom:
 - 1. Multiple styles of uniform bottoms may be worn by teammates and may include: shorts, spandex, pants or skirts.
 - 2. A visible undergarment may be worn under the uniform bottom. It shall be unadorned and of a single solid color similar to the predominant color of the uniform bottom or be solid black, white or gray and may extend below the uniform bottom. All team members must wear the same color undergarment.
 - 3. The libero may wear any color uniform bottom.



Legal Uniform
Rule 4-2-2



Rule 4-2-2

ART. 2 . . . The libero uniform:

- a. The libero uniform top must clearly contrast from the predominant color(s) of the team uniform top, excluding trim. The libero's uniform top cannot be made up solely of the same predominant color(s) of the team's uniform top, even if the like color(s) are placed differently on the uniform top. Numbers shall meet all specifications in Rule 4-2-4.
 - b. The libero uniform bottom may be any color while adhering to all other uniform rules.
- **The libero must clearly contrast with the rest of his/her teammates and conform to all other uniform rules.**



Establishing Predominant Color(s)

- Predominant color(s) is the color(s) appearing on the **majority** of the uniform top (body and sleeves).
- Uniform tops can have one predominant color with accent colors (colors used in designs or trim).
- **When one predominant color can be established, any of the accent colors – if clearly contrasting – can be used as the predominant color of the libero uniform top.**



Establishing Predominant Color(s)

- In this scenario, the uniform has **one predominant color: BLACK**



Team/Libero Uniform Compliance – Predominant Color(s)

Since the uniform has one predominant color (**BLACK**) any contrasting color can be used as the predominant color of the libero uniform and **BLACK** can be used as an accent color.



Compliant



Team/Libero Uniform Compliance – Predominant Color(s)

Since the uniform has one predominant color (**BLUE**) any contrasting color can be used as the predominant color of the libero uniform and **BLUE** can be used as an accent color.



Compliant



Establishing Predominant Color(s)

- Uniform tops can have **multiple predominant colors** sharing approximately the same amount of space on the uniform top.
- **When multiple predominant colors can be established none of the predominant colors can be used as the predominant color of the libero uniform top, even if placed differently on the uniform top.**



Establishing Predominant Color(s)

- In this scenario, the uniform has **two predominant colors**: **light blue** and **navy blue**.



Team/Libero Uniform Compliance – Predominant Color(s)

Which one of the jerseys below would be a compliant libero jersey?

Compliant



Non-compliant



Team Jersey

Establishing Predominant Color(s)

- In all scenarios when there is more than one prevailing uniform color, both colors are to be determined as predominant colors and neither should be used as the predominant color(s) of the libero uniform.



Establishing Predominant Color(s)

- In this scenario, the uniform has **two predominant colors**: **lime green** and **navy blue**.



Team/Libero Uniform Compliance – Predominant Color(s)

Which one of the jerseys below would be a compliant libero jersey?

Compliant



Non-compliant



Team Jersey



Team/Libero Uniform Compliance – Piping/Trim

Compliant



- Piping/trim does not need to be placed on a seam.
- There are no width requirements for piping/trim.
- The contrasting uniform can be blue or white or any other clearly contrasting color.

Team/Libero Uniform Compliance – Piping/Trim

Sublimation vs. seams – Both are compliant

Does the grey jersey contrast with the yellow jersey?

Compliant



Team/Libero Uniform Compliance – School References

Compliant

School mascot
references



Team/Libero Uniform Compliance – School References

Is the mascot permitted on the jersey of both the team and the libero?

Compliant



Team/Libero Uniform Compliance – School References

- Can you clearly see the uniform number? (4-2-4a)
- The sublimated team mascot is compliant on both the team and libero jersey.
- A gold uniform with the sublimated mascot would be a compliant contrasting jersey.

Compliant



Team/Libero Uniform Compliance – School References

- School references are allowed on the sleeve(s) of the uniform top without size restrictions.

Compliant



Legal Uniform

Rule 4-2-4c



Rule 4-2-4c

ART. 4 . . . The number shall be:

c. A plain, Arabic numeral of a solid color, where the body of the number (measuring not less than $\frac{3}{4}$ inch in width at its narrowest point) is a color that clearly contrasts to the color of the uniform top. A trim (contrasting border not to exceed $\frac{1}{2}$ inch in width at its widest point) or a shadow on part of the number not to exceed $\frac{1}{2}$ inch at its widest point is permitted but shall not be used to make the number clearly visible.



Non-compliant



Coming in 2028 . . .



Rule 4-2-4b

ART. 4 . . . The number shall be:

b. No more than two digits (0-99).

Beginning July 1, 2028, numbers with a leading zero are not legal (01, 02, etc.)

While **currently compliant**, jersey numbers with a leading zero will be **non-compliant in 2028**.



Coming in 2029 . . .



Rule 4-2-4d, f

ART. 4 . . . The number shall be:

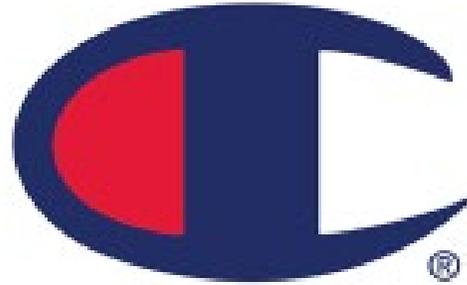
d. Located on the upper front and back of the uniform top.

Beginning July 1, 2029, the number on the front of the uniform must be centered on the upper half of the uniform top and the requirements in item f. will be eliminated;



While **currently compliant**, uniforms not centered on the upper half of the uniform top will be **non-compliant in 2029**.





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All other uniform requirements as set forth in the NFHS Rules Book must be met for a uniform to be legal. Questions regarding uniforms should be directed to the state association. All state association questions can be directed to Lindsey Atkinson.

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