

Dear Badger Region Volleyball Club Directors,

As of February, 2016, the Libero jersey requirement was simplified by USAV. Rule USAV 19.2 (aka. The Solid color Uniform Rule) was deleted.

We are currently enforcing FIVB Rule 19.2 -

This rule has been in effect since the introduction of the Libero – Contrasting color jersey.

“FIVB 19.2 – Equipment: The Libero player(s) must wear a uniform (OR JACKET/BIB FOR THE REDESIGNATED Libero) which has a different dominant color from any color of the rest of the team. The uniform must clearly contrast with the rest of the team. The Libero uniforms must be numbered like the rest of the team.”

Many clubs have been in non-compliance with this rule and it will be a point of emphasis this season with the referees to not allow the Libero(s) to play if the jersey is non-contrasting. In an attempt to help define non-compliant combinations we are supplying the following additional information to assist clubs and referees.

Color combinations such as purple/black, dark green/black, navy/maroon, and white/light yellow are not distinctive enough to comply with the rules.

Badger Region addition – “Other color combinations that are not distinctive enough to comply with the rules include two dark colors or two light colors, such as the following groups of colors:

- Group 1 - Black/dark grey/dark green/navy blue/royal blue/dark purple/dark brown/maroon
- Group 2 - Yellow/white/gold/tan/light grey/light blue/light green
- Group 3 - Pink/red/cardinal red/orange

While this list is more comprehensive than the combinations listed in the DCR, given the creativity and palate offered by the uniform manufacturers, other combinations may exist that are not listed above.”

Basically, if the colors lie within a few rows of each other on the color palate, they are too similar to be compliant with the rule.

Colors:



The sequence of actions by the referees for teams with non-contrasting jerseys should be:

1. Ask the teams to become compliant with the rule by changing into jerseys that meet the requirements of the contrasting colors rule.
2. If the team cannot comply with the rule, the team cannot play with a Libero.

Note: If the entire team has illegal uniforms (e.g. design through the number, number not contrasting issue, numbers not centered, etc.), the team must change into legal uniforms before they can play the match.

If you have questions about the legality of your teams' jerseys, please feel free to contact me for an assessment.

Sincerely,

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