



## Uniform Requirements and Reminders for 2018-2019 USA Volleyball Competition

This document is intended to provide a brief overview of uniform requirements and reminders for this season.

The complete DCR (PDF) can be found at:

[https://volleyballreftraining.com/rules\\_interpretations\\_indoor.php](https://volleyballreftraining.com/rules_interpretations_indoor.php)

### BEFORE PURCHASING UNIFORMS

Teams are strongly encouraged to review this document and the DCR prior to purchasing uniforms. If you have questions about the legality of uniforms, please contact your **Region Office** or **Region Officials/Referee Chair**. If your team(s) will be attending any National events (bid tournaments, national qualifiers, etc.), USAV has developed a new website to allow teams to submit jerseys for approval ([https://volleyballreftraining.com/uniform\\_upload/uniform\\_submit2.php](https://volleyballreftraining.com/uniform_upload/uniform_submit2.php)). The USAV Rules Interpreter will review your jersey designs and provide an approval form indicating what jerseys may be worn in combination with each other. If any jerseys are illegal, this information will also be provided.

### KEY POINTS REGARDING LEGALITY

1. Jerseys and Shorts must be identical for all regular players (non-Libero).
2. Uniforms must be numbered in a permanent manner using Arabic numerals.
  - a. Numbers 1-99 are legal. Numbers 0, 00-09 are not legal and will not be permitted
  - b. Number minimum height: Front 4"; Back 6". Recommended: Front 6"; Back 8".
  - c. The stripe forming the number must be solid with a minimum width of 3/4".
  - d. **NEW for 2018-2019 season: The stripe forming the number must clearly contrast with the jersey irrespective of any border. See Diagram A.**
3. Uniform numbers must be clearly visible. The entire number must clearly contrast with the jersey and must be centered on the player's chest and upper back. Chest is from the neck to the sternum, **not the stomach**. See **Number Placement Guide** in this document. **The primary goal is to make it easy to identify the player's number when web streaming and on-site for spectators, parents, coaches, and officials. Placement and size are factors.**
4. Numbers on shorts (if any) must match jersey number. All shorts must be identical for regular players with a few exceptions. See **Diagram B**
5. USAV 19.2 changed in March 2016. It now reads: **The Libero(s) must wear a uniform which clearly contrasts with the rest of the team.**

**THE SOLID COLOR REQUIREMENT NO LONGER EXISTS.** The only requirement is that the Libero jersey be **CLEARLY CONTRASTING**.

Certain combinations of colors do not meet any standard of contrast. These include, but are not limited to: black/navy; red/maroon/burgundy; black/dark green; white/light yellow; navy/maroon. Such combinations must be avoided. One way to get a better idea of contrast is to take a photo of both jerseys and convert the photo to monochrome (gray scale). If it is difficult to determine which is which, this combination should be avoided.

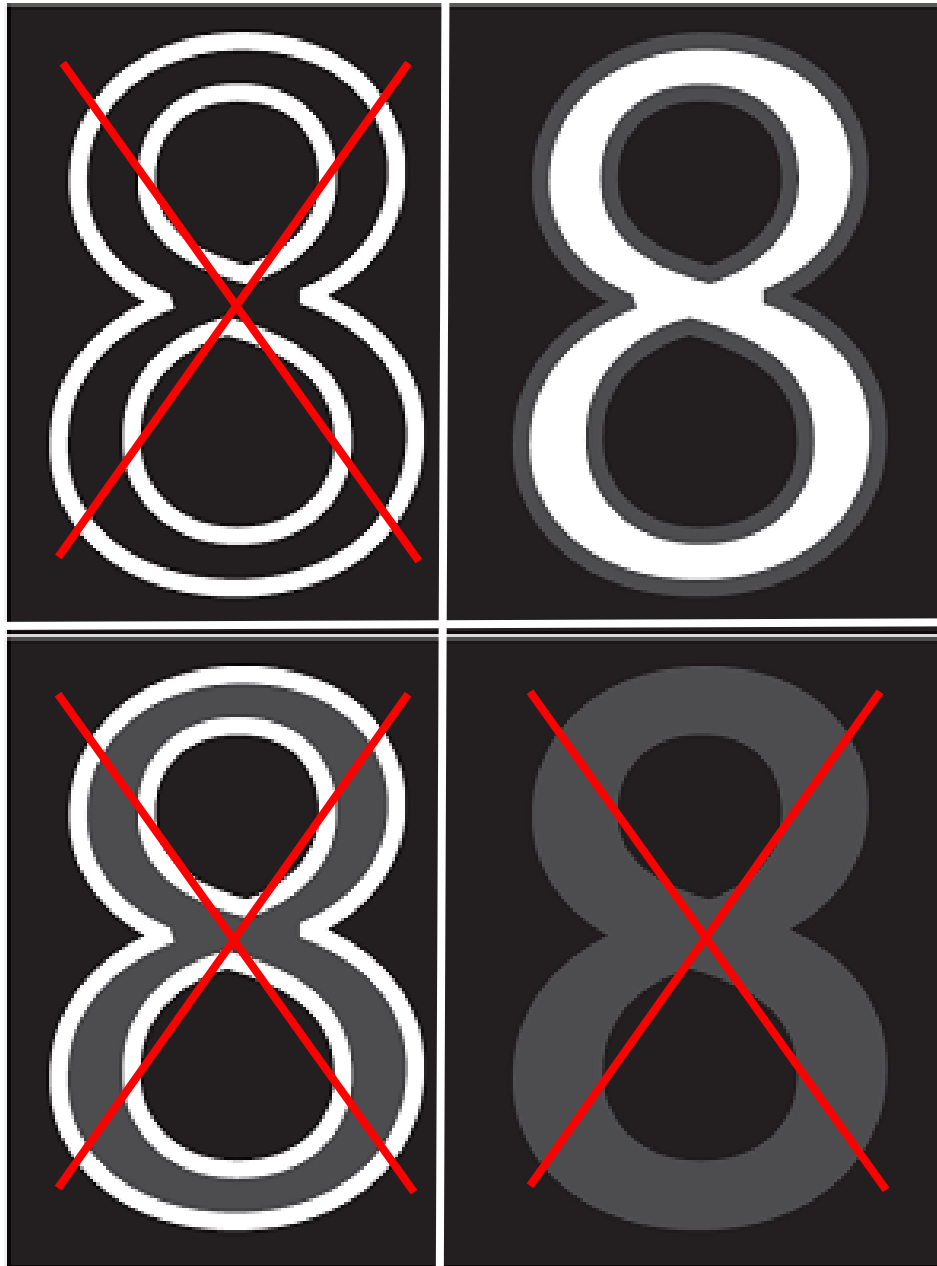
Since contrast can be subjective (eye of the beholder, lighting, sweat, etc.) some jersey combinations like (black/gray) may be **IN THE MARGIN**. If a team chooses such a combination, it is recommended that an additional jersey, which will provide a **CLEARLY CONTRASTING** combination, be available.

The legality of combinations which are **IN THE MARGIN** is determined by the policies of the event. Each **Region** develops its own policies for **Regional events**. At **National events**, the **head referee and tournament director** will assist in resolving any issues.

## DIAGRAM A

In this example, the only one of these numbers that is legal is the upper right number. It is a white number on a black background. That would make the number contrast to the jersey color. The number may have a border, but the border does not have to contrast.

The other numbers are either black on black or dark gray on black which are not contrasting.



## NUMBER PLACEMENT GUIDE



1. Front

**LEGAL**



1. Back



2. Front

**IN THE MARGIN**  
May or may not be legal when  
jersey is seen live.  
Should be HIGHER.



2. Back



3. Front

**ILLEGAL**



3. Back

# LOGOS / TEAM NAMES PLAYER NAMES Placement



Logos may be placed anywhere on the jerseys providing:

1. The number is placed legally.
2. The visibility/readability of the number is not hindered.
3. The contrast of the jersey is not affected.
  - With respect to the other jersey (libero or regular jersey)

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## DIAGRAM B

### LEGAL



Manufacturers logos may be different as long as the shorts are the same color and the logo is not larger than 2 ¼”.

### LEGAL



Players may have a number on their shorts as long as it matches their jersey number. Not all players are required to have a number on their shorts.

### LEGAL for 2018-2019 Club/Sponsor Logo on Shorts



**New for 2018-2019 Season.** A player may play with a club/sponsor logo on their shorts even if the rest of the team does not have that logo. If more than one player has a club/sponsor logo on their shorts, they must be the same logo in the same position. Although preferred, not all players are required to have the logo.