

The "New Uniform Rule" for Soccer

A few facts regarding the "new" Uniform Rule:

1. The rule was implemented in 2010
2. The rule is a NATIONAL rule (NFHS)
3. The rule is a VARSITY team uniform rule
4. The rule takes effect in 2013
5. The rule is for HOME JERSEYS and SOCKS only
6. This is no requirement for the SHORTS to be all white

Comments:

Basically, the 'new' rule is a NFHS rule that was passed in 2010 and indicates that a HOME jersey for varsity teams and becomes effective in 2013. The reason for the long time for implementation was knowing that teams/schools order uniforms on a rotating basis with other school teams and most teams have their uniforms replaced every 3-6 years. If teams were ordering now, they would want to comply with the regulation for 2013. NO team will be required to purchase new uniforms IF they are not on their rotating basis. More on that at Rules Interpretation meetings.

4.1.1(b) The home team shall wear white or light jerseys and socks and the visiting team shall wear dark jerseys and socks. Beginning with the 2013 fall season, the home team shall wear solid white jerseys and solid white socks, and the visiting team shall wear dark jerseys and socks. Prior to and during the game, jerseys shall be tucked into the shorts, unless manufactured to be worn outside.

4.1.1(i)(1) All jerseys, except those worn by goalkeepers, shall be numbered on the back with a different Arabic number at least 6 inches in height and on the front (jersey or shorts) with the same number which shall be at least 4 inches in height. Numbers shall be of contrasting color to the jersey (or shorts) **and clearly visible**.

4.1.1(i)(1) (Continued) Beginning with the 2012 fall season, all jerseys shall be numbered on the back with a different Arabic number at least 6 inches in height and on the front (jersey or shorts) with the same number which shall be at least 4 inches in height. Numbers shall be of contrasting color to the jersey (or shorts) **and clearly visible**.

4.1.1(i)(2) Only those names, patches, emblems, logos or insignias referencing the school are permitted on the team uniform, except as in 4.1.1(d), -(f) and -(g). The player's name may also appear on the team uniform.

Beginning in the FALL OF 2013, NONE of these jerseys will be legal:



