



# Uniform Requirements and Reminders for 2020-2021 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://www.teamusa.org/usa-volleyball/officials/rulebooks>

## Before Purchasing Uniforms

Teams are strongly encouraged to review this document and the USA Volleyball Rules Book 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://www.teamusa.org/USA-Volleyball/Grassroots/Clubs/Jersey-Approval>). 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 must be identical for all regular players (non-Libero).
2. **\*NEW\*** - Uniform Bottoms may differ in style and cut but must all be the same color for all regular players (non-Libero).
3. 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. The stripe forming the number must clearly contrast with the jersey. See **Diagram A**.
4. Uniform numbers must be clearly visible, entire number must clearly contrast with the jersey, and 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 main goal is to see the number at a glance. Placement and size are factors.**
5. Numbers on shorts/pants (if any) must match jersey number. Uniform bottoms may differ for regular players with a few exceptions. See **Diagram B**.
6. USAV 19.2 changed in March 2016. It now reads: **The Libero(s) must wear a jersey that clearly contrasts with the jersey of their teammates.**

Certain combinations of colors do not meet any standard of contrast. Some are, but 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 it 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, wetness) 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.

## 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:

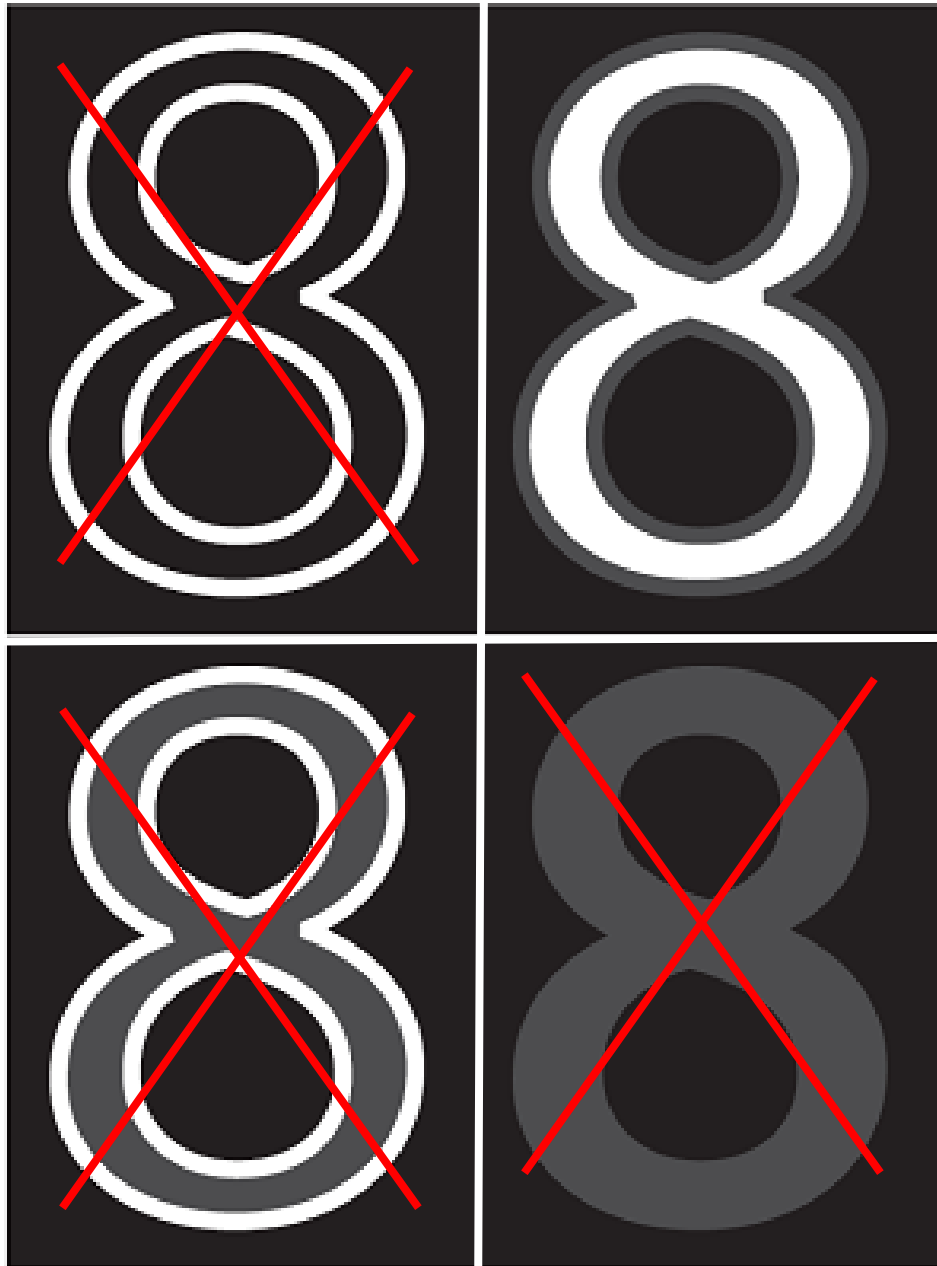
1. The number is placed legally.
2. The visibility/readability of the number is not hindered.
3. The contrast of the jersey is not affected.

With respect to the other jersey (libero or regular jersey)

## 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.



## 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”.

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.



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. Not all players are required to have the logo.

### NEW for 2020-2021 Season

Uniform bottoms may differ provided all bottoms are the same color (excluding the Libero). No waiver is needed if a player chooses to wear a different style of bottoms. Types of bottoms include spandex (of any length), gym style shorts (of any length), pants of any length, or culottes. All other rules regarding manufacturer logos, numbers, and logos from above still apply.

### All of these styles together would be legal

