

UNIFORMS VIOLATIONS

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IREVA Uniforms Enforcement Policy and Procedure

- a) Policy - Due to numerous issues related to uniforms over many years, potential rules ambiguities, widely varying interpretations of the rules, and evolving USAV rules / standards for uniforms, IREVA has adopted a policy and procedure to address these issues in a constructive, member-friendly manner.
- b) Rules and standards – in addition to the explicit language of the USAV rulebook, additional guidance [color contrast, etc.] has been developed by USAV and is available on the IREVA website.
- c) Club Directors and Team Reps are reminded to check the rules and guidance before purchase of uniforms. Club Directors and Team Reps are encouraged to obtain feedback concerning color combinations and any other potential issues from IREVA's Officials Director in advance.
- d) Club Directors, Team Reps and players are reminded that this policy is applicable to only IREVA-sanctioned events. Other USAV Regions, and particularly Qualifiers and National Tournaments, may require strict adherence to the uniforms rules as written and will have their own procedures for handling infractions.
- e) IREVA Tournament Procedure for infractions of uniforms rules -
 - (1) Officials, HOs and TDs should not refuse to allow participation by players or teams with non-compliant uniforms. This would be a severe and disruptive penalty for an infraction that may be unintentional or marginal.
 - (2) Officials should report non-compliant uniforms to the HO, and confer with the HO to address any ambiguous situations. HOs are responsible for ensuring consistent application of these policies and procedures at an event and from event-to-event.
 - (3) After determining that a player or team uniform is non-compliant, the HO will give a verbal warning to the player and / or team captain, obtain the necessary information from the player / team, inform the player / team captain that the infraction will be reported, and that there may be penalties imposed for future infractions.
 - (4) The HO will report the situation to the Officials Director [or designee] via the Assignor with their event report [by email]. Information to be included: player's team name, player's name, uniform number, reason uniform is illegal, team captain and contact information.
 - (5) If the Officials Director receives a notification of a second uniforms infraction by the same team, the team captain will receive a formal written warning from the Officials Director concerning the violation and the potential for imposition of penalties upon any additional uniforms infractions.
 - (6) If the Officials Director receives notification of a third uniforms infraction by the same team, penalties will be imposed. Depending on circumstances, penalties may include: forfeiture of team results [affecting standings and seedings at Regional Championships and Nationals]; membership suspension and posting of a \$50 bond to obtain relief; refusal of entry to Regional Championships, or other as determined appropriate.
 - (7) Team captains may appeal to or seek clarification from the Officials Director at any time.