

VOLLEYBALL CANADA

UNIFORM GUIDELINES



The Volleyball Canada uniform guidelines provide a detailed breakdown of the requirements associated with the creation of uniforms to ensure that there is compliancy with the Rules of the Game. The specific focus of the uniform is on the jersey and shorts and the corresponding information contained in Rules 4.3 and 19.2 of the current year rulebook.

In addition, there is information pertaining to advertising and sponsorship logos, a section of frequently asked questions, procedural information for having uniforms verified by Volleyball Canada's Uniform Committee and samples of compliant uniforms and non-compliant uniforms.

Equipment

- A player's equipment consists of a jersey and shorts / leggings
- The colour and design for the jerseys must be uniform for the team (except for the Libero)
- The colour for the shorts / leggings must be uniform for the team (except for the Libero)
 - The length or fit of the shorts / leggings are irrelevant and of no consequence
- The uniform must be clean
- Players' jerseys must be numbered from 1 – 99
 - The number must be placed on the jersey at the centre of the front and of the back
 - The colour and brightness of the numbers must contrast with the colour and brightness of the jerseys
 - The number must be a minimum of 10 cm in height on the chest
 - The number must be a minimum of 15 cm in height on the back
 - The stripe forming the number shall be a minimum of 2 cm in width
- It is forbidden to wear uniforms of a colour different from that of the other players (except for the Libero)
- It is forbidden to wear uniforms without official numbers

Libero Uniforms

- The Libero player(s) must wear a uniform which has a different dominant colour from any dominant colour of the team jersey
- The uniform must clearly contrast with the rest of the team
- The Libero uniforms must be numbered like the rest of the team

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Advertising and Sponsorship Logos

- When adding advertising material to a jersey, the following should be considered:
 - No more than three (3) pieces of advertising material can be added to a jersey:
 - One (1) block of advertising material can be included on the body of the shirt and must not exceed 300 cm²
 - One (1) block of advertising material can be included on each sleeve and must not exceed 50 cm²
 - The logo of the manufacturer is authorized on the team uniform so long as it does not exceed 30 cm² or 6 cm x 5 cm
 - The logo of the manufacturer does not count towards the three pieces of advertising material
 - If adding a logo or advertising, it must not inhibit the requirements associated with the numbering of a jersey
 - If adding a logo or advertising, it should not be the visual focal point of the jersey

Frequently Asked Questions

1. I have an athlete that will play one set as a regular player and the next set as the Libero. When he/she wears our light uniforms, this player wears jersey #6. When he/she wears our dark uniform, this player wears #14. How do I list this on the team roster at the start of the match?

An athlete is bound to a single number for the entire duration of a match. In this case, the coach/captain must choose the role for the athlete and uniquely assign him/her either #6 or #14 prior to verifying the data on the team roster at the start of the match. It is not possible for an athlete to switch numbers for the next set to allow them to be Libero.
2. When we purchased our uniforms, we only ordered a single set of jerseys plus one extra jersey (#15) to use as our Libero uniform. We have two athletes that take turns being Libero. Can I list a generic Libero in the team roster?

No. Every athlete must be listed by name and assigned a unique identifying number on the roster. It is not permissible to list the athletes under a number and then add a generic Libero to the team roster.

In this case, the coach/captain must choose the role for the athletes and uniquely assign him/her either their regular number or #15 prior to verifying the data on the team roster at the start of the match. The athlete will be bound to the designation for the entirety of the match

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Frequently Asked Questions

3. We are reusing some of last year's uniforms and ordered a couple of new jerseys for new athletes. The design from the previous year was discontinued, but we were able to find something very similar. Is this acceptable?

The Rules of the Game require the colour and design of the jersey to be uniform for the team with the exception of the Libero. Having uniforms of multiple design for the team would not be acceptable.

4. I have two jerseys with the same number. Can I modify one of them by adding tape to the jersey?

No. Modification of a jersey via an external medium (tape in this case) is not permitted.

5. My athlete forgot their jersey at home/hotel. Can they wear something comparable, a warm-up shirt, etc. to play?

The athlete must have a jersey that is uniform to the rest of the team. In this case, the coach must make a decision.

If they are determined to have the athlete participate in the match, they can have another athlete give up their jersey to the one that forgot it and register the player under the new number on the team roster (prior to verification). The athlete that gives up their jersey is now ineligible to participate in the match. This could be done on a rotation, so the same person is not ineligible for every match.

If the coach does not want another athlete to give up their jersey, the athlete that forgot to bring their equipment is not eligible to participate until they get their jersey.

6. During the match, one of our jerseys becomes soiled with blood. What options exist for the athlete to continue playing?

A jersey that is soiled with blood must either be replaced or cleaned (until the stain is completely removed) prior to the athlete resuming the competition. The coach has three options to choose from if the stain cannot be cleaned:

1. If the team has an identical set of spare uniforms, directly replace the soiled jersey with the replacement
2. If the team has a replacement jersey that is of a unique number, the player can wear this jersey and a notation will be made on the scoresheet to permit the change in number
3. If the team does not have a replacement jersey, they may change jerseys with a player on the bench with the exception of the Libero or the Libero replacement. A notation will be made on the scoresheet to permit the change in number. The athlete who changes jerseys is no longer eligible to participate in the match.

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Uniform Submissions

Teams and clubs will be able to submit their uniform proofs and photos via formstack. The link to the submission page is as follows:

https://VolleyballCanada.formstack.com/forms/2024_25_uniform_approval_request_form

Jersey submissions that meet the standards of the Rules of the Game will be approved and an associated letter of approval will be provided to the team.

For teams planning on registering and attending the 2025 Volleyball Canada National Championships, please be advised that jersey approvals are recommended and must be completed no later than February 28, 2025.

Volleyball Canada Uniform Committee

The Volleyball Canada Uniform Committee is made up of a selection of International referees from across the country. Every submission that is received will be viewed by three members of the committee.

On average, the committee will strive to complete reviews and provide approvals or subsequent feedback within the business week that submissions are received. That said, based on the number of submissions received or actively in the queue, response times may be faster or slower.

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Uniform Samples that Meet Approval

Committee Comments	Team Uniform	Libero Uniform
<p>Compliant with all standards</p> <p>Provides clear contrast</p> <p>Approved</p>		
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<p>Compliant with all standards</p> <p>Common accent colours are isolated to one location. At a glance, contrast exists</p> <p>Approved</p>		
<p>Compliant with all standards</p> <p>Provides clear contrast</p> <p>Approved</p>		

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Uniform Samples that Do Not Meet Approval

Committee Comments	Team Uniform	Libero Uniform
<p>Compliant with most standards</p> <p>Fails to provide contrast</p> <p>Not Approved</p>		
<p>The colour of the number does not contrast with the colour of the jersey</p> <p>Inverted colour scheme does not provide contrast</p> <p>Not approved</p>		
<p>Compliant with most standards</p> <p>Direct inversion of colours does not provide contrast</p> <p>Not Approved</p>		
<p>The colour of the number does not contrast with the colour of the jersey</p> <p>Jerseys from the same colour family/palette do not provide contrast</p> <p>Not approved</p>		