

WOA Basketball

Guide to Uniform, Team Member's Equipment, Apparel

The purpose of this guide is to build consistency across the state of Washington. While it's not ever an enjoyable part of refereeing, building a consistent understanding and enforcement of Rule 3 will positively impact WOA and WIAA Basketball as a whole. Almost all programs will play games in multiple associations and being consistent across the state will improve our interactions with coaches, players, and administrators. Remember that when you choose to enforce the rules as written, you are setting up the NEXT crew for success.

Reminder: ALL violations of Rules 3-4 and 3-5 should be addressed with the Head Coach of that team. Please arrive on the court, as required, with 15 minutes remaining in warm-ups, and be vigilant on taking care of Rule 3 Violations before the game starts. Officials are also expected to enforce Rule 3 violations as they occur during the entire contest.

Rule 3-4 Covers Uniform Requirements

Uniform Jersey

- Torso is a single, solid color – No Sublimation.
- Legal Numbers – 0 or 00-5, 10-15, 20-25, 30-35, 40-45, 50-55.
- <https://www.nfhs.org/media/1020279/basketball-uniforms.pdf>



Illegal - Sublimation



Both Uniforms are Legal

Uniform Shorts

- Teammates must be like-colored, but different styles are allowed.
- Waistband can be rolled but can't show multiple logos or have drawstring hanging out.



Left: Red#14, Multiple Visible Logos=Illegal; Right: White #3 Drawstring=Illegal
*BOTH Violations can be corrected by rolling/unrolling shorts so string/logos are covered.



All Players are Legal



Jersey above is illegal-numbers/letters do not contrast; light color stencil is not enough contrast.

**Penalty for violation of 3-4, Single Direct Technical charged to Head Coach (10-6-4) – Do not issue T for shorts if they can be corrected.*

Rule 3-5 Covers Team Member's Equipment and Apparel

Guard, Casts, Braces

- Nothing hard can be worn on elbow, hand, finger/thumb, wrist or forearm – EVEN IF PADDED!
- Hard and unyielding items may be worn on upper arm/shoulder but must be padded.
- Knee and ankle braces need to be unaltered in design and do not need to meet color restrictions.
- A brace is defined as anything worn for a medical purpose to increase stability.
- Face mask may be worn and made of hard material but must be molded to face, no protrusions.



- White #4 Is Wearing a Legal Knee Brace, which is not subject to sleeve color restrictions.
- White #20 is wearing tights or a sleeve, which is subject to color restrictions.
- Both players pictured are legal.

Arm, knee, lower leg sleeves, compression shorts/tights

- If the sleeve has a pad, it is still a sleeve.
- Allowable colors are black, white, beige or predominant color of the jersey.
- Must also be the same color as head/wrist bands. Teammates must match in color.



Left: Legal, players sleeves are both white; Right: Illegal – Tights are multi-colored

Headbands and Wristbands

- Allowable colors: black, white, beige or predominant color of the jersey.
- Must be the same color as sleeves/tights. All teammates must match in color.
- If it goes **around skull and hair, it is a headband (including pre-wrap).**
- Pre-wrap can be used as a headband.**
- If it controls hair only, hair control device, no color restrictions.
- Only allowed to wear one headband, 3" max width, and cannot be tied.
- Only allowed to wear one wristband on each arm, must be below the elbow, 4" max width.



Left: Illegal, Predominant jersey color is white, so must be black, white, or beige.

Right: Illegal, Headband is multicolored; must be a single solid color.

2022-23 Rule Change: Hair Control Devices

- Hard items such as beads, barrettes and bobby pins may be worn if secured to the head.
- If player moves head around and items stay put, legal.
- If player moves head around and items move independently, illegal.
- Items that are illegal may be made legal by securing them to the head.

Undershirts (2023-24 Rule Change)

- Home team **MUST** wear white undershirt similar to the torso of the jersey. Visiting team may wear **BLACK** -or- similar color to the torso of the jersey; **ALL** team members must match in color.
- Hemmed, no frayed edges.
- Sleeves must be same length, but teammates do not have to have same length sleeves.



Left-Illegal Red undershirts don't match Gold Jerseys; Right-Legal undershirt, matches jersey color.

Jerseys Must Be Tucked In

- If the jersey is intended to be tucked in by the manufacturer, it must be tucked in.
- Jerseys will sometimes come untucked during natural basketball play; do not penalize a player whose jersey happens to come untucked naturally.
- During extended dead balls, such as free throws, timeouts, substitutions, intermissions, and injury stoppages, kindly and professionally instruct players to tuck jerseys in.
- Do not draw extra attention to a situation with an untucked jersey and do not cause a long delay in getting the ball back in play. Do not yell at a player across the court to tuck a jersey in. Do not publicly embarrass a kid for their jersey being untucked.
- Reserve sending a player off the court for a jersey for belligerent behavior after kindly requesting the jersey to be tucked in. Players that are complying and acting as good sports throughout the game should be given every opportunity to correct the jersey before being sent off.

Logos and Jewelry

- A single manufacturer's logo is allowed on each of the following: uniform top, shorts, each sleeve, tights, compression shorts, headband, sweatband and undershirt.
- Jewelry is not allowed. If discovered, the player may not participate until it is removed. Taping over jewelry is not allowed. ***If jewelry is suspected under tape, the official should verify with the head coach whether or not there is jewelry under the tape.***

Penalty for Violation of 3-5: Player may not participate, including warm-ups. (There is no technical foul assessed for violation of 3-5).