



## UNIFORM POLICY

### SECTION 1 - UNIFORMS

All players are required to wear a team uniform consisting of the same coloured singlets. All teams must also wear the same coloured shorts. Shorts do not have to be the same colour as the singlet but must be the same colour for each team member.

- Navy blue, royal blue, and black are considered different colours.

### SECTION 2 - UNIFORM CLASHES

A uniform clash occurs when two opposing teams have the same dominant colour singlets.

This refers to the colour which occupies most of the singlet and does not include numbers or trim.

Where two similar coloured teams play, the AWAY team must change to alternate singlets, the team listed on the right-hand side of Jamware or second on the fixture. The HOME team is permitted to wear their uniforms.

Teams should be proactive and arrange alternate singlets before the game commences to avoid delay and possible late start points.

Alternate singlets are available for hire from the cashier office for \$20 a set and are must be returned after the game. Note if teams organise alternate singlets to be available before the start of the match the hire charge is \$10 a set

### SECTION 3 - POCKETS IN SHORTS

Under no circumstances is a player allowed to play with pockets in their shorts. If a player does not have appropriate playing shorts without pockets, the player WILL NOT be permitted to take the court and play.

#### **SECTION 4 - SINGLETS**

All numbers are required to be the correct size and, on the front, and back of each singlet as stated in the current FIBA Rule Book. Numbers on the back shall be at least 20cm high. The numbers on the front shall be at least 10cm high. The numbers shall be at least 2cm wide.

Taped numbers are not permitted under any circumstances.

Legal singlet numbers are 0-99. 0 and 00 are considered different numbers. Most singlet manufacturers will supply legal uniforms, however, please check the FIBA Rule Book before ordering new uniforms to ensure that your singlet numbers are the legal size and are in contrast to your dominant singlet colour.

#### **SECTION 5 - UNDER-GARMENTS**

Compression garments (e.g. bike shorts or skins) or t-shirts may not be worn in place of team singlets or shorts.

#### **SECTION 6 - SKINS and T-SHIRTS**

Where compression shorts or t-shirts are visible under team shorts or singlets, a medical certificate must be submitted to the referee supervisor or the front office.

If worn, compression garments or t-shirts must be the same dominant colour as the shorts and singlet (includes compression arm sleeves).

A medical certificate is not required if Skins are not protruding from the singlet or shorts, Skins of a different colour that are not protruding from the singlet or shorts are also permitted.

#### **SECTION 7 – HAIR ACCESSORIES:**

Players are permitted to take the court wearing “bobby pins” and or “one-touch” or “snap” clips to hold their hair back. These items pose no threat of injury to any player on the court.

However, players will not be permitted to wear barrettes, bandanas, headbands made of metal, or clips larger than a bobby pin or snap clip – especially those that are present for decorative purposes only. These items do pose a threat of injury due to their increased size.

If items in a player's hair are made from a non-abrasive, pliable material, they may be permitted to be worn, as (by rule) they pose no threat of injury. This includes headscarves or other fabric articles worn for religious purposes held in place by bobby pins or snap clips.

Referees and administrators cannot prevent a player from taking the court if the religious clothing that she/he is wearing poses no threat of danger to another player. Common sense must be used in these situations.

## **SECTION 8 - JEWELLERY**

Players are not permitted to wear any jewellery other than a wedding band. Wedding bands which are not flat must be taped.

Taping of facial jewellery is not permitted under FIBA Rules.

Any jewellery that cannot be removed for religious reasons must be completely covered by a suitable grade tape. If jewellery is not completely taped down and deemed safe by game officials, that player cannot take the court.

## **SECTION 9 - FINGERNAILS and GLOVES**

Players are required to have fingernails that are shorter than the tip of each finger. Referees may choose to check players' fingernails if necessary.

If fingernails are longer than the tip of each finger, or a referee establishes that the fingernails could cause abrasions, the player must comply with one of the following prior to taking the court.

- Cut their fingernails
- Cover their fingernails with a suitably protective device such as sports tape (not Band Aids)
- Wear gloves provided they meet the required standards.

Gloves must:

- Be appropriate for basketball
- Not give additional reach, grip, or in any other way give an advantage to the wearer
- Be in no way dangerous to other players.

Players failing to cut their fingernails at the direction of a referee will not be permitted to play.

Further detail on fingernails and wearing gloves can be found in the VBRA domestic uniform policy.

## **SECTION 10 - POINT PENALTIES**

Failure to adhere to the Uniform Policy may result in a points penalty.

The penalty per player for breaching this Uniform Policy is five (5) points per player in any uniform violation for senior competitions, and two (2) points per player for any uniform violation for junior competitions.

These points are awarded to the opposing team's score by the referees, generally at half time.

Point penalties for a uniform violation cannot be awarded after the conclusion of a game.

Point penalties apply to any of the following uniform violations:

- Illegal singlet numbers as per FIBA Rule Book (see Section 4).
- Any player without a legible singlet number.
- A player wearing different coloured shorts or singlet to their team.

## **SECTION 11 - EXEMPTIONS**

Uniform point penalties do not apply during the grading rounds. This allows teams to finalise their uniforms prior to the regular season to avoid uniform violations.

Some uniform exemptions may be approved through the WBA office.