

# AYSO Region 9



**APPROVED**

To: Region 9 Board of Directors

From: Steven S. Cruise, Regional Referee Administrator

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Re: Region 9 Missing Uniform Policy

## Memo

The purpose of this memo is to inform all coaches, participants and referees of the procedures to be followed when a player is prepared to participate in a competitive soccer match but is missing one or more components of his or her Region 9 issued AYSO Uniform. The decisions of the referee shall be final and is not subject to appeal or challenge.

Law 4 of the FIFA Laws of the Game, as adopted by AYSO, provide that the basic compulsory equipment of a player comprises the following separate items:

- Jersey or shirt – if undergarments are worn, the colour of the sleeve must be the same as the main colour as the sleeve of the jersey or shirt.
- Shorts- if undershorts are worn, they must be of the same main colour as the shorts
- Stockings
- Shin guards
- Footwear

The two teams must wear colours that distinguish them from each other and also the referee and the assistant referees. In addition, each goalkeeper must wear colours that distinguish him from the other players, the referee and the assistant referees.

Chapter VI of the AYSO National Rules and Regulations provides that Region 9 shall provide for team members to wear a matching team uniform consisting of a jersey, shorts and socks. Such uniform shall be properly marked with the AYSO Traditional logo.

When confronted with a situation where a player does not have one or more of the originally issued Region 9 uniform components, the referee shall determine whether replacement uniform components are satisfactory for the player to participate in the match based upon the following factors:

- Safety - the replacement component must not compromise the safety of the participant or other participants.
- Fairness - the replacement component may not, in any way, compromise the ability of the player or other players to fairly and effectively participate in the match.
- Administration - the replacement component must not compromise the referee's ability to fairly and fully administer the match and the AYSO/FIFA Laws of the Game.

This Region 9 policy shall not apply to situations where a player has ample time to secure replacement components and it shall never justify the practice of players exchanging numbered jerseys. This policy only applies only to Region 9 league matches. The center referee at each match shall note on the game card the name, jersey number, and missing component of any player allowed to participate in the match without all of his or her AYSO issued uniform components.

The decisions of the referee shall be final and is not subject to appeal or challenge.