



WHAT IS A “CLEARLY CONTRASTING” UNIFORM?

NFHS Volleyball rule 4-2-2 states the following:

The libero uniform top must clearly contrast from the predominant color(s) of the team uniform top, excluding trim. The libero’s uniform top cannot be made solely of the same predominant color(s) of the team’s uniform top, even if the like color(s) are placed differently on the uniform top.

The intent of this rule is for the libero to clearly stand out on the court. It is at the officials’ discretion if the libero uniform clearly contrasts from the other teammates. Please review this

PowerPoint from the NFHS that further explains the contrasting uniform requirement:

https://www.iesa.org/documents/activities/IESA-GVB_ContrastingUniform.pdf

Additionally, the Illinois High School Association has defined non-contrasting color groups and communicated this to IHSA Volleyball officials. In each group below, colors in the same group are considered NOT contrasting and teams should not select a libero uniform color (i.e. royal blue) that is in the same group as the color of the other teammates’ uniform (i.e. black).

Group 1 - black, dark gray, dark green, navy blue, royal blue, dark purple, dark brown and maroon

Group 2 - white, yellow, gold, tan, light gray, light blue and light green

Group 3 - pink, red, cardinal red and orange