For the 2014-15 USA Volleyball season, new language will be in place for legal jerseys. This rule has been in writing for a couple of years, so this is a reminder regarding Rule 19.2 (the same language that governs NCAA women’s volleyball).

USAV 19.2 (pages 57-58 of the current DCR)

- The Libero player’s jersey must contrast in color with that of the predominant colors of the jerseys of the other team members. Color combinations such as purple/black, dark green black, navy/maroon, and white/light yellow are not distinctive enough to comply with the rules. NOTE: It is recommended now and required beginning Sept. 1, 2014, the Libero shall wear a uniform top that is immediately recognized from all angles as being in clear contrast to and distinct from the other members of the team. The Libero and/or his/her teammates shall wear a solid colored uniform top.

Regarding the solid colored top:

1. The solid color uniform top shall clearly contrast from the predominant color(s) of the teammates’ uniform top. Predominant color(s) is the color(s) appearing on approximately half of the uniform.
2. Sleeves shall be the same color as the body of the uniform top.
3. Piping/trim not exceeding 1 inch in total at its widest point may be placed along the seams and may be a different color(s) than the uniform top.
4. Lettering and collars may be different color(s) than the uniform top.
5. Numbers shall be a contrasting color to the uniform top and meet all other specifications in USAV 4.3.3.1.

Teams looking to outfit themselves for the upcoming season are advised to view the following short presentation on the rule and interpretations:


Please be advised that there may well be further interpretations forthcoming, as the USAV Rules Interpreter is presented with more what-if situations.

We also recommended you view the officials training website as a reference: www.VolleyballRefTraining.com.