SOCCER UNIFORM ENFORCEMENT UPDATE FOR 2014-15

Although these rules are specifically designed to be enforced in Varsity competition, it is important to remind non-Varsity coaches of these rules so they hopefully will make an effort to make the necessary changes in future games.

**1. HOME TEAM JERSEYS AND SOCKS MUST BE SOLID WHITE - (solid white means just that - no striping or piping of any kind or of any shade; no manufacturer's logos or symbols of any kind with the exception of one that may be no more than 2 1/4 inches square; small markings can be covered with white tape; school names, emblems, insignias referencing the school all are permitted on home jerseys but not on home socks) - Remember shorts do NOT have to be solid white and can, in fact, be any color.**

**2. VISITING TEAMS MUST CONTINUE TO WEAR DARK JERSEYS AND SOCKS, WHERE DARK IS CONSIDERED ANY COLOR THAT CONTRASTS WITH WHITE - thus pale blue, pink, yellow, and striped colors are all permissible as long as they are easily distinguishable from the white colors of the home team.**

**2. ALL JERSEYS MUST BE NUMBERED ON THE FRONT AND ON THE BACK *[in the rule book for at least 10 years]* (the number on the front may be on the shorts if not on the jersey, and tape applied properly can be used to represent the numbers).**

**3. THIS INCLUDES THE JERSEY OF THE GOALKEEPER. IT MUST HAVE A NUMBER ON THE FRONT AND ON THE BACK [*in the rule book since 2011]* (and the number must be different from that of any other goalkeeper or field player).**

**4. GOALKEEPER SOCKS MAY BE THE SAME COLOR AS HIS/HER TEAMMATES BUT MUST CONTRAST WITH THE SOCKS OF THE VISITING TEAM'S FIELD PLAYERS.**

**5. IF TAPE IS APPLIED EXTERNALLY TO THE SOCK, IT MUST BE OF SIMILAR COLOR AS THAT PART OF THE SOCK TO WHICH IT IS APPLIED (in the case of solid white socks, obviously the tape must be white)**

**6. PLAYERS WITH SOLID WHITE SHORT SLEEVE JERSEYS MAY WEAR LONG SLEEVE APPAREL UNDER THE JERSEYS, AND THIS APPAREL MAY BE A DARK COLOR BUT IT MUST BE THE SAME COLOR FOR ALL PLAYERS ON THAT TEAM WHO CHOOSE TO WEAR APPAREL UNDER THEIR JERSEYS - the same principle applies to sliding shorts.**

**7. VELCRO OR ELASTIC BANDS THAT ARE WORN TO HOLD UP THE PLAYERS' SHINGUARDS MUST BE THE SAME BASIC COLOR AS THE SOCK - or if a different color, wear them under the sock.**

**8. UNALTERED ANKLE BRACES MAY BE WORN ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE SOCK AND DO NOT HAVE TO BE THE SAME COLOR AS THE SOCK.**

**PLEASE CONTACT FRED STROOCK, DIRECTOR OF INSTRUCTION FOR THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SOCCER OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION, IF YOU HAVE FURTHER QUESTIONS. FRED CAN BE REACHED AT FSTROOCK@AOL.COM OR 760-324-7949. SEND PICTURES IF YOU WISH TO CLARIFY THE SITUATION.**