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# **NFHS FOOTBALL JERSEY Guideline Changes 2012 A.D.**

The following pages are a guide to understanding acceptable Jersey Construction for Rawlings Football Apparel according to NFHS guidelines in the year 2012



# Why is NFHS changing the Rules?

Away/ White



Visual Separation

Home/ Color



- NFHS wants to create separation from the away and home team colors. Some team jerseys are not contrasting enough to differentiate the away color, white, and the home team color or colors.
- While white can appear on either team's jersey as well as other colors can appear on either team's jersey, there are now going to be rules that govern the amount of color and where it can appear on the jersey.



# What decorations are **Legal**?

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- Any color piping is **legal** along the Raglan contour on a Raglan Style Jersey **1”** or under.
- Any color insert or decoration that runs from the side seam or side insert of a Jersey to the neck and is less than **1”** is **legal**. (Much like a raglan contour)

Raglan Contour Piping less than 1”; **Legal**.  
**\*\*Must connect neck to the side seam\*\***



- Side insert **4”** or less is **legal** no matter what color.

Side Insert 4” or less; **Legal**



- Numbers are always **legal** no matter where they are placed. Front and back numbers must be at least 8”-10” in height and matching in style and color(s).
- A Rawlings attached American flag patch 2” x 3” inches is **legal**.



# Legal

All sleeve decorations are ok, regardless of color or size.  
Sleeve construction is exempt from the NFHS changes.



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These 2 Sleeves are  
legal no matter what  
colors you choose.



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# Legal

Legal when piped along the Raglan contour on a Raglan Style Jersey 1" or under  
Legal as a side insert 4" or less



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The piping is legal even though it contrasts to white because it is less than 1" and follows the raglan contour of the sleeve from the side seam to the neck

**\*\*1" is max\*\***

This side insert, no matter what color will always be legal because it does not exceed 4" wide

**\*\* 4" is the max.\*\***



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# Examples of Legal

All legal with colors and styles shown



PACJ00F



PACJHF



PACJTTF

PACJSLF



PACJATLF



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# Illegal

Change these 3 colors to white and they become illegal



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PACJTTF



PACJHF



# Illegal

Any Custom Jersey can be **Legal** or **Illegal** depending on what colors you choose



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Jersey is **illegal** with colors shown because the inserts are more than 1" in size. If you changed the insert color to white the jersey becomes **legal**.

Jersey is **illegal** with colors shown, because the white braid across the chest does not connect from the neck to the side insert. If you changed from white to any other color it would become **legal**.



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# Illegal

\*2 Stock Items

FJMSIF



Insert is **illegal** because it contrasts from color to white or white to color and is wider than 4"

FJSI



Shoulder insert is **illegal** because it does not run to the side seam and is taller than 1"



\*\*All other stock jerseys are **Legal** \*\*



# Examples of Illegal



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PACJSTR2



PACJPSF



PACJMSIF



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## Conclusion

- Any custom jersey can be NFHS approved depending on how you pick the colors.
- The main area of interest is within the cowl and body of the jersey. It does not include the sleeves.
- 2 stock jerseys that are not NFHS approved are the FJMSIF and the FJSI. These are still good jerseys for other league play.
- Remember that the NFHS changes are necessary to maintain the quality of the game.

\*\*Please note the aforementioned guidelines to NFHS acceptable Jersey construction applies specifically to the Rawlings 2008 football apparel line. Other manufacturers rules may vary.\*\*

