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USSF-Approved Green Shirt; Old Version Still Acceptable for USSF Referees to Wear

The new uniforms feature a redesigned shirt and socks, as well as a new color option with green being added to the array of gold, red, blue and the traditional black. The new design features include an updated stripe pattern, raglan-style sleeve and a colored notch on the back collar. Also featured on the sleeve of the shirt and on the shorts is the updated U.S. Soccer Referee Program logo, which was introduced earlier this year.

Referees will have two options on the type of sock they will wear during competitions. The new sock is embroidered with "U.S. Soccer Referee" on the foot of the sock, but referees are also permitted to wear the three white-stripe socks or the black sock with the old U.S. Soccer Referee Department logo, as both are still USSF-approved.

The old striping pattern is still USSF-approved and acceptable to wear during games. In youth and adult amateur games, it is also acceptable for the crew to wear a combination of new and old uniforms. Referees are encouraged to purchase the new uniform when replacing their old version, as the updated stripe pattern will be grandfathered into becoming the official referee uniforms of U.S. Soccer.

USSF National program has authorized the referee crews to wear a mix of new and old uniforms. It would not be financially fair to tell 140,000 referees that the old uniforms are all of a sudden banned or outlawed. Even if they did, OSI could not keep up with such a demand for product and any policy banishing the old uniforms would be just plain foolish. US Soccer has not come out with a future date of retirement of the old uniforms.

However, with that said, we would like to encourage the following for the State of Colorado:

A crew may wear a mixture of uniforms.

This really means that the crew can wear a mixture of the new and old jerseys.

Please don't confuse this statement with a mixture of color. I don't want to see the Center Referee wearing gold and the AR's wearing green and blue or any other combination thereof. If a member of the crew wears the new gold, then the other members may wear the old gold. Sleeve length, in all cases, shall be the same.

The entire crew shall wear a pair of the OLD socks; the three white stripe (with or without OSI logo) or the USSF logo socks.

Each member of the crew shall wear a pair of the OLD socks that are the same as each other member of the crew.

Do not wear the NEW socks unless the ENTIRE crew is wearing the NEW jerseys.

The shorts shall be either all black shorts, black shorts with OSI logo, older USSF black shorts with OSI, or new USSF logo will be acceptable. If you have black shorts with Nike or Adidas they may be blacked out with a permanent marker. The crew should try their best to wear all the same type of shorts and logos on shorts if possible. **USE COMMON SENSE!**

NO NISOA Jerseys, NISOA Shorts, or NISOA colored socks will be authorized!!!

If you wear any other brand of black shorts and there is a logo such as Adidas, Nike, or anything else, do not wear them.

This includes the socks. Many three white strip socks have an Adidas logo on them. Do not wear those either.

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