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## **NSFA Playing Strip Policy**

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The Board of NSFA has adopted the following policy to maintain the integrity of club colours and playing strips so that all of its member clubs can participate in matches in the full confidence of the strip their opponent will be wearing.

### Playing Strip Requirements

- a) Clubs are permitted one (1) main strip only. **The main strip must consist predominantly of the registered colours of the club.** This strip must be worn by all teams in all games except where there is a clash\*, in which case the first named team is required to wear an alternate strip.
- b) Clubs are permitted one (1) alternate strip only. Alternate strips should ideally be the reverse of the main strip but the Board may approve alternate strips that are of a different colour and design. This strip may only be worn when the club's main strip clashes with their opponent's main strip.\*
- c) Where a club has two or more teams in a particular division the Board may grant dispensation for one or more teams to wear the club's approved alternate strip in all matches. However the club is required to advise which of their teams will be wearing the alternate strip so that other teams in that division are aware of any potential clash.
- d) **The Board, at their discretion may grant approval for a club to wear a "one-off" strip, taking into consideration special circumstances.**
- e) Clubs are required to provide NSFA with photographs of both the main strip and the alternate strip including shirts, shorts and socks. These photographs will be displayed on the NSFA website where practicable. New photographs must be provided whenever either strip is changed.
- f) **Any significant design or colour changes to either the main strip or the alternate strip must be approved by the Board of NSFA. Any minor changes may be assessed and approved by the NSFA office.**

### Club Colours

- a) All clubs must register their club colours with NSFA. For the purposes of this policy the registered club colours will be recorded as the principal colours of the club's approved main strip as at the 2013 season.
- b) Any changes to a club's registered colours must be approved by the Board of NSFA.

### Approval Procedure

- a) All requests to change the registered club colours must be in writing giving reasons for why the change is requested. The Board may reject the request if it feels that there are already enough clubs using those particular colours.
- b) All requests to change the design of the club's main strip and/or alternate strip must include photographs of the proposed shirts, shorts and socks or alternatively a diagram of same from the supplier. The new strip must consist of the registered club colours.

- c) Where the requested design is significantly different from the existing approved strip the Board may deny the request if it feels that the new strip would clash with another club's existing approved strip. Examples are if a club goes from a solid colour to stripes, hoops or quarters or the solid colour is reversed.
- d) All requests must be made and approved before purchasing and receiving the new strip. The Board will not approve a strip simply because a club has already purchased or received the new kit. Clubs who do this before approval do so at their own risk.
- e) NSFA recognises that it is an expensive exercise to refit the club's players with a new strip so the Board may allow a grace period of up to three (3) years for the new strip to filter through the entire club.

#### Penalties

- a) Compliance with this policy will be stringently enforced and penalties for non-compliance will be imposed.
- b) A list of the relevant penalties can be found in Section 2.16 of NSFA Regulations 2 – Competition Regulations.

#### \* Definition of "Clash"

The FIFA Laws of the Game state that teams must wear colours that distinguish them from their opponents and the match officials. This is a matter for determination by the match referee. Please refer to Section 2.16 of NSFA Regulations 2 – Competition Regulations for the regulations regarding club strips.