



## Frequently Asked Questions on Uniforms and Contest Delays Bowling – 2020-21

*(This document includes specific NCAA Women's Bowling Rules references where applicable.)*

### **1. What words, logos and symbols are allowed on the uniform?**

Other than the uniform number, here are the only items allowed by rule on the jersey (Rule 3):

#### Words

- School name
- Mascot name
- Player last name

#### Logos

- NCAA
- Conference
- School
- Mascot
- Commemorative insignia and patches
- Manufacturer's logo

### **2. What size restrictions are there for these?**

The name, mascot or logo of the school is to be clearly identified on the front and back of the uniform. The name of the school will measure no less than 5 centimeters (2 inches) in length on the back of the uniform. (Rule 3.1.h.) A player's last name is permissible on a team jersey provided that the letters are no larger than one (1) inch and have not exceed the dimensions of the institutional name, logo or mascot.

Players' jerseys shall be marked with whole numbers (from 00 to 99) not less than 5 centimeters (2 inches) in height on the back or sleeve. Rolling or taping the sleeves in such a way that the number is not clearly visible is prohibited. Uniform jerseys worn by teammates shall display numbers of the same color and size. (Rule 3.1.h.) Duplicate numbers are not to be worn.

The logo or trademark is to be contained within a four-sided geometrical figure (that is, rectangle, square, parallelogram) that does not exceed 14.6 sq. centimeters (2 1/4 sq. inches). (Rule 3.3.)

Commemorative insignia and patches may be worn as long as all teammates' uniforms are identical, and no safety hazard is created. The commemorative insignia shall not obstruct the players' numbers, and if a numeral is part of the commemorative insignia; the number is not to exceed 2.54 centimeters (1 inch). (Rule 3.3.)

**3. *May the required apparel/equipment contain any other words, slogans, messaging, etc.?***

No, the required apparel/equipment is restricted to the items listed above. No other words are allowed on the jersey. As authorized by the institution or conference, allow other names/words intended to celebrate or memorialize persons, events, or other causes on the back of the jersey/uniform where the player name is traditionally located. The names/words may vary by team member.

**4. *Are words, slogans, messaging, etc. allowed on items (e.g., taped wrists) other than required apparel/equipment?***

The rules do not specifically address words, slogans, messaging, etc. on items not required by rule.

**5. *How does the unsportsmanlike conduct rule apply?***

Misconduct is any behavior, action or conduct by a team member toward an official, an opponent, a teammate, the facility/competition equipment or a spectator that is deemed by the event management or an official as detrimental to the process of play. Misconduct is subject to penalty by the head official. (Rule 8.1.a.)

A student-athlete, team or coach may be warned and subsequently penalized (see Rule 8.1) with unsportsmanlike conduct if proven to be engaging in improper or unfair tactics or inappropriate conduct in connection with the game of bowling. These situations would include, but are not limited to:

- 1) Physical and verbal abuse toward others;
- 2) Physical abuse to the facility or competition equipment;
- 3) Purposely walking into a competing player's line of delivery and
- 4) Displaying poor sportsmanship during any phase (before, during or after) of a match. (Rule 7.10.d.)

**6. *What are the rules about uniform colors for opposing teams?***

When opponents have jerseys of the same style or color, it can create confusion regarding which team is competing, particularly if the match is being televised. Should a conflict arise in a postseason match, the designated higher seed will have the choice of jersey color; both teams shall declare uniform color and style before the competition day to the head official. (Rule 3.1.d.)

**7. *What is the purpose of the rules regarding numbering and visibility?***

The rules for contrasting numbers and visibility are intended to provide clearly visible numbers for the stakeholders: officials, coaches, fans, etc. This means that the numbers should be clearly visible at a distance.

**8. *What is the rule regarding refusal to play?***

There are two penalties for refusal to play or delay of game, Rules 7.10.e and 7.10.f:

***Refusal to Continue Play.*** If a player or team refuses to proceed with a game after being directed to do so by an event official, the official shall record a score of zero for each remaining frame of the game. **PENALTY**—After a second issued warning, the official shall record scores of zero for all remaining frames of the match. (Rule 7.10.e)

***Delay of Game.*** No unreasonable delay in the progress of any game is permitted. Teams are not permitted to take extended or unscheduled breaks during games (e.g., more than 60 seconds). When a player does not complete a game for reasons other than disability, injury or emergency, after an issued warning, the player's team shall count zero for each remaining frame in the game she is not present. (Rule 7.10.f.)

**9. *“Are there any playing rules that specify protocols for student-athletes and/or coaches during the national anthem?”***

No. Participants should be allowed to express their opinions (e.g., kneeling during the national anthem) as long as the action does not delay or disrupt competition.

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