



MEMORANDUM

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VIA EMAIL

TO: NCAA Men's and Women's Cross Country/Track and Field Athletics Directors and Head Coaches

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SUBJECT: Track & Field/Cross Country: A Reminder of Rule 6-4.1 Uniforms and 6-4.3 Manufacturers Logos.

It has been brought to our attention that there have been several violations for the above stated rules during recent competitions. Please let the following serve as a reminder to the membership.

UNIFORM - Rule 6-4.1 (part)

When engaged in competition, each competitor must wear an official team uniform with components governed by these rules or be subject to disciplinary action. Competitors who are not in proper uniform compliance shall not compete until a compliant uniform is worn. The competition will not be delayed to accommodate compliance with the rule. Wearing any part of the official team competition uniform illegally (that is, top off or intentionally shortened, shoulder straps lowered) while in the area of competition shall lead to a warning by the nearest official and a report of uncorrected violations shall be made to the games committee, referee and offending competitor's coach.

The uniform top must, by design and size, cover the full length of the torso, meeting or hanging below the waistband of the bottoms, while the competitor is standing, and allow for competitors' bibs to be placed above the waist, front and back.

Also, the tucking or pinning under of the lower portion of the upper garment is not allowed.

MANUFACTURER LOGOS - Rule 6-4.3 (part)

Per NCAA Bylaw 12.5.4, an institution's official uniform and all other items of apparel (that is, team jersey, socks) that are worn by student athletes in competition may bear a single manufacturer or distributor's normal trademark, not to exceed 2 1/4 square inches, including any additional material (that is, patch) surrounding the normal trademark or logo. The logo or

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trademark must be contained within a four-sided geometrical figure (that is, rectangle, square, parallelogram).

These restrictions apply to all apparel worn by student-athletes during the conduct of competition, including pre-meet or post-meet activities.

Apparel items with writing on the waistband identifying the manufacturer by word or slogan is not allowed.

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