



FOOTBALL RULES/COMPETITION COMMITTEE

2020 UNIFORM REVIEW PROCESS

Overview: In the past few seasons, some uniform designs have become problematic, with the clear visibility of the number and contrasting colors between the teams being the major issues. Special uniforms to honor an event, cause, etc. have also created issues. This is an effort to create a structure for approvals with membership support and participation. The intent is to approve uniforms as far in advance as possible, which will give game officials guidance before game day.

Proposed Process: With an initial focus on Division I, these steps would be followed in order to have appropriate reviews of uniforms to ensure compliance:

- 1. Required submission.** All uniform designs (artwork, photos, etc.) shall be shared with the NCAA and the conference football administrator. The NCAA has created an [online form](#) and accompanying e-mail address (productreview@ncaa.org) for submission. These submissions are due by **June 15** for the 2020 season.
- 2. Initial review.** An NCAA designee and conference football administrator will review all designs. Those that clearly comply will be approved without further review. The NCAA will communicate as soon as possible the result of the initial review. Any that are questionable or may require seeing an actual uniform (instead of artwork or a photo) will move to a second level of review.
- 3. Subcommittee review.** A subcommittee made up of members of the NCAA Football Rules Committee and NCAA Division I Football Competition Committee will meet periodically to review designs. Any designs that require a secondary review will be processed as quickly as possible, generally within two weeks of receipt of a sample.
- 4. Decision/Communication.** Feedback will be given and approval/denial decisions will be shared from the NCAA on the subcommittee's behalf. The athletics director, conference football administrator, and coordinator of officials will be included in the communication.
- 5. Special Uniform Designs.** It is understood that some uniforms may be designed outside of this established timeframe. Schools/manufacturers should submit such designs as quickly as possible and the NCAA subcommittee will review these as quickly as is reasonable.
- 6. Confidentiality.** All designs shared with the NCAA will be kept confidential and it is understood that some designs will be unveiled by the manufacturer or school at a later date.