



# **VOLLEYBALL SPORTS MATERIAL, TEAM EQUIPMENT & ADVERTISING GUIDELINES**

for  
**FIVB World and Official Competitions**

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## INTRODUCTION

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This document is produced by the FIVB for FIVB World and Official Competitions (other specific conditions may apply for the Olympic Games as per the Olympic Charter).

Sections in this document include:

1. Homologated Sports Materials
2. Standards for Team Equipment
3. Advertising Guidelines

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## DEFINITION OF FIVB COMPETITIONS

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Please note that the definition for FIVB Competitions can be found in the FIVB Sports Regulations, Article 2 as follows:

FIVB World Competitions include:

World Championships, World Championships Qualifying Tournaments, Olympic Tournaments, Olympic Qualifying Tournaments, World Cups, Men's Under 21 and Women's Under 20 (Junior) World Championships and their Qualifying tournaments, Boys' Under 19 and Girls' Under 18 (Youth ) World Championships and their qualifying tournaments and World Grand Champions Cup, Height Limit World Invitational Championships (Men U-185, Women U-175).

FIVB Official Competitions include:

World League, World Grand Prix, World Club Championships (Men & Women), World Gala, World Super Challenge, Continental Senior Championships, Junior & Youth Championships, Continental Games, Regional Games, World University Championships (FISU).

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## ENQUIRIES

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Enquiries relating to homologation of specific material can be directed to the:

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## WEBSITE UPDATES

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Please refer to the FIVB website for the most up to date version of these guidelines:

<http://www.fivb.org/EN/Volleyball/Forms/Index.html>

## 1. HOMOLOGATED SPORTS MATERIALS

The use of homologated sports materials is mandatory for all FIVB World and Official Competitions, as well as National or League Championships.

**Sports Materials** are articles necessary for the practice of Volleyball that are not deemed to be personal items.

**Homologated Sports Materials** are sports materials declared by the FIVB as being in accordance with the Official Volleyball Rules and thus declared to be in accordance with FIVB international standards.

### 1.1 SYNTHETIC FLOORS

For 2009-2012 Taraflex Sport M Plus and Taraflex Sport Performance Plus by GERFLOR and Mondoflex Blue Laguna H23 + Rose Flamingo H41 by MONDO are FIVB Approved and homologated sportsfloors.

**Taraflex by GERFLOR is the exclusive floor covering for all FIVB World Competitions: World League, World Grand Prix, World Championships and other official competitions, incl. OG 2012.**

If the subfloor is wood or synthetic we recommend using Taraflex Sport M Plus Coral 6146 for the center court and Taraflex Sport M Plus Teal 6431 for the surrounding area. If the subfloor is concrete or similar we recommend using Taraflex Sport Performance Plus Coral 6146 for the center court and Taraflex Sport Performance Plus Teal 6431 for the surrounding area.

### 1.2 BALLS

For 2009-2012, MIKASA Ball Type MVA-200 (color) is the exclusive game ball for FIVB World Competitions and for the following FIVB Official Competitions: World League and World Grand Prix. For the period 2009 – 2012 only synthetic leather colored Volleyballs are approved as FIVB Approved Volleyball balls.

For 2009-2012, other homologated balls include:

Manufacturer	Model	Manufacturer	Model
<b>MIKASA</b>	MVA 200 / MVP200 (31.12.2010) (color)	<b>GALA</b>	BV 5591S Pro-Line (color)
<b>MIKASA</b>	MVA 300 / MVP 200NC (Nat.Championships)	<b>CAMBUCCI</b>	Penalty Beach Volley Pró
<b>MIKASA</b>	VLS 300 / VLS 200 (31.12.2010) Beach	<b>QINGDAO-SYNSHEEN</b>	"Star" VB 215-34 (color)
<b>MOLTEN</b>	V5M5000 (color)		
<b>MOLTEN</b>	IV5XC-MTV5SLIT(JPN Market) (30.06.2010)		
<b>MOLTEN</b>	BV5000 Beach		

Table 1

Note: For FIVB World Competitions, World League and World Grand Prix, ball trolleys, ball bags or related ball equipment must not display any advertising deemed by the FIVB to be in conflict with FIVB Exclusive Suppliers. Please also refer to 3.6 of the Advertising Guidelines within this document.

### 1.3 COURT EQUIPMENT

For 2009-2012, SENOH court equipment (including net posts, post protection, net antennae, nets and referees' chairs) is exclusive for all FIVB World Competitions and is currently the only court equipment homologated for FIVB Official Competitions. SENOH court equipment is recommended for all other competitions. Use of other court equipment for FIVB Official Competitions must be submitted for approval to the FIVB.

### 1.4 UNIFORMS

Only uniforms homologated by the FIVB are authorized in FIVB World and Official Competitions. Uniform and shoe suppliers homologated by the FIVB for the period 2009-2012 are as follows:

<b>ADIDAS</b>	Uniforms & Shoes	<b>GRANDSPORT</b>	Uniforms
<b>ASICS</b>	Uniforms & Shoes	<b>MIKASA</b>	Uniforms
<b>CHAMPION</b>	Uniforms	<b>MIZUNO</b>	Uniforms & Shoes
<b>DACAPO</b>	Uniforms	<b>OLYMPIKUS</b>	Uniforms & Shoes
<b>DESCENTE</b>	Uniforms & Shoes	<b>VB RAGS</b>	Uniforms & Shoes
<b>ERREA</b>	Uniforms		

Table 2

The logo of the manufacturer must be clearly visible on the uniform and must be in accordance with the uniform standards and size specifications that follow.

## 2. STANDARDS FOR TEAM EQUIPMENT

Team Equipment incorporates the following:

- Player Equipment (see 2.1)
- Team Official Equipment (see 2.2)
- Team Equipment Accessories (see 2.3)

### 2.1 PLAYER EQUIPMENT

Player uniform consists of jersey (shirt), short, training suit and socks, and must be same for the whole team. In addition the Libero must have two sets of each uniform. Player equipment (accessories) consists of shoes, knee-guards, ankle supporters and elbow protections. Each of these equipments can be from different manufacturers, bear different colors and designs.

Players' uniforms must be in conformance with Article 4.8, Section I p. 19 of the FIVB Sports Regulations and standards that follow. Only FIVB homologated uniforms and shoes may be used. All letters and numbers (country name, country code, player's registered jersey name and player's numbers) on the player uniforms and warming up suits must be Latin characters and must be in contrasting colours to the part of the uniform and/or warming up suit where they are placed.

The following are standards for player equipment:

#### 2.1.1 UNIFORM JERSEY (SHIRT)

##### 2.1.1.1. Uniform Jersey Model

The uniform jersey should have an athletic look. All players of the same team must wear the same colour and style. The Libero player must wear a uniform (or jacket/bib for the re-designated Libero) whose jersey at least must contrast in colour with that of the other members of the team. The Libero uniform may have a different design. In addition, a contrasting colorful design is recommended, but it must be numbered like the rest of the team.

- a. Sleeves: Athletic type sleeveless or short sleeves allowed. Long sleeves below elbow length are not allowed.
- b. Collar: Collar required.
- c. Body fit: Jerseys must not be loose or baggy and should follow the bodyline.

##### 2.1.1.2. Printed Information on the Uniform Jersey (see also Diagrams 1 to 3 on page 10 to 12)

- a. Front number 15cm high and no less than 2cm wide stripe (centered).
- b. No numbers on the sleeves.
- c. Homologated manufacturer's logo: standard 20cm<sup>2</sup> on the front right-hand side (logo to fit within a rectangle 5cm long and 4cm high).
- d. Country flag and country name: min. 36cm<sup>2</sup> and max 40cm<sup>2</sup> on the front upper left side. Only the country name or the official country code (3 letters) must be at the bottom of the flag. The size of the 3 letter country code or the country name must be clearly visible and sized to the length of the country flag.
- e. Back number 20cm high and no less than 2cm wide strip (centered below the player's registered jersey name).
- f. Letters for the player's registered jersey name (as per O-2 form, i.e. family name or usual nick name) on the back of playing uniforms above the number:

Women	Under 10 letters	6cm high, no less than 1cm wide stripe
	10 letters and over	4cm high, no less than 0.5cm wide stripe
Men	Under 12 letters	6cm high, no less than 1cm wide stripe
	12 letters and over	4cm high, no less than 0.5cm wide stripe

Table 3

- g. The dimension of the captain's bar: height – 2cm and width – the same as the front number, but no less than 8cm. The captain's bar must be located, centered under the number on the front of the jersey.

## 2. STANDARDS FOR TEAM EQUIPMENT .../cont

### 2.1.2 UNIFORM SHORTS

#### 2.1.2.1. Uniform Shorts Model

The uniform shorts should have an athletic look for both men and women. All players of the same team must wear the same colour and style, except for the Libero who must wear shorts of a contrasting colour to the rest of the team.

**Men**

- a. Waist and length must not be loose or baggy. The inseam must not exceed 10cm.

**Women**

- b. To fit the bodyline, tight in waist and length. Inseam of maximum 5 cm or cut in an upward angle towards the top of the leg.
- c. Women are allowed to use a one piece uniform if the standards for jersey and shorts are met.

#### 2.1.2.2. Printed Information on the Uniform Shorts (see also Diagrams 1 to 3 on page 10 - 12)

- a. Number of 4 - 6cm high and minimum 1cm wide stripe on the right side leg of the shorts.
- b. Homologated manufacturer's logo: standard 20cm<sup>2</sup> on the front left side (logo to fit within a rectangle 5cm long and 4cm high).

### 2.1.3 UNIFORM SOCKS

Socks must be uniform in colour and the same length of socks for the entire team.

### 2.1.4 SHOES

For Senior FIVB World and Official Competitions, players must wear shoes from a FIVB homologated manufacturer. Shoes and trademarks may differ in design. Basic colours should be similar. Players cannot choose to wear shoes which colors are visible black or have black marking soles.\* (BOA decision 2005)

### 2.1.5 WARMING UP SUITS

Where warming up suits are worn in the warm up courts or in the competition control area, they must be of the same colour and style for the entire team and when worn by team officials. Information placed on the warming up suit must conform to the following requirements:

#### 2.1.5.1. Warming Up Suit Jacket

- a. Homologated manufacturer's logo: standard 20cm<sup>2</sup> on the front right side (logo to fit within a rectangle 5cm long and 4cm high)
- b. Country flag and country name: min. 36cm<sup>2</sup> and max. 40cm<sup>2</sup> on the front upper left side. Only the country name or the official country code (3 letters) must be at the bottom of the flag. The size of the 3 letter country code or the country name must be clearly visible and sized to the length of the country flag.
- c. The country name is to be displayed on the back of the warming up suit jacket (centred in the middle of the jacket).
- d. The player's registered jersey name (to be placed above the country name as with the jersey) may also be displayed on the back of the warming up suit jacket (recommended for senior FIVB World Competitions, World League and World Grand Prix), please see 2.1.1.2.f Table 3 for letter size specifications.

#### 2.1.5.2. Warming Up Suit Pants

Homologated manufacturer's logo: standard 20cm<sup>2</sup> on the front left side (logo to fit within a rectangle 5cm long and 4cm high)

**NOTE:** Players must wear their playing uniform for warm up on the competition court and no other jerseys are allowed.

## 2. STANDARDS FOR TEAM EQUIPMENT .../cont

### 2.1.6 PLAYER ACCESSORIES

Any accessories used by players during competition (e.g. knee protectors (knee pads), elbow protectors (elbow pads), player hand towels, head bands, wrist bands etc.) cannot display any advertising. Any manufacturer's logo displayed on these accessories cannot be greater than 6cm<sup>2</sup>.

## 2.2 TEAM OFFICIAL EQUIPMENT

Team Officials form part of the official delegation. For FIVB World Competitions (unless specified in the Specific Competition Regulations), team delegations consist of 18 persons comprising 12 players and 6 Officials. The 6 officials comprise of 1 Team Manager, 1 Head Coach, 1 Assistant Coach, 1 Doctor (FIVB Accredited), 1 Trainer/Physiotherapist and 1 journalist accredited by FIVB.

A maximum of four officials are allowed to sit on the bench during the competition within the competition control area. The Medical Doctor must be previously accredited by the FIVB to have the right to sit on the team's bench during a match.

Team Official Equipment includes warming up suit and polo shirt or dress jacket, collared dress shirt, tie and formal slacks.

The four officials on the bench (as approved in the Preliminary Inquiry) must conform to either of the following dress code options:

- a. all to wear their official warming up suit and polo shirt of the same colour and style, OR
- b. all to wear dress jacket, collared dress shirt, tie and formal slacks of the same colour and style, OR
- c. all to wear dress jacket, collared dress shirt, tie and formal slacks of the same colour and style except the trainer who may wear the official warming up suit and polo shirt.

Any officials wearing dress jacket, collared dress shirt, tie and formal slacks will not be allowed on the playing court during the warm up.

Officials on the bench must be consistently dressed (i.e. all to wear jackets or all to wear no jackets e.g. if the head coach takes off his dress jacket or warming up suit jacket, all other officials must take off their dress jackets or warming up suit jackets at the same time).

The following standards apply for team official equipment:

### 2.2.1 WARMING UP SUITS

Warming up suits worn by team officials in the warm up courts or in the competition control area, must be of the same colour and style as worn by the entire team and must comply to the specifications previously defined in section 2.1.5. Polo shirts will be worn with warming up suits.

### 2.2.2 POLO SHIRTS

Polo shirts (including a collar) worn in conjunction with the warming up suit must comply with the following:

#### Printed Information on the Polo Shirt

- a. Homologated manufacturer's logo: standard 20cm<sup>2</sup> on the front right side (logo to fit within a rectangle 5cm long and 4cm high).
- b. The country name is to be displayed on the back of the polo shirt (centred in the middle) consistent with the warming up suit jacket.
- c. For senior FIVB World Competitions, World League and World Grand Prix, the official's family name or usual nick name (as per O-2 form) is recommended to be placed on the back of the polo shirt. Please see refer to 2.1.1.2.f Table 3 for letter size specifications.

## **2. STANDARDS FOR TEAM EQUIPMENT .../cont**

### **2.2.3 DRESS JACKET, COLLARED DRESS SHIRT, TIE & FORMAL SLACKS**

The dress jacket, collared dress shirt, tie and formal slacks worn by team officials must be of the same colour and style. Long or short sleeve shirts with collar may be worn.

### **2.3 TEAM EQUIPMENT ACCESSORIES**

Team equipment accessories include player sports bags, trainer's bag, medical doctor's bag, laptop computer and coach clipboard. Other accessories may be added to the definition of team equipment accessories by the FIVB in the future.

On team equipment accessories, any manufacturer's logo cannot exceed 10% of the surface area and shall not be greater than 60cm<sup>2</sup>.

### 3. ADVERTISING GUIDELINES

The regulations relating to advertising material can be found in Chapter III of the FIVB Sports Regulations including penalties for non-compliance. Hereinafter, the Publicity Homologation Certificate as defined in the FIVB Sports Regulations will be referred to as the **Advertising Approval Certificate**.

#### 3.1 TEAM EQUIPMENT

When taking part in a competition, team members must not carry any advertising material on their team equipment unless previously approved by the FIVB. Please refer to the 'Specific Competition Regulations' of the competition to determine whether advertising on team equipment is allowed (**advertising is not allowed for the Olympic Games, all other FIVB requirements for uniforms are maintained**). If advertising is allowed there may be special considerations to be taken into account over and above the points below which will be defined in the Specific Competition Regulations.

A team may have up to two sponsors during a given event. Team members must not display any advertising logo other than the name(s) of the one/two sponsor(s) logo that has been registered by the National Federation and approved by the FIVB on all team equipment. A team must display the same advertising on all team equipment. Only in the case of the Libero uniform the advertisements may be inverted so the team's major sponsor logo 300cm<sup>2</sup> may be replaced with the team's minor sponsor logo 50cm<sup>2</sup>.

The size of the advertising must not exceed 300cm<sup>2</sup> in one block on the front of the jersey and 50cm<sup>2</sup> on each jersey sleeve. In the case of a sleeveless jersey the advertising can either be placed on the shoulder or on the collar but limited to the max size 50cm<sup>2</sup>. The advertising block on the front of the jersey may be below the number, although the placement of longer, thinner advertising above the number is also allowed. The size of the advertising must not exceed 300cm<sup>2</sup> in one block on the front or the back of the warming up suit and must be identical to the advertising on the jersey (please note that Article 3.3.4 of the FIVB Sports Regulations will be made consistent with this principle).

Apart from the advertising, the logo of the manufacturer of the homologated uniform must be displayed on the uniform jersey and shorts in accordance with specifications previously defined.

#### 3.2 TEAM EQUIPMENT ACCESSORIES

Team equipment accessories include player sports bags, trainer's bag, medical doctor's bag, laptop computer and coach clipboard. Other accessories may be added to the definition of team equipment accessories by the FIVB in the future.

Team equipment accessories may display advertising only if and when the FIVB has delivered the **Advertising Approval Certificate** to the National Federation of the team. The authorisation is given to the approved sponsor. The entire team must display the same advertising on team equipment accessories, however advertising is optional, i.e. advertising does not need to be displayed on all accessories defined above.

On team equipment accessories, any manufacturer's logo cannot exceed 10% of the surface area and shall not be greater than 60cm<sup>2</sup> and any approved advertising cannot exceed 30% of the total surface area and shall not be greater than 180cm<sup>2</sup>. (Please note that advertising on team equipment accessories is not allowed for Olympic Games competition).

Towels and water bottles are defined as organiser's sports materials and do not come under the definition of team equipment accessories. Team or personal towels and water bottles displaying advertising will only be allowed in the competition/control area with prior approval of the FIVB.

#### 3.3 TEAM OFFICIAL EQUIPMENT

Where the team has received an **Advertising Approval Certificate**, the team officials may also display advertising. The name or logo of the one sponsor may appear on the back of the polo shirt and on the front or the back of the warming up suit. The size of the advertising must not exceed 300cm<sup>2</sup> and must be identical to the advertising on the player's uniform jersey. On the polo shirt and the warming up suit, all team officials must display the same manufacturer's logo (as per specifications previously defined) and the advertising must be in the described area of the uniform.

### 3. ADVERTISING GUIDELINES ../cont

#### 3.4 RESTRICTED ADVERTISING

Please note that the following advertising is restricted for all FIVB World Competitions, World League and World Grand Prix:

- a. Alcohol and Tobacco
- b. Products which may be harmful to health
- c. Advertising which could be prejudicial to any ethnic, religious or political group
- d. Any sponsors who are deemed by the FIVB as being competitors to FIVB Exclusive Suppliers.

#### 3.5 PROCEDURE FOR APPLICATION OF TEAM ADVERTISING

In order to register advertising for FIVB World Competitions, World League and World Grand Prix, the National Federation must forward the appropriate application form for the specific competition available from the FIVB Volleyball Events Department. One sample of the uniform displaying the advertising must accompany the application form.

In order to register advertising for other FIVB Official Competitions, the National Federation must forward the appropriate application form for the specific competition to the respective Continental Confederation or responsible authority of the competition as per Chapter III of the FIVB Sports Regulations. One sample of the uniform displaying the advertising must accompany the application form.

A team may have several sponsors (in any given match the team must only display the advertising for one sponsor) and must receive an **Advertising Approval Certificate** for each sponsor. A separate application form and sample uniform is required for each sponsor.

If approved, an **Advertising Approval Certificate** and an invoice for the advertising fee as determined by the FIVB will be issued by the FIVB to the National Federation. The **Advertising Approval Certificate** (along with the captain's uniform, warming up suit and team equipment accessories displaying advertising) must be presented by the Team Manager at the Preliminary Inquiry of the competition.

#### 3.6 ORGANISER SPORTS MATERIALS & COURT STAFF UNIFORMS

The organizer must seek FIVB approval for advertising on sports materials and court staff uniforms for FIVB World Competitions, World League and World Grand Prix. No advertising can be displayed on sports materials and court staff uniforms in these competitions unless FIVB written approval has been received.

4.1 Uniform Jerseys with sleeves

Diagram 1

Uniform Jerseys with sleeves

Women's / Men's shirt

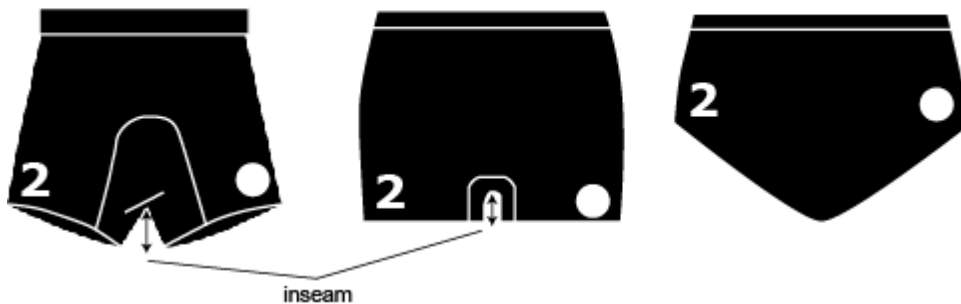


Women's / Men's shirt



Men's shorts

Women's shorts



4.2 Uniform Jerseys sleeveless

Diagram 2

Uniform Jerseys sleeveless

Women's / Men's shirt

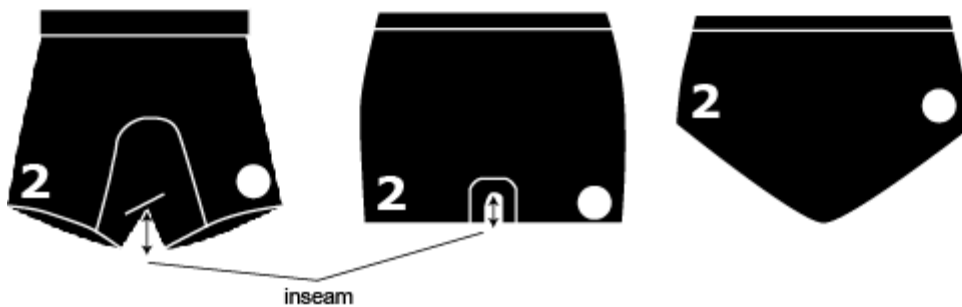


Women's / Men's shirt



Men's shorts

Women's shorts



4.3 One Piece Uniform

Diagram 3

One piece Uniform

Women's one piece uniform



Women's one piece uniform

