

Guidelines regarding the use of Coloured Shirts for Match Officials.

Firstly can I take this opportunity to apologise for the delay in confirming this issue to you all. I'm sure you can appreciate it is has been a rather turbulent time of late. However, I am now in the position to be able to confirm after much deliberation and consultation, Cornwall County Football Association registered match officials **ARE PERMITTED** to wear coloured shirts in all sanctioned Leagues for the 2017/18 season.

The South West Peninsular League and the Duchy Football League, would prefer referees to continue to wear black but will respect any decision by a County FA to nominate an alternative colour.

Cornwall FA **HAVE NOT** nominated a colour for County Cup competitions

The following guidelines will apply to all match officials:

1. The match official's primary kit colour should be **BLACK** and should be worn whenever possible, however officials are now permitted to wear an alternative coloured shirt should they wish to, provided that it does not clash with the jersey of any other player (this includes the goal-keeper).
2. There will be no designated chosen colour for the alternative shirt. **Match officials are therefore permitted to wear any coloured shirt of their choice.**
3. Teams are **NOT PERMITTED TO WEAR BLACK KITS**. Should there be a clash of colours between the match official(s) and a team that is not able to be resolved by the match officials' alternative coloured shirt, the match official(s) **MUST** change and revert to a black shirt and **NOT** the teams. This is why it is important that clubs and match officials, on match confirmation, discuss home and away team colours so that match officials can be prepared prior to the game. Match officials should **ALWAYS** take a black shirt with them, just in case.
4. When match officials are working in teams of 3 or 4, **ALL** officials **MUST** wear the same coloured shirt.
5. Shorts and Socks will remain **BLACK** at all times.

Any match official(s) in breach of these guidelines may be liable to disciplinary procedures against them.

If you have any queries regarding the use of coloured shirts, then please contact Richard Pallot on 01208 262989 or Richard.pallot@cornwallfa.com or myself on garycornish@live.com



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