

The PIAA Board of Directors' adopted the following policy at their March 2013 meeting regarding the numerous requests by schools to modify the uniform requirements in support of a given charity:

POLICY FOR CHARITY EVENT REQUESTS MADE TO THE PIAA OFFICE

Schools' are prohibited from altering the Contest uniform, but schools may provide ancillary equipment (towels, socks, etc.) in various colors to signify certain causes (providing all Team members are the same color), which would be worn or used in charity/benefit Contests designated by the school.

Based on the following, schools are requested to provide only uniforms which meet specifications of the applicable NFHS Rules Book in support of any charity the team wishes to affiliate. The following is an illustrative, but not exhaustive list, of legal and illegal uniforms requested for use over the past few years:

Sport (s):	Uniform Question:	Ruling:
Volleyball	A home team wishes to participate in a charity home game wearing pink uniforms that state "Dig for the Cure" across the front of the jersey.	The pink uniform by itself is legal so long as it contains numbers which comply with the rule on both front and back the uniforms. However, this specific uniform would be illegal due to the placement of a slogan that is neither representative of the school or the manufacturer of the jersey.
Soccer/ Field Hockey/ Basketball	A home team wishes to participate in a charity game wearing pink uniforms.	Illegal. Each sport rules book requires the home team to be in white (soccer/basketball) or light (field hockey) home uniforms. Home teams in these sports could participate with white jerseys with pink numbers and not be in violation of the rule.
Football	The home team wishes to wear blue towels and blue socks in support of prostate cancer awareness.	Legal. So long as all players wearing a towel wear the blue towel, it is permissible. The team must be outfitted uniformly. Additionally, since socks are not defined in the uniform for football, blue would be permissible.
Baseball/Softball	The home team wishes to wear school issued orange caps in support of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.	The color orange would be legal in both baseball and softball for the cap.

If there is a question regarding the legality of a specific item, schools are requested to first check the respective NFHS Rules Book, and if further questions exist, contact the PIAA Office for additional assistance.