



MEMORANDUM

September 1, 2021

VIA EMAIL

TO: NCAA Divisions I, II and III Women's Basketball Officials.

FROM: Jon Levinson, Secretary-Rules Editor
NCAA Women's Basketball Rules Committee.

SUBJECT: Kay Yow Cancer Fund Play 4Kay Initiative.

In support of Play 4Kay, the NCAA Women's Basketball Rules Committee is extending the rule waiver for headbands/wristbands to include pink for the month of February only. Teams may wear pink uniforms at any time during the entire season, but the waiver to permit pink headbands when the uniforms are not pink is only permitted in February. Please find below rules clarifications that pertain to other pink items of interest.

Similar to last year, the following items have been approved, provided they conform to all other uniform and equipment standards as referenced in NCAA Women's Basketball Rule 1.

Pink Headbands/Wristbands. The rule requiring headbands and wristbands to be a color contained in the fabric of the game jersey, white, black or beige shall be expanded to include pink. The rule requiring each team member to be uniform in color shall be maintained and enforced. Teams must comply with all other headband and wristband rules as stated in Rule 1-24.

Pink Uniforms. Regardless of color, the game jerseys are to be contrasting in color so both teams are not permitted to wear predominantly pink jerseys. In addition, the home team is required to wear light game jerseys and the visiting team is required to wear dark game jerseys, unless otherwise agreed upon by competing institutions as in Rule 1-22. **Undershirts must be a color similar to the game jersey.** Teams may need to dye the undershirt to get a color similar to that of the game jersey.

No waiver of any playing rule in addition to the head/wristband exception will be granted.

Pink Shooting Shirts/Socks/Shoelaces. Pink shooting shirts and socks are permitted, provided they bear only one manufacturer or distributor's logo, label or trademark. Additionally, pink shoelaces are permitted.

Game Ball. Pink game balls may not be used; however, a ball with an embossed pink ribbon may be used as long as the game ball conforms to Rule 1-16.

Pink Nets. Pink nets are not permitted.

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Thank you for your support of NCAA women's basketball. We are very supportive of this initiative and will work collaboratively to ensure its success. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding the aforementioned items.

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