

The following scenario: Team A's player #12 gets blood on his shirt. The R1 stops play for shirt to be changed (neither team has spray bottle of the solution to mitigate the danger). Play resumes and same player (now wearing #26 which is not worn by any other member of team A) gets blood on the new shirt. Team A has no other usable shirts for the player to wear and no substitutes available. What does the R1 do?

- a. Allow Team A to remove shirt from available substitute as a replacement shirt?
- b. Allow Team A to substitute for player # 12/26?
- c. Allow Team A to use exceptional substitution for # 12/26 if all available substitutes have already been in the game in other spots in the rotation?

Answer #1a) Allow

#1b) Allow

#1c) DO NOT Allow - If there is no accident or injury, then no exceptional substitution is allowed.

2. As above but all available substitutes have already been in the game. Team A wants to take a shirt from a substitute who has already been in the game. What should R1 do?

#2a) Allow?

#2b) Declare Team A incomplete, forfeit the set and let Team A Coach use the shirt from one of his available substitutes in set 2 for #12/26?

Answer #2a) DO NOT Allow (pg 60, 11.2.7.3.2...Duplicate numbers are not permitted in the same match.).

#2b) Allow!

Answer - The R1 declares Team A incomplete, forfeits the contest and Team A keeps the points scored. It would then be up to the ADs' if they wanted to continue the match at a later date. The R1 should take steps to see that the scorekeeper keeps the score sheets pending the ADs' decision.