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The White Bear Lake Soccer Club has requested authorization from the Minnesota Youth Soccer Association that minor uniform variations be allowed on various girl's youth teams within their club during the Summer 2007 playing season due to a discontinuation of their current uniform by Nike in 2007. An attempt was made to buy out the stock of the existing style, but there were not enough available to cover all of the players, and it was too late to order all new uniforms for the 2007 Summer season once the issues were discovered.

While the MYSA rules do not permit either the VPL or the DOC to grant a waiver of Rule 7.4., the VPL is authorized to provide an interpretation of Rule 7.4.1.i in extenuating circumstances and permit minor variations in the appearance of the player's uniforms for just cause. The specific variations for the 2007 Summer season that are authorized for the White Bear Lake Soccer Club by this letter are:

1. Shorts that have been discontinued by Nike in 2007. They will be of the same color and have a similar white stripe down the side as the discontinued Nike shorts, but they will not be an exact match.
2. Jersey's that have been discontinued in 2007. They will be of the same color and style, but the numbering style will not be an exact match.

This is intended to be short term solution for the 2007 Summer season only, with the expectation that White Bear Soccer Club will take the appropriate measures to correct these uniform issues and variations before the start of the 2008 Fall season.

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