APPAREL AS A MEANS TO DISPLAY DIVIDED TEAM LOYALTIES

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ABSTRACT

A use of apparel is provided as a device for communication of the wearer’s divided loyalties between the teams through incorporation of both team’s colors and optionally their logos in one garment. The invention is adaptable to all forms of apparel.
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CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

[0001] N/A

STATEMENT CONCERNING FEDERALLY SPONSORED RESEARCH OR DEVELOPMENT

[0002] Not Applicable

REFERENCE TO A MICROFICHE APPENDIX

[0003] Not Applicable

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[0004] 1. Field of Invention

[0005] The present invention relates to the use of apparel for communicating the wearer’s divided loyalties between the teams through incorporation both team’s colors and optionally logos in one garment.

[0006] 2. Background of the invention

[0007] Intense rivalries and loyalties characterized team sports at all levels from amateur to college to professional. People for various reasons become fans of rival teams and find them selves in conflict as which to support when the teams compete against each other.

[0008] In this invention, I describe a simple method to communicate sports team loyalties. This method may be applied to all types of apparel including shirts, vests, pants, hats, shoes as well as accessories.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0009] It is an object of this invention to utilize apparel as a device for communication of the wearer’s divided loyalties between the teams through incorporation of both team’s colors and optionally their logos in one garment.

[0010] The various features of novelty which characterize the invention are pointed out with particularity in the claims annexed to and forming a part of this disclosure. For a better understanding of the invention, its advantages and objects, reference is made to the accompanying drawings and descriptive matter in which the preferred embodiment of the invention is illustrated.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0011] FIG. 1 is a view of the front view of a garment of claim 1 wherein the fabric colors of two rival sports teams are arranged in alternate fields so as to bisect the garment horizontally.

[0012] FIG. 2 is a view of the front view of a garment of claim 2 wherein the fabric colors of two rival sports teams are arranged in alternate fields so as to bisect the garment vertically.

[0013] FIG. 3 is a view of the front view of a garment of claim 3 wherein the fabric colors of two rival sports teams are arranged in alternate fields so as to bisect the garment in a per bend configuration.

[0014] FIG. 4 is a view of a garment of claim 3 wherein the fabric colors of two rival sports teams are arranged in alternate fields so as to bisect the garment at an obtuse angle in a per bend configuration.

[0015] FIG. 5 is the front view of a garment of claim 7 wherein the fabric colors of two rival sports teams are arranged in alternate fields so as to bisect the garment in a per bend configuration and the words Mixed Emotions™ are incorporated to demarcate the division between the rival team colors in a tiered bandwise configuration.

[0016] FIG. 6 is a view of the front view of a garment of claim 9 wherein the Mixed Emotions™ logotype is applied to the garment.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT OF THE INVENTION

[0017] The invention incorporates the uniform colors of two rival sports teams into a single article of clothing such as a top, pants, socks, hats as well as arm bands. For purposes of this application, “top” shall comprise: shirts regardless of sleeve length, vests, sweaters, sweatshirts, jackets of all types and includes undershirts, brassieres, and other foundation garments. Bottoms shall comprise long legged pants of any type, shorts, sweatpants, swimming suits of all types, men’s and women’s underpants of any configuration. Hats shall comprise head gear of any configuration or style. Shoes shall comprise all types of footwear including socks. Accessories shall comprise sweatbands for the head or wrist, bandanas.

[0018] Team uniform colors of any two rival sports teams may be used. Normally two principal colors are adopted for sports team colors For example, the purple and gold of the Minnesota Vikings and the green and gold of the Green Bay Packers football teams. Therefore, each garment in the various embodiments may incorporate 4 colors. For purposes of this description a set of two or more principal team colors will be referred to individually and collectively as “colors”.

[0019] The particular arrangement of the colors shall be described using the nomenclature of heraldry. The colors may be arranged on the apparel item in opposition as to bisect the garment horizontally, vertically or at an acute or obtuse angle in a per band or per band sinister manner.

[0020] In the preferred embodiment the colors bisect the garment at an acute angle, in a per bend or per bend sinister fashion forming a diagonal running from the slightly off center of right side of the opening of the top to the bottom hem or edge of the garment. Optionally, the words “Mixed Emotions™” are incorporated on the border between the two colors in a tiered bend wise or Tiered per bend sinister configuration to communicate the wearer’s divided loyalties. Optionally, licensed team logotypes are incorporated with the logotype being placed on the area of the apparel defined by the corresponding team color(s). Alternatively, the licensed team logotypes may be incorporated with the logotype being placed on the area of the apparel defined by the rival team color(s).

[0021] Other embodiments are within the following claims.

What is claimed is:

1. A garment incorporating the fabric in the colors of two rival sports teams, the fabric colors being arranged in alternate fields so as to bisect the garment horizontally.
2. A garment incorporating the fabric in the colors of two rival sports teams, the fabric colors being arranged in alternate fields so as to bisect the garment vertically.

3. A garment incorporating the fabric in the colors of two rival sports teams, the fabric being arranged to bisect the garment in a per bend configuration.

4. A garment incorporating the fabric in the colors of two rival sports teams, the fabric being arranged to bisect the garment in a per bend sinister.

5. A garment of claims 3 or 4 wherein the logos of the rival teams are placed on the area of the apparel defined by their corresponding team color.

6. A garment of claims 3 or 4 wherein the logos of the rival teams are incorporated on the portion of the garment are placed on the area of the apparel defined by the colors of the rival team.

7. A garment of claim 3 in which the words “Mixed Emotions” are incorporated to demarcate the division between the rival team colors in a tiered bandwise configuration.

8. A garment of claim 4 in which the words “Mixed Emotions” are incorporated to demarcate the division between the rival team colors in a tiered per band sinister configuration.

9. A garment of any of claims 1-4 in which the “Mixed Emotions” logotype is applied to the garment.