

Soccer Jersey & Cleat Verification

National team / club jerseys + Nike/Adidas cleats

How to use this checklist: Run through each checkpoint when receiving your order. Items meeting all checkpoints = top-tier rep. Items failing 2+ checkpoints = standard-tier or below — negotiate price or request replacement before final acceptance. For category-specific verification protocols and price tier benchmarks, see the full guide URL at the bottom of this PDF.

SOCCER JERSEYS (5 checkpoints)

■ Fabric: stadium vs player edition

Stadium edition (most jerseys sold): standard polyester. Player edition (athlete-spec): lighter performance fabric. Sellers should disclose which.

■ Crest embroidery

Club/national crest embroidered (raised cotton-thread). Heat-transfer = standard tier.

■ Sponsor logo

Sponsor (Emirates / Adidas / Nike) embroidered or transfer matching authentic — verify against current season's spec.

■ Name + number font

Official league font (Premier League, La Liga, Champions League each have specific font). Cross-reference.

■ Material tag

Brand + size + 'Polyester' tag sewn (not heat-printed).

WORLD CUP / COPA AMERICA SPECIFICS

■ Tournament patch

Stadium edition usually doesn't have tournament patches; player edition has.

■ Year accuracy

Verify year specifics match — Argentina 2024 Copa shirt different from 2022 World Cup.

■ Colorway accuracy

Home/Away/Third kit colors precise to season.

SOCCER CLEATS — Nike / Adidas / Puma (6 checkpoints)

■ Stud configuration

FG (firm ground): conical/bladed for grass. SG (soft ground): metal screw-in studs. TF (turf): rubber studs. AG (artificial grass): hollow studs. CRITICAL — wrong stud type = unsafe to play.

■ Upper material

Nike Mercurial Vapor: synthetic Flyknit. Phantom GX: thicker leather/synthetic. Adidas X Crazyfast: synthetic mesh.

■ Touch zones

Pro models have differentiated upper zones (heel/forefoot/instep) with different textures.

■ Sole plate flexibility

Carbon fiber sole (top models) vs nylon (standard). Carbon = lighter + stiffer.

■ Lace cage / collar (Phantom GX)

Phantom GX has unique gripped lace cage; verify against authentic reference.

■ Tongue label

Sewn-in tongue label with size + made-in country.