

Referee Uniform

Your appearance as a referee sends an important message to teams, coaches, fans and your fellow referees. That first impression is vital. If you expect to command respect you must look and act professional, dress for success. Approach the game in a way that shows you are looking forward to being there, have fun, smile and be part of the game. Make sure that your uniform is clean, neat, proper color and professional looking. An official does not referee in white shoes. A referee wears black shoes either cleats or flats, white is not appropriate. Referee uniform consists of a: referee jersey. There are several colors, for a new referee start with yellow. If you have been officiating more than a season, add another color into your jersey collection, perhaps green, then red, then black, then blue. If there is a color conflict you will be making the jersey change to match your crew. Please make sure that your jersey is tucked in and is clean and not faded. A referee uniform piece also is shorts. Referee shorts, not Nike or Adidas playing shorts. Please wear the required referee shorts to the games that you are assigned. Make sure that your shorts are not baggy (low rise) or in need of repair if not, you are not "in uniform" and can be written up. Referee socks: not playing socks. There are referee soccer specific socks to purchase. Please make sure you still have the elastic in your socks and they are always pulled up. Being in uniform is not wearing a hat or visor - unless you have a medical reason, hats are not part of an official's uniform. Remember to always have a digital - not dial watch. A back up is also appropriate as is pen/pencil and referee reports(or paper). You may purchase referee equipment at local soccer shops such as Soccer Corner or Golden Soccer or you may order through Official Sports Incorporated online. (They are the USSF Referee program official uniform supplier) For new referees it is recommended that you purchase the new referee jersey that has the wider black stripes as the older version will be phased out in a few years. So, remember, accept your assignment, and be on time - prior to game minimum 30 minutes unless you are coming from another field.

The Referee Uniform

★ Uniform and Equipment

United States Soccer Federation Referee Uniform Standards

★ Official United States Soccer Federation Referee Uniform

- Gold jersey with black pin stripes, black collar, black cuffs (long sleeve), or no cuff (short sleeve) Black shorts, Black shoes, approved uniform socks

★ Official Alternate United States Soccer Federation Referee Uniforms

- Black jersey with white pin stripes, black collar, black cuffs (long sleeve), or no cuff (short sleeve) Black shorts, Black shoes, approved uniform socks
- Red jersey with black pin stripes, black collar, black cuffs (long sleeve), or no cuff (short sleeve) Black shorts, Black shoes, approved uniform socks
- Blue jersey with black pin stripes, black collar, black cuffs (long sleeve), or no cuff (short sleeve) Black shorts, Black shoes, approved uniform socks
- Green jersey with black pin stripes, black collar, black cuffs (long sleeve), or no cuff (short sleeve) Black shorts, Black shoes, approved uniform socks

★ Official Uniform for Grade 9 Referees

Any of the above, or:

- Gold T-shirt with black v-neck and the words "Recreational Referee" over the left breast pocket Black shorts, black shoes, approved uniform socks (For Recreational Referees Grade 9 only)
- Black T-shirt with White v-neck and the words "Recreational Referee" over the left breast pocket Black shorts, black shoes, approved uniform socks (For Recreational Referees Grade 9 only)

★ For all grades

- Black Socks with U. S. Soccer Referee Crest on left and right sides of cuff or,
- Black Socks with three-striped white top

<http://ussoccer.com/referees/refprod/refuni.jsp.html>

<http://images.ussoccer.com/Documents/cms/ussf/2008-09%20RAH.pdf>

<http://www.officialsports.com/Referee%20Uniforms.htm>