



STANDARD UNIFORMS FOR MEMBERS OF THE NEW MEXICO OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION



The following represents the standard required uniforms for officials in the New Mexico Officials Association. Any modification to or deviation from these uniform standards must be petitioned, in writing, to the NMAA Executive Board through the State Commissioner of Officials. Some modifications for members of a local association (i.e., American flags on uniforms or commemorative patches) may be approved via written request to the Commissioner of Officials.

BASEBALL

1. **Shirt:** Clean, pressed, collared shirt. New Mexico allows umpires to wear umpires' shirts in the following colors: light blue, navy blue, black and cream.

The NFHS navy blue pullover, or black pullover or black with white piping on the shoulders are also allowed for cold weather games. All umpires on the same crew must wear the same style and color of shirt for a given game. A navy, light blue or black turtleneck may be substituted for a shirt when wearing a coat.

For all shirts except navy blue, umpires will wear a black undershirt. For navy blue shirts, umpires will wear a navy blue undershirt.

A navy blue or black sweater (worn on bases only), blazer, windbreaker or windshirt worn over the appropriate shirt is acceptable. Long-sleeved shirts worn underneath the collared shirt are not acceptable except for umpires who have medical conditions which require the use of long-sleeves. This must be approved in advance by the NMAA office.

Added language January 2017: Umpires are also permitted to wear the new style of baseball shirts with the side panel down the side of the shirt and its sleeve (long and short sleeved, sky blue and black). Same color restrictions as above. All umpires on the crew must wear the same color and style of shirt.

2. **Pants:** Clean and pressed heather gray or charcoal gray slacks. Because different manufacturers have different colors of "heather" gray, any manufacturer's heather gray color will suffice.
3. **Hats:** Black hats with the NMOA logo are to be worn with all shirts except the navy blue shirt. When wearing navy blue shirts, umpires must wear a navy blue hat with the NMOA logo. **Hats with logos are mandatory, beginning with the 2019 season.** Hats may be purchased through Smitty Officials Apparel vendors at any of the links below:

Purchase Officials Supply:

<https://purchaseofficials.com/collections/new-mexico/products/nmoa-logo-umpire-hats>

Officials Time Out:

<https://theofficialstimeout.com/collections/utah-hs/products/nmoa-logo-black-umpire-hat>

MT Needles Embroidery:

<https://www.mtneedleembroidery.com/showrooms.htm>

4. **Shoes:** Shoes must be all black or black with white trim.
5. **Belts:** Belts must be all black.
6. **Ball bags:** Black ball bags should be used with all shirts except navy blue. Navy blue ball bags should be used with navy blue shirts and navy blue hats.
7. **Socks:** Socks may be navy blue or black.
8. **Accessories/Protective Equipment:** The plate umpire needs to have a ball and strike indicator, a small whisk broom, a protective supporter and cup, ball bag (may be black, or navy), lineup cards and a pen or pencil for lineup changes. A chest protector, sturdy mask (with a mandatory throat protector) and shin guards are standard equipment for a plate umpire.

BASKETBALL

1. **Shirt:** Black and white vertically striped, short sleeved official's shirt. Shirt shall be V-neck (no collar). The shirts with the wide side panel may be used, provided that all officials on the crew are wearing the same shirt.
2. **Pants:** Black pants with no flares.
3. **Socks:** Black socks.
4. **Shoes:** Entirely black shoes with black laces.
5. **Whistle:** Black whistle and black lanyard are required. It is recommended that officials carry a spare whistle with them.
6. **Jacket: *Beginning with the 2019-2020 school year, solid black, athletic, zip jackets, with the NMOA logo on the left sleeve are required for all basketball referees.*** No other logo or adornment may be placed on the jacket. These jackets may be purchased through Smitty Officials Apparel vendors at any of the links below:

Purchase Officials Supply:

<https://purchaseofficials.com/collections/new-mexico/products/nmoa-smitty-stand-up-collar-referee-jacket>

Officials Gear Outlet:

<https://officialsgearoutlet.com/collections/basketball-referee-jacket/products/nmoa-smitty-stand-up-collar-referee-jacket>

Officials Timeout:

<https://theofficialstimeout.com/collections/utah-hs/products/nmoa-smitty-stand-up-collar-referee-jacket>

MT Needles Embroidery:

<https://www.mtneedleembroidery.com/si/753594685/bks232m/smitty-black-jacket-with-knit-cuff>

FOOTBALL

1. **Shirt:** Black and white vertically striped, long or short-sleeved knit shirt shall be worn. ***Beginning with the 2016 football season, 2 ¼-inch striped shirts are mandatory with the American flag above the pocket. The flag must go above the pocket (that is the most common for manufacturers), with white piping (if a patch) or sublimated directly onto the shirt.*** All officials in a given game are to wear the same type shirt (i.e., short or long sleeves).
2. **Pants:** Football officials must wear black pants. Pants may be worn with either long-sleeved shirts or short-sleeved shirts (or jackets) and black socks must be part of the uniform (*Effective, January 2013*).
 - Football officials may wear black shorts at any level, with the approval of the local association. Each local association is given the authority to choose whether they will utilize black shorts or if they will not allow the use of shorts at all. (*Effective January 2011*)
3. **Belt:** A black leather belt 1 ¼ to 2 inches wide with a plain buckle shall be worn (either with knickers or shorts).
4. **Socks:** Solid black socks are worn with the black pants and short black socks will be worn with shorts.
5. **Shoes:** Black football shoes with black laces are required. Shoes should be shined before each game.
6. **Hat:** Black baseball-style cap with white piping is required. The Referee shall wear a solid, white baseball-style cap. Caps must be fitted.
7. **Jacket:** For inclement weather games, officials may also wear a black and white vertically striped jacket.
8. **Accessories:** All officials must have the proper equipment, including a whistle, penalty marker, blue or white bean bag (all officials on the crew must have the same color), game card, pencil and rubber bands/down marker. The penalty marker shall be a light gold flag (15 x 15 inches) with a middle pouch weighted with sand or beans, etc. The linesman shall furnish a clipping device for use in measuring first downs. The line judge / back judge shall have a digital watch with a countdown timer.

SOCCER

1. **Shirt:** Officials must wear a soccer official's shirt in red, yellow, blue, black or green. The shirts may be long-sleeved or short-sleeved. All officials on the crew must wear the same color of shirt with the same sleeve length.
2. **Shorts:** Black shorts. Long black pants are permissible by NFHS rule for inclement weather.
3. **Shoes and Socks:** Predominantly black shoes and black stockings with white stripes.
4. **Accessories:** Two whistles, flags, yellow card, red card, two stop watches, flipping coin, pencil and scorecard.
5. **Hat:** If worn, a hat must be solid black.

SOFTBALL

During the 2020 season, the new uniforms will be optional, provided all members of the crew are wearing the same uniform. **The new uniform will be required beginning during the 2021 season.** The new uniform standards are listed below:

1. **Shirt and Slacks** – Shirts and slacks shall be clean, wrinkle free and not faded or stained. All members of the crew shall wear the same uniform combination. Umpires shall wear one of the following uniform combinations:
 - Powder Blue pullover style shirt with Navy Blue and White banding on the arms and collar and Heather Gray slacks.
 - Navy Blue shirt with Heather Gray pants
 - Sky Blue pullover shirt with Black panels and Charcoal Gray slacks.
 - Other shirt color options that may be worn with the Charcoal Gray slacks are Charcoal Gray with Black side panels or Black with Charcoal Gray side panels.
 - ***NOTE: The powder blue shirts, navy blue shirts and heather slacks cannot be worn after the 2020 season.***
2. **Undershirt** – Undershirts shall be clean and not faded.
 - Undershirts shall be solid White or Black and shall not be imprinted with any designs.
 - A navy blue or white undershirt may be worn with the Navy Blue shirts.
 - It may be short or long sleeve.
 - Members of the crew may wear a combination of short or long sleeve but all members shall wear the same color undershirt.
3. **Belt** – A belt shall be worn. The belt shall be clean, shined and free of tears or cracks.
 - The belt shall be black.
 - The belt shall have a small unadorned buckle.
 - A Patent Leather belt is optional provided it meets the requirements above.
4. **Socks:** Black socks that are at least mid-calf in length shall be worn. They shall be clean, unadorned and not faded.
5. **Shoes:** Shoes, plate and base, shall be solid black and unadorned with black shoes strings. Shoes shall be clean and shined.
 - Plate umpire's shoes should offer the maximum protection with a hard shell or steel reinforced toe and steel or reinforced tongue.
 - Soles should provide good traction.
 - Patent Leather shoes, plate and base, are optional provided they meet the requirements above.
6. **Hat** – The hat shall be fitted and, clean and free of stains.
 - A Navy Blue hat with the NMOA logo shall be worn when wearing Heather Gray slacks.
 - A Black hat with the NMOA logo shall be worn when wearing Charcoal Gray slacks.
 - Hats may be purchased through Smitty Officials Apparel vendors at any of the links below:

Purchase Officials Supply:

<https://purchaseofficials.com/collections/new-mexico/products/nmoa-logo-umpire-hats>

Officials Time Out:

<https://theofficialstimeout.com/collections/utah-hs/products/nmoa-logo-black-umpire-hat>

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- The hat shall never be worn backwards.
 - **NOTE: The navy blue hat will not be allowed or needed after the 2020 season. The black hat will be the only hat option beginning in 2021. Hats with logos are not required until the new uniform takes effect in 2021. Umpires selected to work the state tournament in 2020 will be provided a hat with a logo by the NMAA.**
7. **Ball Bag** – A ball bag is mandatory for the Plate Umpire. Base Umpires shall not wear a ball bag. The ball bag shall be clean, wrinkle free and not faded.
- A Navy Blue ball bag shall be used when wearing Heather Gray slacks.
 - A Black ball bag shall be used when wearing Charcoal Gray slacks.
 - The ball bag should be able to hold two softballs and two ball bags are recommended.
 - **NOTE: The navy blue ball bag will not be allowed or needed after the 2020 season due to the elimination of the heather pants.**
8. **Additional Upper Body Items** – Outerwear, jackets, is optional dependent upon the weather. It shall be clean, wrinkle free and free of stains.
- The jacket may be a short zipper pullover or a full zipper jacket.
 - It shall have a Navy Blue body with Light Blue and White stripes on the shoulders.
 - **NOTE: The older style navy blue jacket may be worn through the end of the 2020 season.**
9. **Protective Equipment and Accessories** – The following items are additional items and shall be kept clean and in working order:
- A black colored face mask with a throat protector, either through the extension of the mask or attached is required. The exterior visible portion of the padding should be black. A sun shield that is attached to the mask is allowed.
 - The chest protector, which fits comfortably under the shirt, is strongly recommended.
 - The leg guards, which fit comfortable under the slacks, are strongly recommended.
 - Each umpire shall have a ball/strike indicator.
 - Each umpire should carry a bat ring.

SPIRIT

1. **Shirt:** Black polo shirt, with grey striping down the side and Compete with Class Logo on the left chest (available for order through the NMAA).
2. **Pants:** The required polo shirt should be worn with slacks or skirts so that judges are professional and uniform in appearance while serving our member schools

SWIMMING

1. **Shirt:** White, short-sleeved, collared polo shirt. Women may wear a white, sleeveless collared shirt as an option as well. **New Material (April 2016): The Meet Referee may designate alternate official uniforms for those meets conducted using a preliminary/final format.**
2. **Pants:** Navy blue pants, shorts or skirt (note that color was changed from white to navy blue in July 2011). Sweatpants, jeans, leggings and tights are not permitted.

3. **Shoes:** White shoes are recommended, although sandals or flip-flops are permitted, due to exposure to water.

VOLLEYBALL

1. **Shirt:** White short-sleeved, collared polo shirt. The shirt may or may not have a pocket. By state adoption, officials may wear a long-sleeved white polo or a long-sleeved white sweater. The sweater must be a pullover (not a sweatshirt and not a cardigan) and must not have buttons or zippers. When wearing the sweater, the short or long-sleeved polo must be worn under the sweater with the collar pulled out over the collar of the sweater.

Note: A number of volleyball officials have asked our office about wearing the white official's uniform shirt with the NMOA logo on the left sleeve, as was displayed at the NMOA State Clinic. The answer is "yes," so long as both the R1 and R2 are wearing that shirt in a given match. These shirts are OPTIONAL, based upon the popular opinion of many of our volleyball officials. They can be purchased at the link below:

<https://www.mtneedleembroidery.com/showrooms.htm>

2. **Pants:** Black slacks. If the slacks have belt-loops, wear a black belt. Jeans and/or sweatpants are not permitted. By state adoption, officials may wear shorts while officiating NMAA sanctioned matches. If shorts are worn, both the Referee 1 and Referee 2 must wear them, so we advise that officials contact their partners prior to matches to ensure you are wearing the same uniform. If officials choose to wear shorts, they must wear unadorned white shoes with white socks. Shorts **WILL NOT** be allowed for post-season competition, beginning with the district tournaments.
3. **Shoes and Socks:** Solid black athletic shoes and black socks.
4. **Accessories:** For the referee, a whistle and lanyard. The whistle and lanyard may be either black or white. A set of yellow and red cards, a coin and a chain to measure the net are also required. For the umpire, a whistle, lineup card, pen/pencil, a set of yellow and red cards and a coin. It is recommended that officials also have a set of flags for line judges, however, these are not mandatory.

WRESTLING

1. **Shirt:** Short-sleeved gray shirt with black pinstripes. ***The shirt must have a sublimated NMOA logo on the left chest, beginning with the 2018-2019 school year*** (as approved via referenda in January 2018). Shirts can be purchased through Smitty Officials Apparel Vendors at any of the links below:

Purchase Officials Supply:

<https://purchaseofficials.com/collections/new-mexico/products/nmoa-logo-dye-sublimated-grey-v-neck>

Officials Timeout:

<https://theofficialstimeout.com/collections/utah-hs/products/nmoa-logo-dye-sublimated-grey-v-neck>

MT Needles Embroidery:

<https://www.mtneedleembroidery.com/si/113594903/usa-205nm/smitty---wrestling-short-sleeve-shirt-with-flag>

2. **Pants:** Full-length black trousers.
3. **Belt:** Black belt, if worn.
4. **Shoes and Socks:** Black socks and black wrestling/gym shoes.
5. **Accessories:** A red armband on the left wrist, a green armband on the right wrist, a two-colored disk, a black lanyard, a black whistle (preferably not a hand-whistle) and a kit to conduct the random draw.