

NHFOA Uniform Policy

On-Field Uniform

The following apparel items are mandatory. Every official is expected to have these items available at each assignment. The referee shall make the final decision regarding the official game uniform.

UNIFORMS SHOULD FIT PROPERLY AND BE CLEAN AND NEAT.

SHIRT

Black-and-white vertically striped, long or short-sleeved knit shirt shall be worn. The shirts shall have 1-inch stripes, a black knit cuff and Byron collar with pocket on the left breast. Members shall wear the NHFOA approved emblem sewn on the left sleeve according to the specifications shown below and the approved American Flag on the right sleeve with stars facing front (military style). All members of each crew must wear the same style shirt. Numbers on the shirt are prohibited.

NHFOA PATCH PLACEMENT

Patch goes on left sleeve
2 inches from shoulder seam
Iron on then sew with red thread



KNICKERS

Only to be worn for special occasion games such as the CHAD, Thanksgiving Day and “throwback” games upon unanimous crew vote. Official NCAA, one-piece socks shall be worn with knickers.

SHOES AND BELT

Black football shoes, which may include some white accents, with black laces are required. Shoes should be shined before each game. A black leather belt 1 1/4 to 2 inches wide with a plain buckle shall be worn.

CAPS

Black baseball-style cap, sized (not adjustable), with white piping is required. For the purpose of identification, the referee shall wear a solid white cap of the same style.

JACKETS

Standard black and white poly, one-inch vertically striped reversible jackets with an all-black side, and knit black Byron collar and black cuffs is mandatory. The entire crew may wear jackets with the all-black side on the exterior during pre-game and intermissions, but not during a game. During a game, if any crew member wears a jacket then all crew members must wear a jacket and they must be worn striped side out. Numbers or emblems should not be on the jacket.

SHORTS

Black officiating shorts (5-inch inseam) may be worn in place of pants by majority vote of crew. If the shorts have loops, a black belt as described above is required. Compression shorts, when worn, shall not show from beneath the shorts. Black ankle socks are required to be worn with shorts. Socks can be no longer than ankle height (see photo below). All officials in a game are to wear the same type shorts.



BLACK OFFICIAL PANTS

Pants shall be constructed with tunnel loops with front and rear pockets and contain a 1¼ inch white stripe down each leg. The pants shall be hemmed to the top of the shoe and worn with black socks.

UNDERSHIRTS/TURTLENECKS

All undershirts or turtlenecks which show shall be black.

GLOVES

Cold weather gloves, when worn, shall be black.

MANDATORY AUXILIARY EQUIPMENT:

WHISTLE

Whistle and lanyard, or finger-style whistle shall be used (strongly recommend FOX 40 style). A back-up whistle should be carried. Pink whistle and lanyard are required when designated by the Council to recognize cancer awareness.

FOWL MARKER

Standard gold or black tipped fowl marker shall be used. Two fowl markers should be carried inconspicuously and shall not be altered with tape or other foreign material.

BEAN BAGS

Each member of the crew shall carry two blue or white primary beanbags. The crew shall vote (majority rule) on the color of the primary beanbag to be used for a specific game. The Back Judge and the Line Judge shall carry a blue and white bean bag, with the non-primary color bean bag used to mark the end of kicks.

DOWN INDICATOR

Elastic down indicators shall be carried by all crew members.

WATCH

All black sports style watch with countdown feature shall be worn.

INFORMATION CARD

An information card and pencil, to record pertinent game data such as coin toss results, captains/coaches names, shall be carried.

CHAIN CLIP

The Head Linesman shall supply a clip, used to mark the yard line closest to the rear stake of the line-to-gain equipment. The clip should be labeled in 5-yard increments to match the yard line markings. The Head Linesman shall also provide the chain crew with a bean bag used to mark the location of the box inside the 10-yard line in case it is moved during the down. This beanbag shall be any other color, other than blue or white, so that it will not be confused with a beanbag thrown by an official to mark a spot.

25/60 Second Timing Device

The Back Judge shall wear a 25/60 second timing device (e.g., Ready Ref) for managing play count and timeouts.

OPTIONAL UNIFORM:

UNDERSHIRTS/TURTLENECKS

All undershirts or turtlenecks which show shall be black.

GLOVES

Cold weather gloves, when worn, shall be black.

NHFOA ASSIGNED, AUXILIARY CREW

GAME UNIFORM DRESS CODE

When requested, NHFOA assigns clock operators (timers) and Line-to-Gain Crews (chain gangs) as a service to schools that utilize NHFOA game officials. Members accepting these assignments are eligible to receive a game fee depending upon the level of play and usual length of game. Games will be assigned and posted on Arbiter and game fee shall be noted. All required items shall be as described in the NHFOA Uniform Dress Code found elsewhere under NHFOA Policies and Codes.

Proper Dress for **Clock Operator shall be:**

Cap: White (referee's cap—for visibility from field).

Striped Shirt: (sleeve length of choice).

Jacket: If needed, striped side out.

Pants: Choice of black shorts, black pants, civilian black or khaki pants.

Equipment: Backup time piece in case of clock malfunction.

Proper Dress for **Line-to-Gain Crew shall be:**

All crew members' uniforms SHALL match.

Cap: Black Striped.

Shirt: NHFOA standard grey, black or game shirt. Crew must utilize home field auxiliary crew vest if provided.

Jacket: If needed, striped side out.

Pants: Crew (all same) choice of black shorts, black pants or civilian khaki pants.

Shoes: See current NHFOA standard.

Equipment: Clip Operator shall provide two (2) clips.