



BRITISH AMERICAN FOOTBALL REFEREES ASSOCIATION LIMITED

The intent of the BAFRA Uniform policy is for all officials on the crew to be uniformly attired. If in doubt, please contact secretary@BAFRA.info.

On-field Uniform

The uniform to be worn by BAFRA members for all games in Britain shall be as follows:

1. Standard black and white 2" vertical striped shirt with black collar and cuffs.
 - Mesh shirts are permitted if worn by all members of the crew.
 - If all members of the crew agree, a 1" vertical striped shirt may be worn provided all members are similarly attired.
2. Plain black regulation trousers (pants), with tunnel belt loops and a 1¼ inch white stripe running the length of each leg, worn with plain black socks.
 - Standard white regulation knickers with a slight overlap below the knee, worn with black socks with a white northwestern stripe pattern, are permitted if worn by all members of the crew. This should be agreed in advance.
 - Black shorts (with or without a 1¼ inch white stripe running the length of each leg), worn with plain black socks, are permitted if worn by all members of the crew. This should be agreed in advance.
3. A black belt, approximately 1½" wide, with a plain buckle.
4. Black (or predominantly black) shoes with a suitable stud or tread pattern and black laces.
5. A peaked cap (white for the Referee, black with white piping for the other officials).
 - Solid sized hats are preferable to meshed, adjustable ones.
 - Rain hats are permitted.

Other notes:

- Uniform may bear only a single manufacturer's or distributor's normal label or trademark (regardless of the visibility of the label or trademark) not to exceed 2¼ square inches in area (i.e. rectangle, square, parallelogram) including any additional material (e.g. patch) surrounding the normal trademark or logo.
- Uniform should not be customised from standard manufacturer issue, unless otherwise stated in this policy. This includes but is not limited to:
 - Indication of Position (e.g. R; U; H; L; B; S; F; C)
 - Official's name or BAFRA number

- Only those badges expressly approved by the Association may be worn.
 - The BAFRA Badge shall be on the left sleeve with the top of the badge 3" from the shoulder seam.
 - Another approved badge may be worn in the corresponding place on the right sleeve.
 - Competition Authority badges may be worn on the shirt pocket.
 - Badges may either be sewn on or attached by Velcro or similar.
- Any part of the clothing worn under the uniform shirt that shows shall be black in colour.
- Rain jackets, if worn, must have an appropriate stripe pattern.
- Gloves, if worn, shall be predominantly black.

On-field Equipment

Officials shall carry the following equipment:

1. Two foul markers, light gold in colour, approximately 15" square and weighted, worn inconspicuously.
2. At least two bean bags of suitable design, carried where easily accessible.
3. A whistle (and a spare).
 - Either finger whistles or those on neck and wrist lanyards are recommended.
 - Whistles may carry the manufacturers logo and/or the BAFRA Logo but no other customisation.
4. The Umpire, Timekeeper and the Play Clock Operator shall carry suitable stop watches that have been checked for accuracy before the game.
 - Spare watches should also be carried, either by those listed above or by other members of the crew.
5. The Headline shall carry a chain clip (and spare) of suitable design, tie-wraps (or similar) to repair the chain, and tape to mark the mid-point of the chain.
6. Game data card, pencil (and spare), or other method of recording.
7. Down counter (and spare).
 - a. The Umpire (and Centre Judge, if present) should also carry a lateral position marker.
8. The Referee and Umpire shall each carry a Coin for the toss.

Smoking in Uniform

The Directors believe that officials smoking in uniform do not create a positive impression of BAFRA as an organisation or the sport in general. Officials are therefore asked to exercise discretion when smoking in uniform and ensure they are away from public areas and, as far as practical, unobserved.

Off-field

Officials are always expected to have a neat and tidy appearance. They are on view from the moment they arrive at the venue until the time they leave. As such, a high dress standard must always be maintained.

Arriving and departing from the venue, all officials shall wear:

1. Either:
 - a. A smart shirt or blouse
 - b. A plain polo shirt with no more than one small logo on the breast

2. Trousers or a skirt
 - a. Denim jeans or skirts must not be worn.
 - b. Smart shorts (not denim) are acceptable in hot weather.
 - c. BAFRA tradition allows the wearing of a kilt.
3. Plain Shoes
 - a. These must not be trainers
4. Anything bearing the logo of any British team is prohibited. This includes caps.

Restrictions

1. Only current BAFRA members may wear uniform or clothing bearing a BAFRA logo.