

MWSRA UNIFORM POLICY AND GUIDELINES

Referees are professionals and are expected to dress professionally and appropriately while at the field, tournament site, or match you are officiating. Remember, your credibility depends upon how you are perceived by other referees, spectators, coaches, and players. The following is the general dress code for independently contracted soccer officials who agree to do games for the MWSRA clients. By accepting games from MWSRA assignors, you agree to the Uniform Policy and other standards.¹ This policy applies from when you arrive at the game site until you leave the game site. Officials can be fined up to \$25 per violation of this uniform policy.

JERSEYS:

- ❖ MWSRA requires the use of USSF-approved jerseys (single or double stripes). Officials are required to have the **yellow** AND **black** jerseys. It is strongly encouraged to also have a **green** jersey as an alternate.
- ❖ The new 2016 USSF **yellow** jersey will be required starting Spring 2018. Old, double-striped jerseys of other colors will be acceptable as well.
- ❖ Old, single-striped jerseys of any color will no longer be acceptable attire by the start of Spring 2018.
- ❖ The referee team should be in the same color for each game.
- ❖ Jerseys must always be tucked into shorts/pants.
- ❖ No jackets, ponchos, or other garments may cover your referee shirt and badge, regardless of the weather during the actual time of play on the field. Other layers may only be worn under the jersey.

SHORTS/PANTS:

- ❖ Black shorts that are of reasonable length should be worn and should not cover the knees.
- ❖ Black pants should be worn at full length and not rolled up to expose the socks in appropriate weather.
- ❖ The only permissible markings on the shorts/pants are manufacturer's and/or appropriate federation logos. Stripes, colored trim, faded color, or other markings are not approved.

SOCKS/SHOES:

- ❖ USSF-approved two-stripe or three-stripe socks are required.
- ❖ Proper athletic footwear should be primarily black in color and suitable for the field conditions.

JEWELRY & WATCHES:

- ❖ Jewelry should be limited to medical/religious items, if necessary.
- ❖ Each referee is required to have at least one digital watch, though two watches are recommended.
- ❖ Phones should NEVER be used as a game clock or carried during a match.

HATS:

- ❖ The only acceptable hat is plain black with manufacturer/association logo allowed on the hat.
- ❖ Plain black knit hats are acceptable in colder weather. Logos of any federation, team, country, charitable cause, pins, markings, etc. are not approved.

GLOVES:

- ❖ Black gloves are permitted in cold weather, but should not limit the referee's ability to show cards, use a whistle, or write.

CHANGING UNIFORMS:

- ❖ If you need to change your jersey, please do this away from fans and players if possible. Reasonable undergarments should always be worn. Officials should NEVER remove shorts in public.
- ❖ All visible undergarments must be black.

¹ MWSRA's Uniform Policy, Client Rules and Regulations, Bylaws, and Constitution are available online at www.mwsra.org.