

Referee Uniform and Equipment

Referee clothing and attire must be clean, neat, and tidy at the beginning of each day of officiating. A referee who does not look the part can easily give a poor first impression.

To purchase Referee Uniform, click on this link to visit the [Referee Merchandise Store](#)

Attire for Arrival at and Departure from the Ground

For Premier Senior, Premier Youth and Zone Football League Competition Referees are expected to wear:

- NNSWF Referee Polo Shirt
- Dress Pants or NNSWF Referee Tracksuit Pants
- Enclosed and Clean Shoes
- NNSWF Referees Jackets (Optional)

JDL Competition Referees are permitted to arrive at and depart from the ground wearing their First Year Referee Uniform and appropriate footwear.

Mandatory Uniform

First Year Referees are expected to wear the uniform provided to them as part of the First Year Referee Starter Pack. This includes:

- Green Umbro or Bocini Shirt

- Black Umbro Referee Shorts
- Black Umbro Referee Socks
- Black or Predominantly Black Boots with Black Laces
- Orange Respect Armband (for Referees Under 18)

Premier Youth Referees who have graduated from the First Year Referee Program are required to have the Black Umbro Referee Shirt in addition to the First Year Referee Uniform. Premier Youth Referees are encouraged to also purchase Blue, Red and Yellow Umbro Referee Shirts and Socks.

Premier Senior and Zone Football League Referees are required to have all the following Uniform items:

- Black, Blue, Red and Yellow Umbro Referee Shirts
- Black Referee Shorts
- Black, Blue, Red and Yellow Referee Socks
- Black or Predominantly Black Boots with Black Laces

Optional Uniform

A variety of other items are available for purchase from the Umbro NNSWF Referee Merchandise Store. Please see the following guidelines as to when these items can be worn:

- Referee Training Jerseys can be worn before matches during the warm-up.
- Referees Jackets (for warmth or rain protection) can be worn before or after matches.

- Referee Jackets or plain black jackets (for warmth or rain protection) can be worn by fourth officials on all competition matches, and by assistant referees on JDL, PYL and ZFL competition matches.
- Undershirts can be worn if they are a single colour which is the same as the referee shirt.

Accessories

Please see the below guidelines regarding referee accessories:

- NNSWF Referee caps or plain black caps can only be worn by match officials on JDL, PYL and ZFL competition matches when wearing the cap is important to ensuring referee health or performance.
- Gloves can only be worn in night games when the weather is cold.
- Only prescription glasses may be worn by referees during matches.
- No visible grip socks are permitted to be worn.

Referee Equipment

All referees are required to bring the following items of equipment to every game they officiate on, regardless of whether they are allocated as a referee, assistant referee or fourth official.

- Whistle(s)
- Watch(es)

- Red and Yellow Cards
- Assistant Referee Flags
- Notebook (or other means of keeping a record of the match)
- Pens
- Coin
- Device (for completion of electronic team sheets)

Referees, assistant referees and fourth officials are required to take out with them the above equipment every time they officiate with the following exceptions. It's important that should an assistant referee need to take over the centre, they have a whistle and cards on their person already.

- Referees and fourth officials do not take out an assistant referee flag.
- No match officials are to take their phone out with them while officiating, and communication settings are disabled on smartwatches. Devices can be locked in the referee room at each ground for safe keeping.

Communication Equipment

Communication sets, buzzer flags and substitution boards are only to be used when this equipment has been provided to referees for the purpose of this match, or if express permission has been granted from the NNSWF Referees Department.

Uniform and Equipment Checklist

Prior to departure from home before refereeing, the following uniform and equipment checklist should be completed to ensure referees have everything they need with them on matchday.

- ☐ Black, Blue, Red and Yellow Shirts (if each applicable)
- ☐ Green Shirt (for First Year Referees)
- ☐ Black Shorts
- ☐ Black, Blue, Red and Yellow Socks (if each applicable)
- ☐ Black or Predominantly Black Boots with Black Laces
- ☐ Orange Respect Armband (for Referees Under 18)
- ☐ Referee Training Jersey (if required)
- ☐ Referee Undershirts (if required)
- ☐ Referee Jackets (if required)
- ☐ Whistle(s)
- ☐ Watch(es)
- ☐ Red and Yellow Cards
- ☐ Assistant Referee Flags
- ☐ Notebook (or other means of keeping a record of the match)
- ☐ Pens
- ☐ Coin
- ☐ Device (for completion of electronic team sheets)