



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.** NMOA hats can be purchased through Smitty at the following link:
<https://purchaseofficials.com/collections/new-mexico>
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:** Black jackets, recommended for wear prior to the game. These may have the local association logo, state association logo or no logo, dependent upon the wishes of each individual local association. Optional jackets with the NMOA logo can be purchased through Smitty at the following link: <https://purchaseofficials.com/collections/new-mexico>

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

1. **Shirt:** Umpires are to wear powder blue pullover style shirts. The shirt **must be** the shirt specified for softball, with the ***navy blue and white banding on the arms and collar***. If a long-sleeve undershirt or turtleneck is worn, they shall not be exposed. Pullover style jackets or sweaters shall be solid navy blue. Any T-shirt worn under the powder blue shirt (including turtlenecks) must be white.
Added language January 2017: Umpires are also permitted to wear navy blue shirts, provided all members of the crew are wearing the same color.
2. **Pants:** Heather gray slacks.
3. **Shoes:** 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. Shoes should be solid black with no white or colored markings.

4. **Socks:** Navy or black socks that are at least mid-calf in length should be worn.
5. **Belt:** A black belt with a small buckle shall be worn.
6. **Hat:** A fitted hat is required and shall be navy blue. It shall never be worn backwards.
7. **Accessories/Protective Equipment:** A mask with a throat protector is required. The inside-style chest protector and leg guards are strongly recommended. Slacks should fit comfortably over the leg guards. The plate and base umpire should have a ball/strike indicator and a plate brush. A navy blue ball bag is mandatory for the plate umpire. 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. ***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 or jeans 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.
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 at the following link through Smitty:
<https://purchaseofficials.com/collections/new-mexico>
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.