



# STANDARDS OF DRESS AND APPEARANCE

## OFFICIAL U.S. SOCCER FEDERATION UNIFORM

**UNIFORM:** Always make sure your uniform is clean, neat, and professional in appearance.

### CLASSIC UNIFORM

#### SHIRT

- Long or short sleeve
- Yellow with black pinstripes
- Men's or women's

#### BADGE

- U.S. Soccer Federation with current year (securely fastened to shirt over left chest).
- The badge should be for the highest grade for which the referee is currently qualified

#### SHORTS

- Black shorts
- Bottom edge of shorts not less than 3 or more than 7 inches above the top of the knee cap

#### SOCKS

- Black socks
- U.S. Soccer Federation Referee Program 2-stripe socks

#### SHOES

- Black shoes
- Black laces (may have white manufacturer's design)



### ALTERNATIVE UNIFORMS

The following shirts have been approved by the Federation as alternatives that can be worn in case of color conflict. There is no order of preference among the alternate jerseys. The other parts of the referee uniform (shorts, socks, shoes) do not change if the referee wears an alternate shirt.



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Official Sports International is the official supplier of referee uniforms to U.S. Soccer.

Only manufacturer's logos and U.S. Soccer approved badges and/or emblems may be visible on the referee uniform.

All PA West Soccer referees are expected to act and look professional. You will need to obtain a referee uniform and should begin with a yellow USSF shirt, all-black shorts with pockets (NOT player shorts), two-striped black socks and black shoes (doesn't have to be turf or cleated, that's your preference). You will need a watch with a countdown/up timer, whistle, and a yellow/red card (the card "wallet" is not required).

Do not buy a track-style stopwatch. Do not use a neck lanyard for your whistle – use a wrist or finger lanyard. The Mini Fox40 is a very good whistle, is widely available, and is inexpensive.

As you complete matches, you can add to your kits (flags, additional shirts and other accessories). There are a number of local and national vendors:

1. [Official Sports](#) (*Official supplier for USSF*)
2. [Score](#)
3. [Referee Store](#)
4. [Epic Sports](#)
5. [Officially Sports](#)

### *What About Next Year?*

Referees must take a recertification exam EVERY year. This fall, you will receive information via email informing you to log into the platform in order to complete your referee recertification. Recertification is an annual process in which you will register for the upcoming year, pay for a recertification fee (usually around \$50), and then complete a recertification test (online), in order to receive your USSF badge and book for the next calendar year.