

CENTRAL VIRGINIA FOOTBALL OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION

Study Manual

UNIFORM

The Uniform for the CVFOA is as follows:

- A. SHIRT:** Standard black and white striped knit, long tail, 1 inch vertical stripes with VHSL emblem worn over the left breast, and complete with knit black Byron collar and black cuffs. A short and long sleeve shirt is required. A pocket on the left breast is optional. The mesh style shirt is not to be worn. A game crew shall ALL wear the same style shirt.
- B. PANTS:**
- ✍ **KNICKERS:** Standard all white, tapered, regulation football officials knickers shall be worn overlapping the knee but not more than 4 inches.
 - ✍ **SHORTS:** Standard all white, tapered, long leg shorts with standard belt loops may be worn when authorized by the CVFOA. Shorts may only be worn to scrimmages and Junior Varsity games. A game crew shall ALL wear the same style pants.
- C. STOCKINGS:**
- ✍ **WITH KNICKERS:** Black stockings with white above the top of the shoe heel approximately 3 inches; a 2 inch band of black between the top of the white and the bottom of the lowest white stripe; alternating stripes- white 1/2 inch, black 1/2 inch, white 1-1 1/4 inches, black 1/2 inch, white 1/2 inch; topped by a minimum of 2 inch band of black between the top white stripe and the bottom of the knickers.
 - ✍ **WITH SHORTS:** Solid white stockings that extend up and cover the calf of the leg to within 2 inches of the bottom of the knee.
- D. SHOES AND BELT:** Black shoes with black laces and appropriate soles or cleats. Black belt a minimum of 1 1/4 inches and a maximum of 2 inches in width. The buckle shall be simple and unadorned. All equipment shall be free of logos and emblems.
- E. CAP:** Brooklyn style solid black cap with white piping shall be worn by all except the Referee who shall wear an all white Brooklyn style cap. All caps shall be fitted, *not adjustable*, and shall have no logos or emblems.
- F. FOUL MARKER:** All officials shall be equipped with one light gold foul marker 15 inches by 15 inches and weighted with sand, beans or other *noninjuring* type material. The penalty marker, flag, shall be worn inconspicuously.
- G. BEAN BAG:** All officials shall be equipped with one white bean bag 2 inches by 4 inches for marking spots.

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- H. **JACKETS:** A jacket is optional; however, if worn it shall be a standard black and white striped jacket with 1 inch vertical stripes and complete with black edging at the collar and black cuffs.
- I. **UNDERSHIRTS:** A solid black undershirt shall be worn under the striped shirt.
- NOTE:** The uniform must always be clean and shoes shined. If the official is working more than one game on a given day, that official is expected to be prepared with sufficient equipment to present a proper appearance at **EACH** game. Care should be taken when dressing to insure that the striped shirt does not appear through the knickers or shorts.
- J. **WHISTLE:** All officials shall be equipped with a game whistle and a spare whistle. The whistle shall be either on a lanyard or finger mount and shall be black in color. If a metal whistle is used, it may be silver in color. A tooth protector is recommended on all whistles.
- K. **CLOCK:** The Back Judge and the Referee shall be equipped with clocks capable of timing the 25 second ready for play and the interval of timeouts. The Back Judge shall be equipped with a clock capable of timing the game with the capability of running from 12 minutes or less to 0 seconds with the ability to start and stop on demand. These clocks shall be mounted or carried in a manner to be easily accessed and not to hinder other officiating duties.
- L. **GAME CARD AND PENCIL:** All officials shall be equipped with a game card and pencil to record scores, timeouts, penalties, and other game critical information.
- M. **DOWN INDICATING MARKER:** All officials shall be equipped with a down indicating marker capable of counting up to 4. This shall be inconspicuously carried in a manner to be easily accessed and not hinder other officiating duties.
- N. **FIELD BALL POSITION MARKER:** Umpires may at their option be equipped with a field ball position marker to aid them in returning the ball to the proper spot on the field after incomplete passes, penalty enforcement, etc. This shall be inconspicuously carried in a manner to be easily accessed and not hinder other officiating duties.
- O. **COIN:** The referee shall have a coin with clearly marked front and back sides to use for the coin toss(s) to include overtimes if necessary.
- P. **GAME CARD:** The referee shall bring a game kit to all varsity games that will include a game card to be completed by the crew at the end of the game and returned to the commissioner.

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Other Important Information:

- A. GOING TO/LEAVING GAME SITE:** All officials are required to dress appropriately to maintain a professional image. The minimum dress is a collared shirt, long trousers, shoes and socks. While representing the CVFOA, we expect a totally professional image, as such any act which would bring discredit upon the Association or bring into question the ability or capability to perform in a professional manner is prohibited.
- B. PERSONAL APPEARANCE: *The following are recommended:***
- ✍ Hair- Should not extend beyond collar;
 - ✍ Moustache- Should not extend below upper lip line;
 - ✍ Sideburns- Should not extend below ear canal;
 - ✍ Beards- Not recommended.
- C. *The following are prohibited:***
- ✍ Tobacco Products- prohibited at game site (except pre-and post-game conferences where permitted);
 - ✍ Alcoholic beverages- 1- Consumption is prohibited before game time any time during the day of the game, and
2- Purchase and/or consumption in uniform is prohibited;
 - ✍ Jewelry- prohibited if it presents a safety hazard to the official or the players.