

## Uniform Dress Code for Referees

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Throughout the soccer community, referees and assistant referees are identified by their uniforms. AYSO Officiating's goal is to have three trained officials at every game. This goal applies to uniformity and consistency in the application of the Laws, and it includes the appearance of the officiating team.

AYSO Officiating and the National Referee Commission encourage all referees and assistant referees to follow these recommended uniform guidelines:

### REFEREE SHIRT

1. Yellow with black pinstripes.
2. Red with black pinstripes.
3. Black with white pinstripes.
4. Blue with black pinstripes.

### REFEREE SHORTS

- Solid black.
- Length not less than 3 nor more than 7 inches from the knee.

### REFEREE SOCKS

- Three white stripes at top.
- If old style solid white tops, approximately 3-4 inches of white should show.
- As old style socks wear out, replace with three stripe socks.
- Pulled up over the calf.

### REFEREE BADGE

- Most current AYSO badge.
- Only one badge on uniform.
- Badge fastened securely.

### REFEREE FOOTWEAR

- Black, or black with white trim.
- Smooth, turf, or cleated soles.
- Cleaned and polished regularly.

### REFEREE HAT (Optional)

1. Solid Black, or
2. Predominately black with white trim, or
3. Solid white, or
4. Predominately white with black trim.

Additionally,

- Hats should bear no logos or slogans, except
  - AYSO logos (traditional, promotional, regional, or tournament) are permitted,
- And
- National corporate apparel sponsor logos are allowed.

Local conditions and common sense may dictate some variations from these recommendations. For example, a region may have purchased teal referee shirts for their referees and assistant referees. If variations are appropriate, they should be applied consistently. The referee and assistant referees should match, thus appearing as a team on the field. If the referee chooses to wear an alternate jersey which the assistant referees do not have, then the assistant referees should at least match each other. Uniformity on the part of the officials establishes initial credibility for them as a team, and it demonstrates their kinship with an important group: the trained, dedicated referees and assistant referees of AYSO.