

Official Apparel on KSHSAA Website under Officials

Officials are expected to wear proper attire for the sport being officiated. Proper attire means more than the proper shirt, pants, jacket, or shoes. Shirts that are faded, stained or too small for the official should be replaced. Slacks/pants or shorts need to be replaced when they begin to show wear. Proper equipment and uniform means quality attire properly fitted and cleaned. Refer to the NFHS Official Handbook/Manual for each sport for uniforms requirements.

All KSHSAA registered officials are to wear a KSHSAA patch indicating the official is currently registered with the KSHSAA. Officials will receive a patch when they register in a sport for the first time that can be sewn onto a proper uniform. Officials may purchase uniforms that have the KSHSAA patch already sublimated, embroidered or heat pressed on the left sleeve.

The KSHSAA has signed agreements with these companies to provide uniforms with the KSHSAA patch already on them. You may check their websites for more information.

Smitty's – <https://smittyapparel.com/pages/kansas-preferred-dealers> (scroll down to KSHSAA apparel options)
- Official shirts with KSHSAA patch sublimated on left sleeve. - *No piping should be on cyan blue shirt.*

Honig's – <https://honigs.com/collections/khs>
Official shirts with patch embroidered or sublimated on left sleeve.

Ump Attire - <https://www.ump-attire.com/KSHSAA-Kansas-State-High-School-Athletic-Association/?page=1&perpage=36&cat=0&orderby=price%20desc&brand=&search>

Sport Specific KSHSAA Uniform & Equipment Requirements

Any changes to these will be announced at officials rule meetings.

Baseball

- Umpires shall wear gray slacks and either a navy blue or black pullover polo shirt. All umpires on a crew should be dressed alike.
- For postseason contests umpires will wear gray slacks and a navy blue or black pullover polo shirt. When needed a navy blue or black jacket or coat shall be worn.
- The hat is to be navy blue or black and a sized hat is recommended. Umpires may wear a navy blue or black hat with a white KSHSAA logo embroidered on the front. The hat should match the shirt color worn.
- If an undershirt is worn it may be red, black or navy and all umpires must wear the same color.
- The trouser belt should be black leather.
- Socks should be black.
- The plate umpire should wear shoes designed for safety that include hard toes. Primarily black shoes designed for umpiring should be worn and shined before each game.

Equipment

The plate umpire needs to have a ball and strike indicator, a small plate brush, a protective supporter and cup, ball bag, lineup cards and a pen or pencil for line-up changes. A chest protector, sturdy mask with throat protector and shin guards are standard equipment of the plate umpire.

Basketball

- A short-sleeved, standard one inch black and white striped “V” neck knit shirt with black cuffs. An undershirt if worn should not be visible. The shirt should be worn inside the pants and the crew shall wear the same design and style.
- Black slacks, black socks, predominantly black shoes with black laces, and if worn a black belt.
- A black jacket may be worn prior to the game. The black jacket must be without stripes on cuffs and collar and no logos other than KSHSAA or recognized Local Official Association logos.

Equipment

Recommend black, pealess plastic whistle and black lanyard. No jewelry, except wedding band shall be worn while officiating a game. Fitness bands and rubber bands are considered the same as jewelry.

Football

- A black-and-white vertically striped, long or short-sleeved knit shirt shall be worn. The shirts shall have either 1 inch or a maximum of 2 ¼ inch strips, a black knit cuff and Byron Collar. All officials, in a given game, are to wear the same type shirt.
- By state association adoption, full length, lined black pants with a single 1 ¼ inch white stripe down each leg shall be worn. The only pant allowed to be worn is the style made specifically for football officiating. All crew members MUST be dressed in the same uniform. There are no exceptions at any level.
- Black socks.
- Black football shoes, which may include some white accents, with black laces are required. Shoes should be shined before each game.
- Black baseball-style cap with white piping is required. For the purpose of identification, the referee shall wear a solid, white baseball-style cap.
- A plain black leather belt 1 ¼ inch to 2 inches wide with a plain buckle. The uniforms should fit properly and be clean and neat.

Equipment

Flags (2); Bean Bags (2) [*different color preferred*]; Down Indicator (1); Game Card Holder; Game Card; Signal Card; Pencil; Whistle (lanyard or finger style)

Softball

- Umpires shall wear heather gray slacks and a powder blue or navy pullover polo shirt. All umpires will be dressed alike.
- If an undershirt is worn under a powder blue or navy shirt, it shall be white and short sleeved. A long sleeve powder blue or navy pullover polo shirt is permitted.
- For postseason contests umpires will wear heather gray slacks and a powder blue or navy polo pullover shirt. When needed a navy jacket shall be worn.
- The hat is to be navy blue and a sized hat is recommended. Umpires may wear a navy-blue hat with a white KSHSAA logo embroidered on the front.
- The trouser belt, socks and shoes should be black.
- A ball bag the color of the slacks (gray) is required for the plate umpire.

Equipment

The plate umpire should wear shoes designed for safety that include hard toes. The plate umpire should have a ball/strike indicator, plate brush, a mask with a throat protector. A chest protector and leg guards are recommended. Primarily black shoes designed for umpiring should be worn and shined before each game.

Soccer

- The uniforms primarily consist of a shirt, black shorts or long trousers, predominantly black shoes, a wristwatch and two stripe black socks.
- The color of the shirt does not matter as long as officials are dressed alike. In the event of a color conflict between the officials and the field players of either team, the officials shall change to a jersey of a color distinct from the field players of both teams.
- Cold weather gear may be worn and should be black including gloves, long sleeve undershirts, pants, hat. Hooded garments are not permitted.
- Primary Official's Uniform colors (yellow, green, red)

Equipment

Officials should have two whistles (carried or wrapped around the wrist not worn around the neck), yellow card, red card, watch, flipping coin, pencil/pen, scorecard/paper and assistant referee flags. If worn a solid black cap. Sunglasses are not permitted.

Volleyball

- Officials working Varsity or postseason contests must wear bright blue long or short sleeve polo shirts that are ordered with the KSHSAA patch sublimated on the left sleeve. The vendors the shirt can be ordered from are listed above.
- Sub-varsity officials have the option of an all-white or cyan blue long or short sleeve polo shirt with the KSHSAA official patch embroidered/sublimated on it. This shirt will have a royal blue and red patch on the left sleeve. Both officials must wear the same color of the shirt.
- Officials will also wear black slacks (no leggings, jeans, or shorts permitted), black shoes and black socks.
- No piping should be on the cyan blue shirt.

Equipment

Officials should have a whistle, a set of yellow and red cards, a coin, and a watch. The 2nd referee should also have a pencil and lineup card.

Wrestling

- The proper uniform consists of a short sleeve knit shirt with alternating black and white 1-inch stripes or gray with black pinstripes.
- Full-length black trousers, black belt, if worn, black socks and black wrestling/gym shoes (predominantly black)

Equipment

Other accessories include a red armband on the left wrist, a green armband on the right wrist, a two-colored disk, a black lanyard, a black whistle (not a hand whistle). It is imperative the uniform be clean and well kept.

Track & Field / Cross Country

A collared solid colored shirt and slacks and being comfortable and professional. Starters may wear a jacket if the weather permits it.

Equipment

Gun Starter Pistol, Starting Gun shells, Holster, Starters Sleeve, speaker system, ear protection, whistle, stopwatch.

Flag Etiquette

If an official elects to place a US flag patch on their officiating shirt, place the flag patch so that the fields of stars are closest to the wearer's heart. If the KSHSAA officials' patch is placed on the official's shirt on the left sleeve, it is recommended that the US flag patch be placed on the right sleeve. Use a reverse field flag if worn on the right sleeve. The stars should lead the stripes when the flag is worn correctly. If the KSHSAA patch is placed on the upper left chest of the officials' shirt, it is recommended that the flag patch be placed on the left sleeve.

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