



Uniform Code

1. The Executive Board of COG created this code to ensure that each member is as professional in appearance as possible. Each official should follow it stringently.
2. No Member or Applicant shall wear any uniform which is not neat and clean, and which has not been approved by the Executive Board. All Members and Applicants are expected to appear for each assignment having been appropriately groomed and displaying proper personal hygiene.
3. Each official should carry all equipment and uniform items to each game site. Due to changing weather conditions, etc., each official should be prepared to change if required.
4. Shirts:
 - a. Standard black and white knit (cotton, polyester, mesh, or blend), long tail, one inch vertically striped officials' long and short sleeve shirts with pocket on the left breast, without emblems and complete with knit black Byron collar and black cuffs.
 - b. An American flag patch, white border, star field left, with dimensions of 3 ½ X 2 ¼ inches must be worn above the left breast pocket. The flag should be sewn-on and should be centered so as to appear aligned with the pocket. The bottom edge of the flag should be approximately one inch above the top edge of the pocket.
 - c. An MPSSAA patch must be worn on the right shirt sleeve for high school games. **Note:** The red MPSSAA championship patch may only be worn for the sport with which it was awarded.
 - d. A uniform number must be worn. The COG Executive Board assigns a uniform number to each member. The number must be white and six inches in height. The black placard the number is affixed to should be eight inches in height. The placard should be sewn on the back of the shirt, centered, with the top edge of the placard approximately three inches below the bottom edge of the shirt's black collar.
 - e. Each officiating crew is required to wear either all short sleeve shirts, or all long sleeve shirts. The type of shirt to be worn is a crew decision.
 - f. All undershirts that show must be black in color.
5. Knickers (High School football only):
 - a. Standard all white tapered regulation football officials knickers shall be worn with a slight overlap below the knee (not more than four inches).

- b. Knickers must be in good condition and be bright white in color. Yellowed or stained knickers are prohibited.
- c. Knickers must be worn for all varsity level game assignments.
- d. Cotton or polyester knickers are permitted.
- e. Knickers must have tunnel belt loops to accommodate a black belt (at least 1.25" but not more than 2" wide), and two front-insert pockets and two rear patch pockets.

6. Black Pants:

- a. **Football:** During cold and/or inclement weather, solid black polyester/nylon wind and water resistant pants with a white vertical stripe may be worn. These pants must be solid black with 1 ¼ inch white stripe running from waist to cuff. Length of pants should come to the top of shoe sole and should be worn with solid colored black socks. The pants should have tunnel belt loops and 2 set-in rear pockets (one with flap).
- b. **Lacrosse:** During colder and/or inclement weather, solid black "wind breaker" type pants may be worn (sweatpants are prohibited). These pants should be worn over top the standard white shorts with a belt. Length should come to the top of the shoe sole. Black colored socks must be worn with black pants.

7. Shorts:

- a. Shorts may be worn (crew decision) for youth and junior varsity football assignments, and youth, varsity, and sub-varsity lacrosse assignments.
- b. All cotton shorts are preferred. Must be all white, with full tunnel belt loops.
- c. A black belt (at least 1.25" but not more than 2" wide) must be worn.
- d. Shorts must be in good condition and be bright white in color. Yellowed or stained shorts are prohibited.

8. Caps:

- a. Brooklyn style solid black cap with white piping (without emblem or numbers) shall be worn by all crew members, excluding the Referee (football).
- b. The Referee (football) shall wear a Brooklyn style all white cap.
- c. Caps should be sized, not adjustable, and made predominately of solid material.

9. Shoes:

- a. Must be athletic in nature, and mostly black in color.
- b. A limited number of white markings or logos are permitted.
- c. They should be properly cleaned and polished, with black laces, and should not violate any rules prescribed for players.

10. Socks:

- a. When wearing shorts (other than during JV, Varsity and MMLL lacrosse assignments), socks should be solid white, ankle-high.
- b. When wearing shorts during JV, Varsity and MMLL lacrosse assignments, socks should be the standard lacrosse sock with black top and white bottom.
- c. When wearing knickers (HS football), one-piece stockings with a modified Northwestern stripe at the top and solid white on the lower section.

11. Jackets:

- a. Clear plastic rain jackets are acceptable, but black and white striped jackets are preferred.
- b. It is recommended that jackets only be worn to a game site, during field inspection and pre-game activities, during halftime, and upon departure from the field. Only during extremely poor weather conditions should jackets be worn during the game.
- c. Jackets may not be worn during a Varsity contest.

12. Gloves worn should be predominately black in color.

13. Mandatory miscellaneous equipment:

- a. Finger whistle and a whistle with black neck lanyard (**finger whistle is mandatory**).
- b. Beanbags (two or more for football), white or blue in color, used for marking spots.
- c. Two light gold penalty flags, weighted appropriately, and at least 15" x 15". **Penalty flags should be worn inconspicuously.**
- d. Watch, black in color, should keep accurate time, and must have a stopwatch capability.
- e. The Referee (football) should have an accurate 25-second play clock, whether it is a watch or battery operated timer.
- f. Both officials (lacrosse) should have the ability to time all 20-second intervals as required by rule (by using a timer on the belt or a stopwatch).
- g. Tape measure (lacrosse).
- h. Down counter (football) to keep an accurate record of downs.
- i. Game card (w/pencil): capability of keeping score, time outs, captain's numbers, results of coin toss, penalty information, and disqualified players or coaches.
- j. The Head Linesman must be equipped with a yardage clip or linesman's disc.