

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 at KSHSAA patch indicating the official is currently registered with the KSHSAA. Officials will receive a patch that can be sewn onto a proper uniform, or 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 – <http://smittyusadyesub.com>

Official shirts with KSHSAA patch sublimated on left sleeve.

Honig's – <https://honigs.com/organization/organizations.html>

Official shirts with patch embroidered on left sleeve.

Get Official – www.getofficial.com - Volleyball shirts only
White official shirt with patch heat pressed on left sleeve.

Sport Specific KSHSAA Uniform 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 pull over shirt. All umpires on a crew should be dressed alike. For postseason contests umpires will wear gray slacks and a navy blue pullover. When needed a navy blue or black jacket or coat 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. 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. 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, primarily 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.

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. Standard, all-white tapered knickers may be worn with a short overlap below the knee (not more than 4 inches). In addition, black officials pants with a 1 ¼ inch white stripe down each leg may be worn in place of the traditional knickers. 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. One-piece stockings with a modified northwestern stripe (1/2 inch white, ½ inch black, 1 inch white, ½ inch black, ½ inch white) are required. The width of the black showing below the knickers should be the same as the wide black band below the striping pattern. Black football shoes 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 black leather belt 1 ¼ inch to 2 inches wide with a plain buckle. The uniforms should fit properly and be clean and neat.

Softball

Umpires shall wear heather gray slacks and a powder blue pullover shirt, if an undershirt is worn under the powder blue shirt, it shall be white and short sleeved. A long sleeve powder blue pullover shirt is permitted. All umpires on a crew should be dressed alike. For postseason contests umpires will wear heather gray slacks and a navy blue pullover. When needed a navy blue 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. 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 consisting of a shirt, black shorts or long trousers, predominantly black shoes and black socks with white stripes. 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. Officials should have two whistles, yellow card, red card, stop watch, flipping coin, pencil and scorecard. If worn a solid black cap.

Volleyball

Officials shall wear the KSHSAA all white short sleeved polo with the KSHSAA official patch embroidered/sublimated on it. This shirt will have a royal blue and red patch on the left sleeve. Officials will also wear black slacks (no shorts permitted), black shoes and black socks.

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. 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.

Flag Etiquette

If an official elects to place a US flag patch on their officiating shirt, place the flag patch so that the field of stars is 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 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.