

Long Beach Unit Statement on Proper Uniforms and Appearance

December 17, 2021

- The following uniform standards shall be met by all umpires working baseball contests assigned by The Long Beach Unit in conjunction with California Baseball Umpires Association (CBAU) policy and stricter adaptations made within the CBAU Long Beach Unit Standing Rules.
- Our unit has stressed the importance of being “properly uniformed.” Appearance is a major aspect of the officiating profession as it instills trust, credibility and earnestness in one’s work.
- Umpires shall keep their uniforms in good condition which include, but are not limited to: Caps in good condition, clean shirt(s), pressed pants, shined shoes etc.
- The plate umpire’s cap may be either a short or medium bill cap with the cap of the base umpire having a longer bill.
- For a professional appearance, it is required that umpires wear fitted caps. The plate umpire needs to have, and use: a ball and strike indicator, a plate brush, a protective supporter and cup, a chest protector, shin guards, and a sturdy mask in either the traditional or hockey style, preferably with an extension or throat protector.
- A watch should only be brought on the field for game management purposes (e.g., time limits for tournament, non-varsity games, rain situations, curfews, etc.), have it in your pocket; do not wear it (for obvious reasons). A cell phone is **not** an acceptable time keeping device for game management purposes.
- All umpires shall dress in a manner suitable for the profession. It is recommended that umpires wear business casual attire to and from the facility.
- All umpires are to be well-groomed. Hair style and length should be in a manner consistent with the profession. Umpires should also be clean shaven.
- All umpires are prohibited from the consumption of alcohol and tobacco products on school grounds as well as other property in which an umpire is on assignment at. Umpires shall also refrain from actions that also give the appearance of the above the items (i.e. smell, etc.)

Please keep in mind that there are many outlets to purchase the correct uniform(s) and The Long Beach Unit neither endorses one specific outlet nor does it require it’s officials to purchase equipment from one retailer. However, the unauthorized use of logos defined in this guideline is strictly prohibited.

PLATE UNIFORM

- Black Pullover Jacket
- Black or Light Blue Shirt
(See pictures for acceptable styles)
- Charcoal Gray Pants
- Black Hat (CIF Logo Fitted, if worn)
- Black Belt
- Black Socks
- Umpire Shoes (Hard toed)
- Black Undershirt
- CBAU patch on outermost garment
- Black Ball Bag(s)
- Plate gear (mask, shin guards, chest protector and cup held in place by a garment design for that purpose)

BASE UNIFORM

- Black Pullover Jacket
- Black or Light Blue Shirt
(See pictures for acceptable styles)
- Charcoal Gray Pants
- Black Hat (CIF Logo,Fitted)
- Black Belt
- Black Socks
- Umpire Shoes
- Black Undershirt
- CBAU patch on outermost garment

1. Regarding shirts and jackets/coats:
 - a. If the plate umpire wears a shirt, the base umpire may wear a matching shirt or a black jacket/coat.
 - b. If the plate umpire wears a shirt and the base umpire wears a shirt, the shirts shall be of the same color and style, including sleeve length and piping.
 - c. If the plate umpire wears a jacket/coat, the base umpire shall wear a matching jacket/coat.
 - d. If a short sleeve shirt is worn, a long sleeve undershirt shall **not** be worn.
2. Multiple base umpires (e.g., 3 or 4-man crew) shall all wear a black undershirt.
3. American flags may be worn. If worn, they shall be worn on the upper back middle of the outer garment. The flag should be 2" by 3 ¼" which is the standard size for flags worn on umpire uniforms and be trimmed in gold (not white). Not all umpires on a crew are required to wear an American flag.
4. Umpires are required to wear Charcoal Gray pants. Members of a crew must match color as closely as possible.
5. A 4 or 6 stitch hat is required. A fitted or flex fit hat is required. An adjustable, one-size-fits-all hat is not acceptable. (Hats must display CIF Logo)
Exception: If a hockey style mask is used, a hat need not be worn.
(Skull hat with CIF Logo approved for plate umpire)
6. A 2-stitch hat shall not be used.
7. The belt is required to be 1.75 inches in width. A patent leather belt is acceptable.
8. All umpires are required to wear Umpire shoes during the regular season and any level of the CIF-SS playoffs. Umpire shoes are defined to be a field or plate umpire shoe that is sold by a reputable umpire supply company. Shoes worn while working the plate shall be of the safety variety with a hard toe. If you have any questions regarding a specific shoe, please contact the Long Beach Unit Instructional Chairman.
9. The CBUA Standard Patch (black/gold) is required with no Unit variations. The patch is to be worn on the left pocket and approximately the same position for jackets.
10. Umpire crews working all levels of CIF-SS contests are required to wear black or blue outer garments (shirts or black jackets), hats, belts and ball bags. The piping color and style on jacket must match for entire crew.
11. All outer garments may not have numbers regardless if the crew is matching.

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