



Beach Referee Uniform v.23

The checklist below represents the BASIC EQUIPMENT SET for beach officials.

** Each referee should bring this entire set to EVERY event, "just in case!" **

BASIC BEACH OFFICIAL UNIFORM:

BLACK shorts or pants are the default uniform. (*khaki no longer used...*)

- Shorts/pants should have pockets for cards, coins.
- Yoga pants with pockets are OK. Cargo style pants/shorts are not suggested.
- Coordinate with your crew on site, regarding what to wear each day.

Plain white collared microfiber polo without visible branding or embroidery.

- USAV officials should wear their MIZUNO polo. Bright Blue is our preferred "beach" color
- NCAA may ask you to wear the light blue NCAA Certified Volleyball Official Polo
- Local Host or Sponsor may provide a polo for the event.
- "Generic White" polos are our default if we don't have the event-specific polo

→ *Always carry the default uniform of plain white polo and black shorts.*

White ball cap, bucket hat, safari hat or visor without obvious logo

- USAV officials should wear a "generally white" MIZUNO hat or visor

White, grey or black tennis shoes. (*New colors, to allow less "obvious" footwear, especially with dark cold weather gear*)

"Dark" sandals or flip-flops are allowed, any style. (*"flops" are preferred footwear at many tours*)

→ *You should not be barefoot at anytime, anywhere on any venue! (including while you rake!)*

RAIN AND COLD WEATHER GEAR: *"Mix and match any white or black, of any length"*

- Black wind/rain "outer layer" of any description may be used as weather dictates.
- Black or white are the preferred colors for all visible outer-wear.
- Fleece jackets or pants, yoga pants, etc. make good *undergarments*.

LOOK SHARP: Your uniform lends professionalism to how our corps is perceived!

You should always actually have your regular uniform on, even if it's underneath.

→ That way, if the weather clears, you'll be ready!

BRANDING: *Referee clothing and equipment should not visibly display branding of any sort (other than the specific brand of the host event). It is not appropriate to display the trademarks or brand names of any other volleyball agencies, tours, or specific sponsors (especially alcoholic sponsors).*

CLOTHING SOURCES:

- Uniforms ***don't need to be expensive.***
 - Shop at "big box" stores.
 - Recent examples from Wal-Mart or Target: White cap \$7, White polo \$7 Black shorts \$10

THE OUTDOOR ENVIRONMENT CAN BE CHALLENGING: TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF!

- Bring clothes for both hot and cold weather
- Expect wind and rain
- Do not presume that restroom facilities will be "perfect."
- Do not presume that meals will be provided on site.
- Understand that rain or other delays may extend the length of your day



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OTHER REFEREE EQUIPMENT

REF KIT:

- Flipping coin, cards, whistles, pump, ball-gauge, and flags
- Rule book, as well as recent rule changes and points of emphasis
- Clipboard, pens, pencils, and grease pencils
- Court-measuring tape (50' or more, metric really helps!)
- “Drumsticks” or other safe “stakes” to use while laying out the courts

PERSONAL GEAR:

- Water bottle
- Sunscreen and lip-balm with sunscreen
- Aspirin or other personal medications
- Food that can get you through the day
- * CELL PHONE for necessary communication, score-reporting, score-sheet photographs, etc

FORMS:

- Clip-board and pen for yourself (*also a **plastic mechanical grease pencil***)
- Score sheets (both paper and laminated, both USAV and NCAA)
- NCAA Lineup Form (in case Coach forgets theirs)
- Contact Lists (crew, site or school contact, etc.)
- Directions to sites

A PACK to put it all in!

- Any sports pack or bag will do. (avoid obvious branding conflicts, please!)
- Backpack style, in a dark color, is generally preferred.
- Waterproofing is suggested!

OPTIONAL GEAR: Many referees carry court-equipment basics such as:

- Black duct tape and white athletic tape
- A “Leatherman” type tool: including pocket knife, pliers, etc.
- Some small rope or bungee cord
- A battery operated ball **inflator** (Torrx is a brand often used) to fill lots of balls quickly
- A ball pressure **gauge** (note that the modern battery-operated inflators are notoriously inaccurate as gauges)
- The gauge/pump combo from Molten is quite accurate, and can “touch up” the pressure of already-inflated balls.

For more information see our publications at USAV-BeachOfficialsHub