

NCAA Soccer Officials' Uniform Information 2023 Regular Season and Postseason

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In April 2022, the NCAA approved the concept and implementation of a consistent uniform for college soccer officials. <u>Beginning with the 2023 regular season</u>, <u>officials shall wear the NCAA-established uniform</u>, which is outlined below. This will be the official and required uniform for college soccer. We recognize a mandated uniform places a financial burden on officials. However, we have put considerable thought into this first-time mandate to modernize and distinguish our uniform. Further, we are committed to this design being a long-term solution that will not change in the near future.

Uniform Details and Ordering

The new design offers three color options (orange, purple and yellow) in short and long sleeves in both men's and women's cuts. Black socks, black shorts and shoes that are predominantly black also must be worn.

2023 Regular Season/Postseason Uniform:

- NCAA-approved orange, purple or yellow uniform shirt. No variation in the color or style of this uniform is permitted.
- Black socks.
- Black shorts.
- Shoes that are predominantly black.

The NCAA-established soccer officials' uniform is available for purchase through Capelli Sport, Honig's, Inc., Official Sports International (OSI), Referee Store and Smitty Official's Apparel. Smitty will produce the uniform shirts and the distribution will be fulfilled by the Smitty Dealer Network. Both the Capelli Sport and United Attire uniforms are available through Honig's, Inc. and their distributors.

If another manufacturer is interested in producing this uniform, a request must be made to the NCAA (productreview@ncaa.org) and then the design specifications will be provided.

Uniform Photos



Frequently Asked Questions

Why?

To have one consistent design and style for all of college soccer that's applicable to all conferences, divisions, associations and regions of the country. It has been determined that there are currently up to 18 different uniforms being worn by officials for college soccer matches. One single look and standard for officials' uniforms is consistent with other NCAA sports.

Will the new uniform change again once it is in use?

The intention of this design change is to provide a long-term solution that will not change in the near future.

Can conferences mandate a specific uniform manufacturer?

Conferences have the prerogative to partner with a manufacturer(s) on uniforms for its officials. Note: Only Capelli, Honig's, OSI, Referee Store and Smitty have been approved to produce the NCAA-established soccer officials' uniform.

How much will they cost?

Prices will be set by each manufacturer and/or distributor.

Why do we have to buy more uniforms when we just bought new ones within the past 5 years?

This first-time NCAA mandate is a way to distinguish and create a consistent brand for NCAA soccer officials.