

## **MACQUARIE FOOTBALL REFEREES ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED**

### **2026 MATCH OFFICIAL DRESS CODE**

- The role of the referee commences from the time that he or she arrives at the ground. It is therefore imperative that match officials look professional from the time they arrive.
- Association's match officials are to arrive at, and leave the ground, dressed in neat casual clothing and enclosed shoes preferably the association's polo shirt or similar, long dress pants and black shoes.
- For the 2026 season, the only brand of referee clothing approved by the Management Committee to be worn **when officiating is Umbro**. This applies for all types of fixtures, including trial matches. No other brands of referee clothing may be worn by members when officiating.
- If the referee is wearing a black shirt, both assistant referees must wear a black shirt. If the referee is wearing a coloured shirt (yellow or blue), both assistant referees wear the same colour as the referee. If this is not possible, both assistant referees must wear black. Black socks will be worn with all coloured shirts.
- If a match official wears long sleeved skins underneath his or her referee shirt, the colour of the skins must be the same as the colour of the shirt.
- In order to comply with the Laws of the Game, at all times, the referee and assistant referees must avoid wearing shirts that are the same colour as those being worn by a team or a goalkeeper. If the referee and assistant referees cannot change into shirts which are of a colour which distinguishes them from the teams and goalkeepers, then they must wear a bib or vest or jacket over their shirt, which distinguishes them from the teams and goalkeepers.
- The sleeves on long sleeved shirts must not be rolled up when officiating.
- Assistant referees may wear a tracksuit top or spray jacket/raincoat and tracksuit bottoms (black in colour only) when officiating during cold and wet weather.
- However, referees in the middle can only wear a tracksuit top or spray jacket when it is raining. No raincoat or tracksuit bottoms.
- Footwear must be predominantly black and should be clean and polished. Laces must be black and no other colour.
- Only approved black referee caps are to be worn, and these must not be faded.
- Only black skins or undergarments are permitted to be worn beneath the black shorts worn by match officials. The skins or undergarments must not extend beneath the shorts. Long skins under the shorts are not permitted to be worn by members.

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