

## ACCEPTABLE PROFESSIONAL GARB AND REQUIRED EQUIPMENT

Over the past several seasons, the issue of how OHSBVA officials are dressed has been brought forward by numerous individuals who are concerned that some officials are giving a bad name to the profession of volleyball officiating by not dressing professionally. Although the OBSVCA values giving officials some **choices**, **OHSBVA referees are to be dressed professionally as follows:**

### OFFICIAL SHIRT, PANTS AND FOOTWEAR

1. OHSBVA referees are free to choose between either a) the official OHSAA logo shirt, worn with the OHSBVA patch placed over the OHSAA logo OR b) the USAV/PAVO Certified Official shirt with the OHSBVA patch worn on the right chest area OR c) a clean/new white shirt with the OHSBVA patch worn with magnet or sewed in. It should go without saying that shirts must be clean, white, unwrinkled and properly sized, with the shirt worn tucked in. In order to referee an OHSBVA match, if you are OHSBVA certified and have a patch, you are required to wear the patch. It's NOT optional. If you don't want to wear the patch, plan not to officiate. We don't need the attitude.
2. Referees are to wear black DRESS slacks which may be worn either with white socks and clean white athletic shoes (this is preferred and is the required uniform for post-season matches) or with black socks and clean black athletic shoes (not dress shoes). The alternative is black DRESS shorts that may be worn ONLY when there is excessive heat and humidity in which case shorts may be worn only with white socks and white athletic shoes – in all cases, the slacks or shorts are to be clean, pressed, non-faded dress slacks or shorts rather than Dockers, sweat pants, warm-up pants, athletic shorts, basketball shorts, etc.

Officials who wear any of the following are considered as not dressed acceptably to work OHSBVA matches: yellowed, wrinkled, torn or improperly-sized shirts; pants that are faded, Dockers, sweat pants, warm-up pants, athletic shorts, basketball shorts, black dress shoes as opposed to black athletic shoes, athletic shoes that are not predominantly white or are dirty white, or a combination of pants and shoes other than those identified above as acceptable.

Upon receipt by the OBSVCA of a verified report that an official is not properly garbed, the official will be given one additional chance to make a correction to an acceptable uniform. A second verifiable report of the same official wearing an unacceptable uniform will result in a suspension for the following season, and the official will not be considered certified for that season.

**REQUIRED EQUIPMENT FOR BOTH OFFICIALS:**

1. Whistle.
2. Yellow/red cards (both R1 and R2 carry cards).
3. Flip coin with distinct images to connote heads/tails.
4. Net measuring chain that is marked for, at minimum, 7'11 and 5/8" for Freshman, Junior Varsity and Varsity matches and 7'4 and 1/8" for middle school (BOTH R1 and R2 are to have a net measurement device – it is inappropriate to leave this to your partner).
5. Ball pump that works, ball gauge that measures 4.3 to 4.6 pounds per square inch with accuracy and extra needles.
6. Flags (while not yet required, frankly, officials for boys' volleyball should own and bring flags for line judges).