



Hello to all Pickleball Canada credentialed Referees and Verified Trainees

The Officiating Work Group (formally the Officiating Advisory Council) has been working on a revised and updated DRESS CODE which outlines what clothing should be worn and in which cases they are authorized to be worn.

The importance of this update has been necessitated with the realization that not all Referees are aware of the policy nor understanding the importance of complying with the dress code.

Earning credentials is not an easy evolution but once received, you have become a "PROFESSIONAL REFEREE" and it is expected that everyone will always act and appear PROFESSIONAL while wearing the uniform, whether on duty or not! You also need to understand that while in uniform, you are subject to the Pickleball Canada Code of Conduct, which allows PC to enforce these policies.

While each Referee is responsible for their appearance and compliance with the policy, Tournament Head Referees are further tasked with ensuring that there is compliance at their event. Particular attention should be paid to photographs taken, at all events. If personnel are not in compliance with the policy, the photograph should be immediately destroyed to ensure that it does not make any social media sites, etc.

Any questions or concerns should be addressed through your Provincial Head Referee or Representative.

I am hoping that this information will be seen as a positive step in furthering our profession and that individual preferences can be set aside.

As a reminder, PC Referee clothing is now available through the PC website...

<https://pickleballcanada.secure-decoration.com/page/officials>

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# **PICKLEBALL CANADA**

## **REFEREE DRESS CODE**

### **POLICY**

- **CERTIFIED REFEREES - MALE & FEMALE**

- **SHIRTS (Tucked in at all times)**

- Certified Referee – PC CR collared shirt with REFEREE on back and Certified Referee under PC logo, or USA P CR Shirt.

- **PANTS/ SHORTS**

- Black slacks. No cargo or sweat type pants
- Of acceptable length – inseam between 20 – 28 cm (8 – 11 Inches)
  - Not more than 10cm (4in) above the knees

- **SKIRTS & SKORTS (Female)**

- Black dress type. No cargo or sports shorts.
- Of acceptable length – inseam between 20 – 28 cm (8 – 11 Inches)
  - Not more than 10cm (4in) above the knees

- **SHOES**

- Black or white running shoes
  - Black only on centre court or streaming courts
  - White only with Shorts/Skirts/Skorts

- **SOCKS**

- Plain black or white ankle-high only matching shoe colour
- Compression socks - only under long pants

- **HATS - White** (PC Logo or no logo acceptable)

- Ball Cap
- Visors
- Sun Hat

- **COATS/JACKETS**

- Black or White. PC logo and REFEREE on back. (No Logo acceptable)

- **BALL/EQUIPMENT BAG OR POUCH**

- Black bags are recommended for carrying necessary equipment
- Preferably on a black belt on the pants or shorts
- Bags/pouches to be worn on sides or back but NOT in the front
- If belt not possible use of small equipment bag that can be hung on fence behind Referee position.

- **LEVEL 1 & 2 REFEREES - MALE & FEMALE**

*As per Certified Referees with the following differences*

- **SHIRTS**

- Provincial coloured shirts with Provincial Logo and approved sponsors
- PC white shirt c/w PC logo & REFEREE on back

**NOTE: Tucked in at all times**

- **VERIFIED TRAINEES - MALE & FEMALE - REFEREEING TOURNAMENTS OR BEING ASSESSED**

- White and black clothing to emulate PC Dress code for credentialed Referees is preferred or certainly any appropriate PC clothing.

## **UNIFORM RULES: AUTHORIZATION OF USE WHEN & WHEN NOT TO WEAR**

- o **SANCTIONED TOURNAMENTS**
  - Wear uniform and credentials as detailed above
- o **NON-SANCTIONED TOURNAMENTS**
  - Wear uniform as detailed above
  - ***NO CREDENTIALS TO BE WORN***
- o **CANADIAN NATIONAL PICKLEBALL LEAGUE (CNPL or OTHER PC COMPETING BODIES)**
  - **PC Uniforms are NOT to be worn at these events**
  - **NO PC Credentials**
- o **PC OFFICIAL TRAINING OR ASSESSMENT SESSION**
  - Wear uniform and credentials
- o **CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL.**
  - **The consumption of alcohol or similar substances is NOT permitted while in uniform! Recommend having a non-refereeing shirt.**
- **GENERAL INFORMATION**
  - o All clothing shall be of good quality and professional in appearance. Sports or casual wear (cargo pants) are not appropriate.
  - o Manufacturer's logos are not to be seen on any articles of clothing, other than approved sponsors whether National or Provincial. Logos on shoes should be as discrete as possible.
  - o Clothing is to be kept clean and in good condition, including shoes.
  - o Credentials are to be worn on the outer most article of clothing on the right chest area.
  - o Shirts M & F are to be tucked into bottoms!
  - o Coats are to be zippered to the  $\frac{3}{4}$  mark and never used unzipped and loose.
  - o Use of warm undergarments are fine as long as they are of the appropriate colour (black or white) and do not extend below the outer layer.
  - o Black or white Arm Sleeves can be used for UV protection.
  - o Use of Ball Bags/Pouches are recommended but are to be worn on the sides or back not at the front. Referees need to consider their overall appearance and determine if the bags/pouches are suitable or if an equipment bag might be more appropriate.
  - o Starting server pins shall not be placed on hat brims or shirt/coat lapels.
  - o Remember – Our job is all about attention to detail. This applies equally to the adherence of the PC Dress Code!