



# Pickleball Canada

## Referee Dress Code Policy

Effective Date: January 1, 2027

### 1. Uniform Standards - Credentialed Referees

#### 1.1 Polo Shirts

- All credentialed referees are required to wear the Pickleball Canada red referee polo shirt.
- USA Pickleball shirts are not permitted at any Pickleball Canada sanctioned events.
- Previous Provincial referee shirts and any shirts other than the new Pickleball Canada referee uniform are not permitted at Pickleball Canada events.

**NOTE: Polo Shirts must be tucked in at all times**

#### 1.2 Coats and Jackets

- If a jacket is required or desired to be worn by a referee, the official Pickleball Canada referee jacket is required.
- For outdoor events, where extreme weather requires, the Head Referee for the event may approve the use of a plain red or black layer may be worn over the referee uniform.
- Jackets must be zipped to at least the three-quarter mark and may not be worn fully unzipped or loose.

#### 1.3 Pants/ Shorts (Male)

- Black pants/slacks or black shorts are permitted.
  - Cargo pants, sweatpants, or athletic-style pants are not permitted.
- Shorts must be of an appropriate length and may not be more than 12.7 cm (5 inches) above the knee.
- All bottoms must be solid black and professional in appearance.
- Any belts worn must be solid black, with minimal silver hardware.

#### 1.4 Pants, Shorts, Skirts, & Skorts (Female)

- Black pants/slacks, shorts, skirts, or skorts are permitted.
  - No leggings are permitted
- Black dress-style skirts or skorts are permitted.
  - Cargo-style or sport-style shorts are **not permitted**.
- Shorts, skirts, and skorts must be of an appropriate length and may not be more than 12.7 cm (5 inches) above the knee.
- All bottoms must be solid black and professional in appearance.
- Any belts worn must be solid black, with minimal silver hardware.

#### 1.5 Footwear

- Closed-toe running shoes/sneakers must be black
  - White footwear is **not permitted**
  - Logos on footwear are permitted only if they are minimal and discreet.
- All footwear must be clean, well-maintained, and professional in appearance.

#### 1.6 Socks

- Socks must be plain black and ankle-length

- Compression socks are permitted only when worn under long pants.

### 1.7 Headwear

- Headwear is optional
- If worn, headwear must be the official referee Pickleball Canada grey ball cap or wide-brimmed hat as displayed in the officiating storefront.
- No other hats, colours, or headwear styles are permitted.

### 1.8 Undergarments

- Warm undergarments may be worn, provided they are black or white and do not extend beyond the outer uniform layer.
- Black, white or grey arm sleeves (must be the same grey as in the Pickleball Canada Logo) may be worn for UV protection.
- Undergarments and sleeves should maintain a clean and professional appearance.

### 1.9 Ball/Equipment Bag or Pouch

- A black ball bag or equipment pouch is recommended for carrying necessary officiating equipment.
- When worn, the pouch should be secured to a black belt and positioned on the side or back of the body, never on the front.
- If a belt or pouch is not practical, a small black equipment bag may be used and hung on the fence behind the referee position.
- Referees should select the option that provides the most practical and professional appearance while officiating.

### 1.10 Credentials & Server Pins

- Credentials must be worn on the outermost garment and clearly displayed on the right chest area at all times while officiating or performing official duties.
- Starting server pins must be in an appropriate location, including pouch, bag or pocket.
  - They must **not** be placed on hat brims, shirt collars, or coat lapels.

## **2. Referee Uniform Use and Authorization**

### 2.1 Sanctioned Tournaments

- All referees officiating at Pickleball Canada sanctioned events must wear the new official Pickleball Canada referee uniform and display their Pickleball Canada credentials in accordance with this policy.

### 2.2 Tournaments Operated Outside of Pickleball Canada

- Referees are **not permitted** to wear Pickleball Canada referee uniforms/apparel, or display Pickleball Canada credentials, at events that are not operated by Pickleball Canada, Provincial or Territorial Organizations or Pickleball Canada Affiliated Clubs.

### 2.3 Pro/Semi Pro Pickleball Leagues (CNPL, PPA, APA, APP or Other Competing Bodies)

- Pickleball Canada referee uniforms are **not permitted** to be worn at these events.
- No apparel with the old Pickleball Canada logo or current Pickleball Canada logo are to be worn at these events.
- Pickleball Canada credentials are not permitted to be worn or displayed at these events.

### 2.4 Verified Trainees

- Verified Trainees are encouraged to wear a plain black or white polo with plain black pants or shorts, aligning as closely as possible with the Pickleball Canada referee dress code.
- Clothing displaying other logos, branding, or graphics is not permitted.

## **2.5 Trainers or Assessors**

- Pickleball Canada Trainers and Assessors must wear the official Pickleball Canada referee uniform and appropriate credentials during all official Pickleball Canada training and assessment sessions.

## **3. Consumption of Alcohol**

**3.1** The consumption of alcohol or similar substances is strictly prohibited while wearing the Pickleball Canada referee uniform or credentials.

## **4. Enforcement**

**4.2** Failure to comply with this Referee Uniform and Credential Policy will result in disciplinary action.