

Personal Appearance Guidelines

It is no secret that the well-dressed, well-groomed official is more highly regarded than the sloppy one. Therefore, there should be no doubt in anyone's mind that officiating excellence demands a good appearance.

Appearance is a very individual matter. As such, it is difficult to have regulations with which everyone can agree. The guidelines listed below have been drafted with the knowledge that lifestyles and attitudes have changed. **However**, these guidelines will uphold the highest standards of professionalism in accordance with the changing times.

Hair Style Hair shall be worn so as not to touch the collar in the back and it shall not cover more than 1/2 inch of the ear, unless it is styled in a manner which, when the cap is worn as prescribed, does not exceed more than 3/4 inch below the top of the ear, and is maintained in a neat appearance.

Sideburns Sideburns of reasonable width and length, which do not extend below the ear lobe, may be worn.

Facial Hair Mustaches, if worn, shall not extend vertically beyond the upper lip and horizontally beyond the corner of the mouth. Beards are permitted, provided they are kept trimmed and neat, so as to exude a professional appearance overall.

Uniform The game uniform shall be worn as prescribed by the provisions set forth in the National Federation Football Manual, FHSAA Officials Handbook, and the WCOA Manual. The uniform shall be properly fitted, clean, and complete. The uniform cap shall be worn on the head with the bill to the front and centered. It shall be secured so that it does not keep falling off the head.

Pregame Dress shall be at the discretion of the individual official. The only stipulation to this requirement shall be that the outfit be neat in appearance and in good taste.

Jewelry No jewelry, other than a wedding ring shall be worn on the hands. A watch may be worn. No bracelets, earrings, or necklaces of any type shall be worn. Exceptions will be allowed for documented religious and/or medical reasons.

In enforcing the above code
the WCOA Sports Committee
will make the final decision
in cases of interpretation or any disagreement.