



PROFESSIONALISM Why a Dress Code!

The importance of a dress code for professionalism is as multifaceted as options for proper every day clothing.

An association's standard for dress code creates a standard for visual cohesion. This allows all members, no matter their level of officiating, to feel part of the group and lends itself to a feeling of all working toward one purpose, "To be the best that they can be!"

Certainly, members have a right to express themselves through their clothing – but by that same token so do organizations, and associations like RWISOA reserve the right to express how they want their members to present itself. Whether intentional or not, how we dress sends a message. It is up to our members to ensure that the message conveyed by their appearance is that they're part of the RWISOA association.



Reflecting the RWISOA's Goals and Visions



RWISOA members are representatives of our association. RWISOA's goals and visions are reflected in who the assignors choose to assign their games to.

You never really know who is watching your game and who you will meet that will make an impact on your college referee career. Assignor's impressions are naturally based on visuals, so how you choose to dress makes for a positive or negative memory of you, which in turn creates that connotation with RWISOA.

How to Dress for Professionalism

Meetings: The RWISOA/NISOA polo (black is the preferred color) and dress pants (Gray, black or khaki) are the appropriate attire to wear for clinics & meetings as well as to and from games.

On-Field Training (including PPT): The blue RWISOA t-shirt is the standard attire for PPT and field clinics.

Game time: The NISOA 2018 style is the official uniform for RWISOA members. But always follow the conference and assignors' uniform requirements.



The importance of dress code for professionalism cannot be overstated. To be a true professional is to respect the association's rules for attire as much as the association and their assignors respect your officiating skills.

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