

Referee Uniforms and Equipment

The basic referee uniform consists of a yellow pin-striped jersey (short sleeve), black short, black sock with three white stripes, and black shoes. There are no restrictions on the shoes, but they must be comfortable and not cause blisters. The predominant color should be black. You will need other basic equipment as well, including a watch (preferably one with a stopwatch that you wear around the wrist), a good whistle, a small book to keep score, a flipping coin, and red and yellow cards. I do not recommend that you buy any other equipment for your first season.

With one season's experience and a desire to continue your refereeing career, you should expand your equipment to include a bag, flags, and two additional shirts of different colors. Most referees choose red and black as their alternate colors.

Here are two online sites at which you can order your uniform and equipment. Each store offers a package deal in which you can get the uniform (no shoes), a gear bag, flags, whistle, red and yellow cards, flipping coin, and a wallet with score sheets, but no watch. If you get the Score package, I suggest that you purchase a better whistle since the basic Score whistle has a pea that often sticks when the inside of the whistle gets wet.

<http://www.officialsports.com/>

<http://www.ScoreSports.com>

Some local spots you can go to are listed below.

Midwest Sporting Goods
305 E Broadway
Council Bluffs, IA 51503
Phone: (712) 328-7424

Soccer Internationale
2541 South 132nd Street
Omaha, NE 68144
Phone: (402) 330-9862
www.soccerinternationale.net/

Nebraska Sporting Goods
84th & H Street
Omaha, NE
(402) 331-1150
www.nebraskasportinggoods.com

Sticks and Kicks
2101 North 120th Street
Omaha, NE
(402) 991-4664
<http://www.sticksandkicksinc.com/soccer.asp>