

# USA Pickleball Referee 2024 Uniform Code

The USA Pickleball Uniform – Shirt, Hat and Jacket represents over 800 USAP officials who train, practice, and perform to the highest professional standards.

- **USAP Event** – (sanctioned, training) - USAP shirt and hat or Skechers Shirt and hat. Skechers or black REFEREE jacket may be worn. Credentials.
- **Non USAP Event** – Following all USAP Rules - USAP shirt and hat or Skechers Shirt and hat. Skechers or black REFEREE jacket may be worn. No Credentials.
- **Non USAP Event –Venue uniform provided** (PPA, MLP, US Open, Charity) – no USAP uniform or credentials. No USAP Credentials on non USAP Uniforms.
- **Non USAP Event – Public Relations Opportunity** – NCAA, Charity, Celebrity, Educational – Contact Director or NOC with full information.
- **Trainees** – Plain white shirt and hat.
- **International Tournaments**– Permission needed. APP or USAP tournaments may allow USAP uniforms. No credentials. Contact Director for more information.
- **International – Training or visits** – Non GPF - no USAP uniform or credentials. GPF - contact International Director - No leaving any USAP materials or awarding credentials without the written approval of USAP Directors.
- **Complete dress code for when wearing USAP Uniforms**
  - Black or mostly black shoes – no crocks or sandals
  - Black pants – no noticeable cargo pockets
  - Black shorts, skirts, skorts – 4-inch height max from knees – not below knees - no noticeable cargo pockets
  - Shirts tucked in - they are not designed to be worn out.
  - No embroidery without approval. No names or adding REFEREE on the back.
  - White hat – Skechers or USAP (Sun Hat option in progress). Sun hats on non-streamed courts are allowed.
  - Ball bags – on side or around back of referee. Preferred – off court. Extra pickleballs in mesh bags should not be noticeable while working on court.
  - Long black or white undershirts or sleeves are allowed. Check with the RC for color allowed on streamed courts.
- Credentials are not at “name tag”. Wearing the credentials has conditions and implies certain insurance provisions and liability. Amazon has custom name tags for sale if needed. Do not use USAP logo without approval.

Remember that, when in the uniform shirt, hat, or jacket – no public alcohol consumption, player embraces with pictures, non-uniform pants, shorts or shoes, or hats. Please see Referee Compliance on the Officiating Page and refer to the Referee Code of Conduct in the Referee Handbook.