



# Elite Referee Program

## Professional Match Dress Code Policy

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### **USL, MLS Pre-season, U.S. Open Cup (Third Round and higher), International Friendlies**

The referee assigned to the match dictates arrival and departure attire (either full suit or slacks/polo).

If the match referee does not dictate arrival and departure attire, slacks and polo is the default attire.

Elite Referee Program match officials will depart in the same attire in which they arrived unless otherwise dictated by the referee assigned to the match.

If the match referee allows different attire for departure, minimum expectation for departure attire is slacks and polo, as described below.

#### Full Suit Attire

Men:           Black, dark blue or dark grey suit (pants and coat matching)  
                  White dress shirt  
                  Red or blue tie (U.S. Soccer tie preferred but not required)  
                  Black dress shoes

Women:       Black, dark blue or dark grey suit (pants and coat matching)  
                  White dress shirt or business blouse  
                  No neckwear required  
                  Black dress shoes

#### Slacks and Polo Attire

All:            Black or dark grey slacks  
                  Black, dark blue or white U.S. Soccer Referee Program polo  
                  Black dress shoes

#### Warm Up Attire

Black athletic shirt (U.S. Soccer Referee Program or PRO branding as appropriate)

#### Referee Kits

Full selection of new-style short and long sleeve Official Sports jerseys required

If a locker room with showers is not available or functional, Elite Referee Program match officials may depart in Adidas or Nike full length athletic pants, running shoes and a U.S. Soccer Referee Program polo.

### **PDL, NPSL, U.S. Open Cup (Second Round and lower)**

Elite Referee Program match officials will arrive and depart in the same attire.

#### Arrival and Departure Attire

All:               Black or dark grey slacks  
                      Black, dark blue or white U.S. Soccer Referee Program polo  
                      Black dress shoes

#### Warm Up Attire

Black athletic shirt (U.S. Soccer Referee Program or PRO branding as appropriate)

#### Referee Kits

Full selection of new-style short and long sleeve Official Sports jerseys required

If a locker room with showers is not available or functional, Elite Referee Program match officials may depart in Adidas or Nike full length athletic pants, running shoes and a U.S. Soccer Referee Program polo.

#### **Non-Professional Matches**

Arrive and depart all fields or venues with no locker rooms in referee shorts, running shoes and athletic tee shirt (U.S. Soccer Referee Program branding preferred but not required)

- No flip flops or sandals
- No team branded jerseys or tee shirts
- No referee jerseys or socks

If you are not actively working a match, do not wear referee gear

- Do not walk around and watch games in referee attire
- If you are going to the bathroom between games or at half time, put on a jacket or remove your jersey

*Inability to meet these minimum expectations could result in removal from the Elite Referee Program*