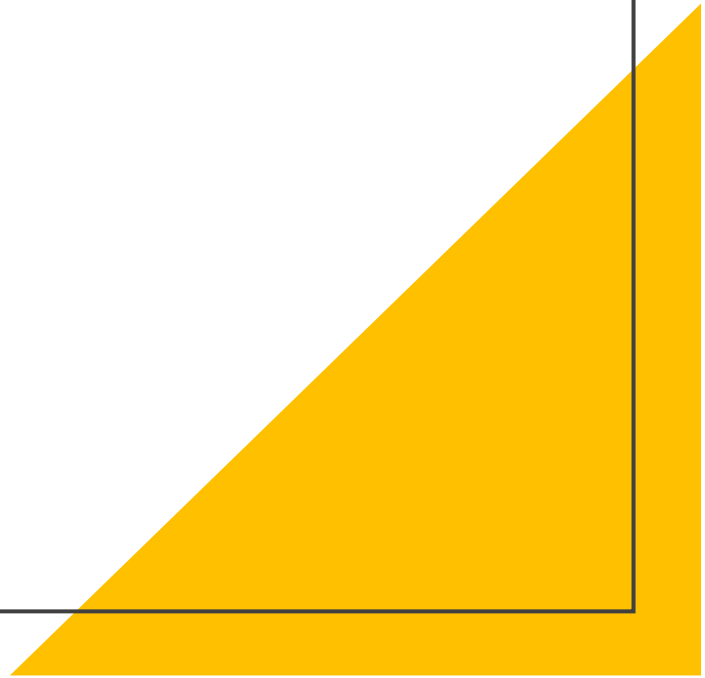


Carolinas Umpire Association



Uniform Guide-2026



Hats



- Black NCHSAA are required for both base and plate umpires. Hats are ONLY available at LB [LB Officials Apparel](#)
 - 8 stich (2.75" visor) hats are mainly for bases
 - 6 stich (2.50" visor) hats are a combo
 - 4 stich (2.25" visor) hats are for the plate only.
- Safety Tip-Ensure there is "standoff distance" between the mask frame and the visor.
- Pro Tip-Creasing your hats adds a professional touch
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7jOpELnY7UQ&t=3s>



Shirts

- MLB 2023 version is the default shirt
 - Black w/gray side panels
- Brands
 - Smitty
 - Gerry Davis
- Shirts and Jackets are sized for the plate.
 - Example:
If you typically wear a large, size down to a medium for the bases

Shirts

- Optional shirts include;
 - MLB Sky Blue (2022 version-sky blue w/ black side panel)
 - MLB Black and Blue w/the contrasting placket (2023)
- CUA does not wear navy or powder blue shirts.
- Other shirts are allowed as long as partners match.



Shirts

- Long sleeved shirts are acceptable for only the plate umpire.
- Long sleeves are not be worn under a short sleeve shirt.
- Shirts **must** match between all partners.
- If the Plate umpire is wearing long sleeves, the base umpire will wear a jacket.
- Undershirts should be the color of the shirt or the color of the trim (black).

Jackets

- Black w/gray shoulders is the default jacket for 2024.
 - Optional Jackets are:
 - Solid black convertible
- Jackets are permitted for the plate umpire.
- Uniform shirts are not to be worn under a jacket.
- Pro Tip-If a jacket has an open bottom, it should be tucked in.
- Brands
 - Smitty
 - Gerry Davis





Pants

- Charcoal (dark) gray is the only acceptable color.
 - Plate Pants are only worn on the plate
 - Base pants are only worn on the bases
 - Combination pants are discouraged
- Brands
 - Smitty
 - Gerry Davis
 - Mizuno
- Pro tip-When getting plate pants hemmed, wear your shin guards and plate shoes to get the correct length.



Shoes

- All black or Black with white midsoles and trim are acceptable.
- Plate Shoes-Low or mid height
 - Brands
 - New Balance
 - Smitty
 - 3N2
 - Mizuno
 - Base Shoes-Any turf type athletic shoe that is cleanable.
 - Brands
 - New Balance
 - Under Armor
 - Mizuno
 - Adidas
- Pro tip-Clean and polished shoes creates a professional image and makes great first impression.

Other Items

- Personal Protector
 - Find something that works for you.
 - Jock vs shorts vs tights
 - Brands
 - Nutty Buddy
 - Diamond
 - Shock Doctor



- Tights
 - Prevents gear from chaffing
 - Warmer in the spring, cooler in the summer
 - Cup pocket ?
 - Brands
 - Under Armor
 - Smitty
 - Nike
 - Academy/BCG





Other Items

- Belt
 - Black leather or patent leather-“garrison” type
 - 1-1/2” or 1-3/4” width.
 - Baseball belts are not permitted
 - Boston Leather (worn by MLB umpires) (go up by 2 sizes from your waist)
- Ball Bags
 - Black is the only approved color
 - 2 shall be worn to maintain pace of play
 - Smittys
 - Honigs
 - Force 3

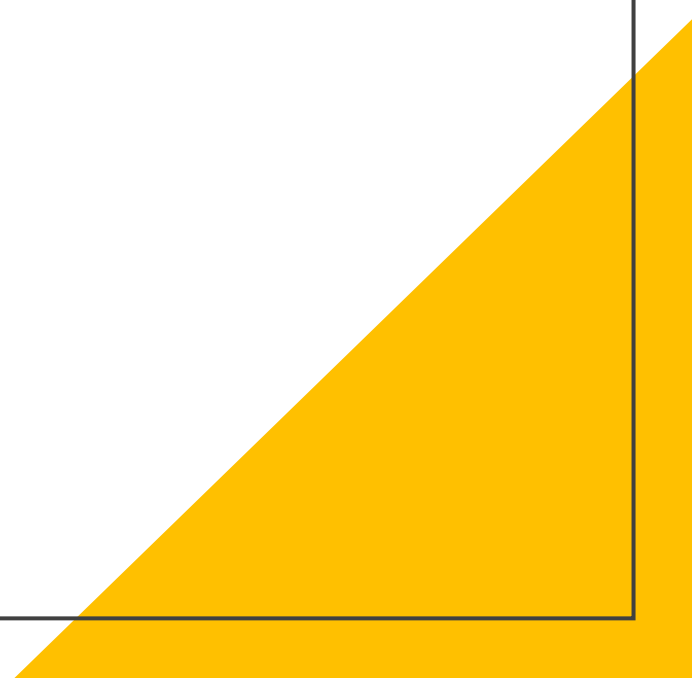


Stopwatch/Timer

- Used to track time between innings.
 - 1 min or 5 pitches
- Cell phones and wrist watches are not permitted.
- Water resistant or waterproof



Suppliers

- Players Sports (Local in Charlotte)
 - Ump Attire (Free Shipping >\$129, free returns)
 - Purchase Officials (10% discount code NC2026, Free shipping >\$99)
 - Gerry Davis
 - Honigs
 - LB Officials Apparel (NCHSAA Hats)
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- A large yellow triangle is positioned in the bottom right corner of the slide, pointing towards the top right.