



## **NPUA Clothing Policy**

The NPUA wants its members to be comfortable, confident and professional while delivering performance standard umpiring.

The policy below outlines the guidance on what is appropriate clothing for NPUA umpires:

**Headwear** - Religious headwear is very welcome. Please ensure it is safely secured and unlikely to come undone during the game. Baseball caps are appropriate for managing sun and glare where needed. Preferably they should be black but other colours are acceptable. Please, where possible, avoid heavy branding or logos / slogans that could be considered offensive.

**Glasses** - If prescription glasses are required please do wear them, ideally these are safety glasses or goggles to protect both the umpire and the players. Lenses that respond to the sun are acceptable.

**Shirts** - Please wear NPUA provided shirts where possible. If there is a colour clash with both home and away strips considered, please consider wearing alternative umpiring shirts. If for any reason your NPUA shirts become unsuitable please contact the Executive Committee or your Panel Lead at the earliest opportunity so we can explore options to support you.

**Base layers** - Preferably these are the same colour as the umpiring shirt or black.

**Lower body** - Umpires are welcome to wear black trousers, skirts, skorts or shorts when umpiring. We encourage umpires to use clothing with pockets as this will aid performance on cards and administrative issues, though the decision ultimately lays with the umpire in question. When wearing skirts, skorts or shorts please wear black knee high socks.

**Shoes** - We strongly encourage umpires to wear shoes with grip suitable for the field of play. This will change depending on whether the appointment is indoor or outdoor.

If you need support or advice on choices, or where to find items listed above please discuss this with either your panel or the Executive Committee.