



NIACUS

Umpire Dress Code 2024

1. The good name and reputation of NIACUS in part depends on the appearance of its members. To uphold and protect that good name and reputation, NIACUS has agreed a dress code for umpires. That code applies to all members who have been appointed by the Association to officiate at matches under the auspices of the Northern Cricket Union or other bodies, unless those bodies require and/or provide other clothing.
2. Umpires should arrive at the ground smartly dressed wearing, where practicable, official NIACUS off-field clothing, for example the blue NIACUS travelling jacket and polo shirt provided to members in 2020, a NIACUS blazer, a NIACUS tie etc.
3. Whilst officiating, umpires should generally wear clothing as prescribed in paragraphs 3 to 6 of this code. However, there might be instances when this code may be set aside for practical reasons, for example if umpires have to stand with colleagues from another jurisdiction who do not have access to NIACUS clothing. In such circumstances, the appointments secretary should be informed. Irrespective, both umpires should ideally be similarly dressed. All clothing, including footwear and headgear, should be clean, tidy and smart and not appear to be shabby.
4. Apart from the badge of the Association, no other logo or badge should be displayed on the clothing unless approved by the Association.
5. The wearing of headgear is voluntary.

6. Whilst officiating, and other than in instances when the code is set aside (see paragraph 3), umpires should be clothed as follows:
- a) **Shirt:** Blue official NIACUS polo shirt (long or short sleeved) as issued in 2023.
 - b) **Trousers:** Black or navy (shorts are not permitted).
 - c) **Footwear:** Black sports shoes, or black with a white sole.
 - d) **Jacket:** Blue official NIACUS blouson jacket as issued in 2023.
 - e) **Sweater(s):** Cricket sweater(s) may be worn underneath the jacket (but not instead of the jacket).
 - f) **Headgear (if worn)** A hat with a brim, a flat cap or protective headgear are all acceptable (cricket caps, bobble hats etc are not permitted). The headgear should be predominantly navy or black. Umpires may wear black Cricket Ireland or navy ECB/ACO baseball-style caps: no other baseball-style caps are acceptable.
7. Members should note that failure to adhere to this code may be taken into account when appointments are being considered and/or could ultimately result in disciplinary action being taken.

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