

**Austin Baseball Umpires Association**  
**Uniform Policy**

**HATS**

Black **fitted hats** will be worn for all games. See “APPROVED UNIFORM COMBINATIONS” below for additional information.

Hats with the approved “**TASO**” logo will be required in **TASO-BASEBALL AND UIL-ASSIGNED GAMES**. The TASO logo on caps shall be as designated by the TASO Baseball Board.

A plain black hat or a black hat with the **ABUA logo or TASO logo** will be required for all **NON-UIL-ASSIGNED or NON-TASO-ASSIGNED GAMES**. This shall include all games classified as “summer” ball, and includes MSBL/MABL, Select, Fall Ball, etc. The ABUA logo shall be that as approved by the ABUA Board of Directors.

**SHIRTS**

For **TASO-BASEBALL AND UIL-ASSIGNED GAMES** the default approved shirt will be black with white stripes on the collar and sleeves (short sleeve or long sleeve). Crew optional shirts may be light blue and must meet the specification set forth by the TASO-Baseball Board of Directors. Crew must be uniform in the color and style of shirt or jacket worn.

For all **NON-UIL-ASSIGNED or NON-TASO-ASSIGNED GAMES** (anything classified as “Summer Ball” on ABUA scheduled games) the default approved shirt will be black with white stripes on the collar and sleeves (short sleeve or long sleeve). Crew optional shirts may be light blue, cream, or white. Crew must be uniform in the color and style of shirt or jacket worn.

**UNDERGARMENTS**

If any undergarment is visible, it must be navy blue, black, or white, and in a color as detailed in the section on APPROVED UNIFORM COMBINATIONS below. Crew must be uniform.

**\*\*\*APPROVED UNIFORM COMBINATIONS (TASO)**

<b>Shirt</b>	<b>Cap</b>	<b>Ball Bag</b>	<b>Undergarment</b>
Black	Black	Black or Grey	Black or White (crew must be uniform)
Light Blue	Black	Black or Grey	Black (crew must be uniform)
Cream	Black	Black or Grey	Black or White (crew must be uniform)

***SUMMER BALL***

For games designated as “summer ball” all umpires will wear the regular uniform as detailed above, except that a white undergarment may be worn under all shirts. (An additional exception is allowed for umpires working the bases in AMBL/MSBL games, as shown below)

Base Umpires working the bases in **AMBL/MSBL (Men’s League) games ONLY**:

- May wear black hemmed shorts that have front and back pockets (no “cargo” style shorts), belt loops, and the length of the shorts shall **NOT** be below the knee.
- If wearing shorts, the base umpire will wear their regular base shoes, white socks, and the regular uniform shirt as detailed above.
- T-SHIRTS are **NOT** acceptable as an outer shirt. Crews must be uniform in the color and style of shirt worn by both umpires.

## **BELTS**

Black leather

## **PANTS**

Gray with belt loops and no cuffs. Plate pants must be large enough in legs to fit over shin guards.

## **BALL BAGS**

Gray to match the pants, or black (see chart above). If two bags are worn, both must be of the same color. Ball bags should never be worn on the bases unless the umpire is working the game alone and calling balls and strikes from behind the mound.

## **SOCKS**

Black

## **SHOES**

Predominately Black with Black Shoelaces.

## **PATCHES/NUMBERS**

**No patches or numbers are to be worn**, except that an approved American flag patch may be worn on the left sleeve of the uniform shirt. The flag shall be approximately 2” x 3” in size and placed 2” below the shoulder seam on the left sleeve only

## **\*\*\*SHORT SLEEVE SHIRTS - RESTRICTIONS**

A long sleeve t-shirt, turtleneck, sweater, or any other long-sleeved garment should not be worn underneath a short sleeved shirt unless a jacket or pullover is also worn. Unless specifically approved by the board for medical reasons, a long sleeved undergarment worn with a short-sleeved shirt such that the sleeves of the undergarment are visible shall be the same color as the shirt.

## **TURTLENECKS**

A black or white turtleneck may be worn under the jacket or pullover as long as it meets the requirement set forth in the “Approved Uniform Combinations” shown above. **Crew must be uniform.**

## **JACKETS**

Black plate coat may be worn when working the plate.  
Black umpire’s zip-up coat may be worn.

## **PULLOVERS**

An approved pullover may be worn (see list below). Pullover may be tucked inside the pants when working the plate. Pullover will NOT be tucked in when working the bases.

### **APPROVED PULLOVERS:**

- Black pullover with white trim
- Black convertible (full or half sleeve) pullover

## **INCLEMENT WEATHER GEAR**

Navy blue or black in color