



Referee Information Bulletin #03/23 – Dated 10 April 23

Referee Attire for VIBHL

For clarification while you are officiating in the VIBHL (note this is for the Adult League only and not the Youth/GVMBHA) your standard of Referee gear needed is as follows:

- **Helmet:** Black, CSA Approved for hockey and in good condition (Not Knapper).
- **Visor:** CSA approved half visor (Optional).
- **Whistle:** Which is designed to be worn on the fingers and not around the neck (Preferably an Acme Thunder Medal Whistle – due to it being louder and more durable than a Fox 40 or other types).
- **Jersey:** VIBHL issued Jersey.
- **Jersey:** If you do not have a VIBHL Jersey then please wear either your CBHA Jersey, or a hockey linesman jersey or a solid black T-Shirt.
- **Shorts:** VIBHL issued Shorts.
- **Shorts:** If you do not have VIBHL Shorts then please wear your BCBA Black shorts, or WCC Black Shorts or simple Black Shorts, with pockets.
- **Runners:** Preferably solid black or non-descript.
- **Socks:** White or Black socks.
- **Jock/Jill:** Recommended (Optional).
- **Shin Pads:** Recommended (Optional)

Not everyone has the VIBHL jersey and Shorts. I have a very limited supply so if you need a set then please let me know and we can see what we can do. Since we may become a sanctioned league under the CBHA/BCBHA then I am not sure if we will be ordering any new VIBHL Jerseys/Shorts (they cost the league \$100 and they are provided free to us).

If you are going to officiate in the GVMBHA (Youth), then you are going to need at least a CBHA Approved Jersey. So, if you only have that then you can wear it and we (VIBHL/Everett and myself) will deal with BCBHA if they have a complaint with our league using their jerseys for non-sanctioned games.

If you wish to simply wear a Black T-Shirt until things become clearer, then for now that is permitted, and we shall deal with it on a case-by-case basis.

Optional items to bring with you to the game as a Referee:

These are some items which over the years we as officials have found to be useful to have in case of various situations before and during the game. These are ideas from lessons learned and are not just limited to this list if you feel you require something else.

1. Water Bottle
2. String to fix the net if needed.
3. Knife for the string.
4. Tape (Duck Tape) to fix/cover any sharp edges on the boards.
5. Multi-head screwdriver to fix loose screws on the board or in a lot of the cases provide to the players so they can remove clips and the like from their helmets which deem them not safe and modified.
6. Your rule book so after the game you need to verify anything you have it (***DO NOT*** bring your rule book to the Penalty Box).
7. A small note pad/pen/pencil (we call them a riot pad), in case you need to make notes on the floor should something happen that is more serious than routing incidents. If you choose this, then you will need to carry it on the floor with you hence the need for your shorts to have pockets.
8. Gum, or throat lozenges, or candy to keep your mouth and throat moist.

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