

2021 HARTFORD BOARD UNIFORM POLICY

The Uniform Policy will be a point of emphasis in 2021, on both the state level and the local level. Umpires should look as professional as possible, with clean, pressed, matching uniforms.

Violations of the Uniform Policy will be handled on an individual basis by the Executive Board.

SHORT SLEEVE SHIRT – **Black** shirt with 2 thin white stripes on the collar and cuffs is the default universal shirt for the Hartford Board. Every member must have this shirt.

Preferred alternate shirts are the **MLB black** with gray side panels, and the **MLB sky blue** (a/k/a polo blue, or delta blue) with black side panels.

Approved alternate shirts include **sky blue** (a/k/a polo blue, or delta blue) with black cuffs and collar; **powder blue** with black cuffs and collar; **cream**; **red**; **pink** (*for women's health initiatives*) and **gray**.

There is to be nothing hanging below the short sleeve. If it is cold, wear a long sleeve shirt, a jacket or a plate coat while on the plate, or a long sleeve shirt or jacket while on the bases. Do not wear the short sleeve shirt over a long sleeve undershirt.

If all umpires are wearing short sleeve shirts, they **MUST** match in color and style.

NOTE: Navy blue shirts, powder blue shirts with navy and white trim, and powder blue shirts with red, white and blue trim are no longer part of the Hartford Board Uniform Policy and members should discontinue wearing these shirts.

LONG SLEEVE SHIRTS – **Black** shirt with 2 thin white stripes on the collar; **MLB black** with gray side panels; or **MLB sky blue** (a/k/a polo blue, or delta blue) with black side panels may be worn by the plate umpire and base umpire during cool weather.

UNDERSHIRTS – T-shirts should be **black** only. A cream color t-shirt is acceptable to wear underneath the cream short sleeve shirt. Black mock turtlenecks or black full turtlenecks are acceptable to wear in cold weather.

NOTE: Navy blue, red, powder blue and white undershirts are no longer part of the Hartford Board Uniform Policy and members should discontinue wearing these color undershirts.

JACKET – **Black jacket with 2 white shoulder stripes**. Either medium weight half-zip, or heavyweight fleece lined full-zip or half-zip. Both the plate umpire and the base umpire may wear a jacket if it is cold.

All **black**, convertible short sleeve, lightweight jacket is acceptable for cool weather.

The plate umpire may wear a **black** plate coat at any time.

NOTE: Navy blue jackets and plate coats are no longer part of the Hartford Board Uniform Policy and members should discontinue wearing the navy blue jacket and navy blue plate coat.

SHIRT/JACKET COMBINATIONS:

Plate Umpire = Short Sleeve Shirt → Base Umpire = Short Sleeve Shirt (matching color and style), or Jacket

Plate Umpire = Long Sleeve Shirt → Base Umpire = Long Sleeve Shirt (matching color and style), or Jacket

Plate Umpire = Jacket or Plate Coat → Base Umpire = Jacket

PANTS – Charcoal gray slacks only. Gerry Davis charcoal is the default universal pant for the Hartford Board. Smitty 4-way stretch, performance poly spandex charcoal grey is an approved alternate pant. For matching purposes, all umpires should wear the same brand pants while on the field. It is strongly suggested that the plate umpire wear ‘plate’ pants and base umpires wear ‘base’ pants.

NOTE: Heather gray pants are no longer part of the Hartford Board Uniform Policy and members should discontinue wearing heather gray pants.

HAT – Black, fitted hat with the red **H_B** logo on the front is the ONLY hat approved for use. Both umpires must wear the same hat. NO other logos, pins or patches are permitted on the hat. Mesh back hats and adjustable hats are not permitted.

NOTE: Navy blue hats are no longer part of the Hartford Board Uniform Policy and members should discontinue wearing navy blue hats.

SHOES – Primarily black – some limited white striping, accents or a white manufacturers logo is acceptable. Shined for each assignment. It is strongly suggested that the plate umpire wear ‘plate’ shoes while working the plate, and base umpires wear ‘base’ shoes while working the bases.

SOCKS – Black only.

BELT – Black only, preferably with a silver buckle. Patent leather or matte finish are both acceptable.

BALL BAG – Black only. (*Umpires preference to use one or two ball bags.*)

STATE PATCH – The official State patch MUST be affixed to all uniform tops worn during games assigned by the Hartford Board commissioners or by the CIAC. The patch is to be attached to the left breast pocket on shirts and plate coats, and over the left breast area on jackets.

AMERICAN FLAG PATCH – A 3” x 2” American flag patch with gold border should be worn on the left sleeve of all uniform tops, 3” below the shoulder line.

EQUIPMENT – Mask - either traditional mask or hockey style mask, chest protector, shin guards, protective cup for males working the plate, ball/strike/out indicator, plate brush, pen or pencil to write on lineup cards, lineup card holder.

Please keep your equipment in good shape, and remember to clean and press your uniform and shine your shoes for every assignment!

IMPORTANT: NON-HARTFORD BOARD GAMES – If umpiring any baseball games not assigned by a Hartford Board Commissioner or by the CIAC, you are NOT allowed to wear a uniform top with a State patch, and are NOT allowed to wear a hat with the red **H_B** logo.

See below for visual examples of the Hartford Board Uniform Policy:

DEFAULT UNIVERSAL SHORT SLEEVE SHIRT

All members must have this shirt



Black with 2 thin white stripes on collar and cuffs

PREFERRED ALTERNATE SHORT SLEEVE SHIRTS

May only be worn if both umpires have the exact same color and style



MLB Black
with gray side panels

MLB Sky Blue
(also known as polo blue, or delta blue)
with black side panels

APPROVED ALTERNATE SHORT SLEEVE SHIRTS

May only be worn if both umpires have the exact same color and style



Sky Blue
(also known as polo blue,
or delta blue)
with black trim and collar



Powder Blue
with black trim and collar



Cream
with 2 thin black stripes



Red



Pink
with black trim and collar
to be worn in connection with
Women's health initiatives



Gray

DISCONTINUED SHORT SLEEVE SHIRTS

Members should no longer wear these shirts



Navy Blue
with red and white trim



Powder Blue
with navy and white trim



Powder Blue
with red, white & blue trim

APPROVED LONG SLEEVE SHIRTS

Long sleeve shirts may be worn by the plate and base umpire in cool weather



Black with 2 thin white stripes



MLB Black
with gray side panels



MLB Sky Blue
(also known as polo blue
or delta blue)
with black side panels

APPROVED JACKETS

Jackets may be worn by the plate umpire and/or the base umpire



Medium weight half-zip



Heavyweight fleece lined full-zip

Black jacket with 2 white shoulder stripes. Either medium weight half-zip, or heavyweight fleece full-zip or half-zip. Both the plate umpire and the base umpire may wear a jacket if it is cold.



Black, half-zip, short-sleeve pullover jacket – light weight.



Black umpire plate coat

DEFAULT UNIVERSAL UNIFORM PANTS



Gerry Davis Charcoal Umpire Pants

Plate B08PT1251

Base B08PT1253

APPROVED ALTERNATE UNIFORM PANTS



Smitty 4-way Stretch, Performance Poly Spandex Charcoal Grey

Plate BBS392 / BBS396 (expander waistband)

Base BBS390 / BBS394 (expander waistband)

NOTE: All umpires should wear the same brand of pants while on the field.

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APPROVED HAT



Fitted black umpire hat with red HB
is the only hat to be worn for every HB game

- 4 stitch plate hat
- 6 stitch combo hat
- 8 stitch field hat

BALL BAG

Black



BELT

Black



Patent leather with silver buckle



Matte leather with silver buckle

STATE PATCH

MUST be affixed to all uniform tops worn during games assigned by the Hartford Board Commissioners or by the CIAC. The patch is to be attached to the left breast pocket on shirts and plate coats, and over the left breast area on jackets.



AMERICAN FLAG PATCH

A 3" x 2" American flag patch with gold border should be worn on the left sleeve of all uniform tops, 3" below the shoulder line.

