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TO: AOA Softball Umpires
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RE: Umpire's Uniform

The AOA Executive Committee has adopted the following dress code for all AOA softball umpires:

The proper uniform is a clean, pressed, light blue shirt with a navy blue cap and predominantly black polished shoes. Light gray slacks must be worn. A light blue turtleneck may be substituted for a shirt when wearing a coat or a dark blue or black turtleneck may be worn under a light blue shirt. The trouser belt should be of navy or black leather. **Umpires should be dressed alike.** Never should an umpire be on the field without wearing a cap. The cap, of the plate umpire should be short visored, with the cap of the base umpire having a longer visor. Shoes of the plate umpire should be of the safety variety and shin guards should always be worn. Primarily black shoes designed for umpiring should be worn. College patches are not allowed for umpires working high school games.

The plate umpire needs to have the following:

- A ball and strike indicator.
- A small whiskbroom.
- A protective support and cup.
- A ball bag.
- Line up cards.
- A pen or pencil for line up changes.
- Access to rules book.
- A chest protector and a sturdy mask, preferably with a throat protector, are standard equipment.

Make certain that you carry your current AOA official's card with you and present it to the coach of the home team.