



## Referees:

### **Will the New Balance uniform be mandated for use by TFA by a certain date?**

No - TFA will not mandate referees to purchase the new uniform by a certain date. TFA worked hard to ensure the New Balance referee uniform is visually almost identical to the current referee uniform for this reason.

### **Will games at any level of the game require the New Balance uniform to be worn?**

Yes - games that feature on broadcast or live stream at The Championships and/or NYC will require referees to wear New Balance referee uniforms from 1 January 2025 onwards. TFA will work closely with these referees to ensure product availability and affordability.

### **Is there any change in cost per item for New Balance referee uniform?**

Yes - there is an increase in cost per item from the previous uniforms. The increase in cost reflects the premium quality and craftsmanship that come with partnering with an internationally renowned brand. Each item is made with high-quality materials designed for enhanced performance, durability, and comfort, ensuring that our players and teams are equipped with the best possible gear. Additionally, the new partnership offers a more streamlined and efficient ordering and shipping process, reducing lead times and ensuring quicker delivery to our members.

### **Is the off-field uniform changing?**

Yes - there will be subtle changes to the off-field referee uniforms.

### **Is the off-field uniform mandated to be worn?**

No – there will be no mandate for the off-field referee uniform to be worn.

### **Can I miss match uniform, i.e. different brand shorts and shirt on a game?**

Yes – provided you are not on a live streamed or broadcast game.

### **Is New Balance branding on the new socks or is it plain black? Can we wear any type of sock?**

Yes – New Balance branding will feature on the black socks; you can continue wearing plain non-branded black socks (except for live stream or broadcast games).





**Will New Balance uniforms have the ladies cuts in tops, shorts, and skirts?**

Yes – the New Balance uniforms will have a ladies cut in tops, shorts, and skirts.

