



South African Institute of Range Officers and Instructors

POLICY ON MATCH OFFICIAL DRESS AND APPEARANCE

Introduction

SAIRO&I portrays an image of consistency and uniformity as regards the dress worn by match officials at SAPSA/IPSC sanctioned matches. To facilitate this, a formal dress code is required.

The dress code is not a new requirement as it has been enforced from the earliest days of SAPSA/IPSC in South Africa. Apparel is indicative of RO capacity at any given match including level I matches.

Policy

1. Shirts. The approved shirts for SAIRO use is a red golf style short or long sleeve shirt. There are two styles of red shirts that may be worn by Match Officials:

Red golf shirt typically made of poly-cotton or a moisture management material, with or without a pocket on the left breast. The following insignia are to be used on the shirt:

Where	What
Left breast or the pocket	SAIRO&I logo directly on the shirt or pocket
Above the pocket or directly above the SAIRO&I logo if no pocket	RO name (optional).
Right hand sleeve	IPSC logo
Back of shirt	Wording "Range Officer" (optional).
Above the pocket or name	Affix the magnetic "rank" badge as supplied by SAIRO&I

The sublimated (printed) SAIRO red shirts are made of a moisture management material, with a pocket, as provided by the supplier approved by the SAIRO&I Board. The sublimated shirts may be worn at all levels of SAPSA/IPSC sanctioned matches. Only these shirts may be worn at level III, IV and V matches. The following insignia are to be used:

Where	What
Pocket	SAIRO&I logo
Above the pocket	Name (optional)
Right hand sleeve	IPSC logo
Back of shirt	Wording "Range Officer" (optional).
Above the pocket or name	Affix the magnetic "rank" badge as supplied by SAIRO&I
Left sleeve	May contain the name/s of a sponsor/s solicited by SAIRO&I (for all provinces)

- a. All logos may be embroidered or screen printed.
- b. The shirts are to be worn at level I and II [ie club and provincial] matches]. T-shirts and faded, red golf shirts should not be worn as Match Official uniform.
- c. If a province obtains a sponsor for the shirts of officials *in that province*, such sponsor's logo may be added up to a maximum of two, i.e. no more than three logos shall appear on the left hand sleeve. Provinces may obtain their own sponsors in order to lower cost of shirts to officials. The SAIRO&I solicited sponsor/s shall have

preference over a province's sponsor/s. Logos of sponsors of individual officials (personal sponsors) will not be accommodated.

- d. Who Wears What. All SAIRO&I registered officials (with application form submitted to Admin Officer and current SAPSA membership) i.e. PRO, NRO, CRO, RM, PSO, NSO, CSO and SD may wear a red shirt containing the prescribed SAIRO&I insignia. No shirt is "rank indicative" other than the tag worn. Helpers may wear a red shirt as approved by the host organisation and RM for the match.

2. Pants/Trousers. Navy blue pants shall be worn as part of the Match Official uniform. These can be either long trousers or shorts. No baggy shorts or shorts that extend below the knees shall be worn with the SAIRO shirt. A belt shall be worn fitted through loops on the pants. Pants/trousers that hang below waist level shall not be worn. Female stats officers may wear skirts.

3. Footwear. Only closed shoes shall be worn with Match Official uniform; no sandals or slops. Socks shall be anklets or full length onto the calf and of a colour to match the pants. Female stats officers may wear sandals.

4. Headwear. The approved SAIRO headwear is a red cap with the SAIRO&I logo. The official's name may be embroidered or printed on the back of the cap.

5. Other Clothing. Other clothing may be worn depending on the climate, such as cold weather or rain. Such clothing shall be neat and in good repair. Additional sleeves, neck scarves/Buf of a suitable neutral colour, all without logos, are allowed as protection against sunburn.

6. Additional Logo. The SAIRO&I ManCo may from time to time decide to include an additional logo on shirts to commemorate a specific event e.g. Africa Region Level IV or V match.

7. Applying the Policy. This policy applies to all SAIRO&I Match Officials and shall be adhered to at all SAPSA/IPSC sanctioned matches from level I to V by both "static" and "roving" ROs.

8. IROA Reference. Please refer to the IROA Member Handbook for more information, copied below for your convenience:

"Range Officer Appearance

1.19. Dress. IROA Range Officers will primarily be identified by the shirt and cap they wear. Full detail of the IROA Range Officer dress is in the Member Handbook. Each NROI will have its own distinctive dress.

1.20. Appearance. Range Officers may secondly be identified by their neat and well-dressed appearance. Clothes and footwear will always be clean and in good repair. No unshaven appearance.

1.21. Footwear. A Range Officer is on his feet most of the day and it must be borne in mind that he will be running behind competitors and be expected to keep up. Comfortable running shoes with sufficient "tread" are recommended. Socks will be worn. Sandals will only be worn if the range is on the beach next to the sea."