



# UNIFORM POLICY

This policy ensures all players are easily identifiable, safe, and unified while playing in our leagues, while still allowing space for creativity and self-expression. Our uniforms represent our values of inclusion, respect, and community, helping everyone feel seen and celebrated.

## 1. LEAGUE SHIRTS INCLUDED FOR ALL SPORTS

- All players will receive an official Stonewall Sports Detroit t-shirt as part of registration. These shirts support sponsor visibility and confirm that all participants are registered members of the league.
- Because some of our sports are played in venues or environments where shirts aren't always the most practical form of identification, the following sports may use a Stonewall Sports Detroit name tag in place of the t-shirt:
  - » Billiards, Bowling, and Cornhole
  - » For these sports, players may choose to wear either their official Stonewall t-shirt, or their Stonewall-issued name tag
  - » Both options are considered valid forms of participant identification.
- For all remaining Stonewall Sports Detroit leagues and activities, including but not limited to kickball, volleyball, pickleball, dodgeball, and any future athletic sports, wearing the official Stonewall t-shirt is required to participate.
- Both the Stonewall T-shirt and the Stonewall issued name tag ensures:
  - » Players are easily identifiable
  - » Sponsor requirements are met
  - » League integrity is maintained

## 2. CUSTOMIZATION & PERSONAL EXPRESSION

- Players are encouraged to express themselves and may customize or decorate their shirts, provided that the Stonewall Sports logo and sponsor logos remain fully visible.
- Name and pronoun boxes are encouraged for personal expression. Misuse, defacement, or disrespect of the pronoun box may result in disciplinary action, up to and including removal from the season.
- **Acceptable Customization Includes:**
  - » Cropping shirts (logos must remain fully intact and visible)
  - » Rolling sleeves
  - » Tie-dye (logo colors and proportions must remain unchanged)
  - » Adding personal flair such as stickers, patches on sleeves or back, or fabric decorations that do not obstruct logos
  - » Wearing compression or base-layer gear underneath



- **Unacceptable Customization Includes:**

- » Cutting through or altering the Stonewall Sports or sponsor logos
- » Changing logo colors or proportions (except tie-dye as noted above)
- » Removing logos entirely
- » Printing or adding unapproved sponsor logos or advertisements
- » Altering the shirt in a way that makes the logos unreadable
- » Modifications that compromise safety during play (i.e. excessive fringe, sharp add-ons, unsafe cuts)

### **3. VISIBILITY & VENUE RULES**

- At all venues, shirts or name tags (where applicable) must remain visible on your person at all times.
- Venue-specific rules, such as “no shirtless play”, must always be followed.
- In situations where a shirt is temporarily not worn (i.e., due to hot temperatures outside), it must still remain clearly visible on the player’s person (i.e., secured to clothing).

### **4. FOOTWEAR GUIDELINES BY SPORT**

- Appropriate footwear is required at all times for safety and facility compliance. All footwear must follow venue rules. Sport-specific guidance is provided below:
  - » **Basketball:** Sneakers are recommended; confirm with facility rules.
  - » **Billiards:** Follow the guidelines of the facility (typically some sort of footwear required).
  - » **Bowling:** Follow the guidelines of the bowling facility (typically bowling shoes).
  - » **Cornhole:** Follow the guidelines of the facility (typically some sort of footwear required).
  - » **Dodgeball:** Sneakers are recommended; confirm with facility rules.
  - » **Indoor Volleyball:** Sneakers required (no bare feet); check with the facility for specifics.
  - » **Kickball:** Non-metal cleats are preferred (metal cleats are prohibited); sneakers are acceptable.
  - » **Pickleball:** Follow the guidelines of the pickleball facility (typically court shoes or sneakers).

### **5. MISSING SHIRT OR NAME TAGS (IF APPLICABLE) & PINNIE POLICY**

- For all sports, pinnies may be used if a player forgets their Stonewall Sports Detroit t-shirt or name tag (if applicable).
  - » Requests to use a pinnie must be made before the start of the game or match.
  - » Any player who participates without requesting a pinnie in advance will be considered ineligible.
  - » All pinnie usage will be tracked by Sports Leads.
- Misuse of pinnies (including giving a pinnie to another player) will result in the team forfeiting their immediate next match.
- Pinnies may be used during regular season games only and are not permitted during tournament play.



- » To participate in tournaments, players must have their Stonewall Sports Detroit t-shirt, or their Stonewall-issued name tag (if applicable to the sport).
- » In extreme circumstances, players may request an exception by contacting the Sports Director at least 24 hours prior to the tournament date.

## 6. CONSEQUENCES OF VIOLATIONS

- Violations of this policy may result in warnings, benching, forfeits, or removal from the season, based on leadership discretion (Sports Leads, Sports Director, or Board members).
- The intent of enforcement is education, consistency, fairness and safety, not punishment.

## 7. INCLUSIVE & AFFIRMING STATEMENT

- Stonewall Sports Inc. celebrates individuality, identity, and self-expression.
- Uniforms/Shirts/name-tags are tools to help us feel like a team, but they should never limit someone's ability to feel seen, safe, or included.
- We encourage members to customize within guidelines, wear what affirms them, and show up authentically while still honoring the collective identity of Stonewall Sports Inc.

Any questions? Please contact any member of the Stonewall Sports Detroit Board.