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Baseball Gear Guide

A practical checklist for arriving prepared, looking professional, and handling the assignment with confidence.

**THE
STANDARD**

Confirm every item against your state association, governing body, conference, and assigner requirements.

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Baseball Assignment Checklist

Build your bag around reliability: the correct uniform, duplicate critical tools, comfort items, and protection for the conditions.

UNIFORM & PRESENTATION

- Approved umpire shirt, charcoal or approved pants, and black belt
- Plate shoes for the plate; polished base shoes for the field
- Association-approved cap and undershirt color
- Plate coat or weather layer when approved

ESSENTIAL TOOLS

- Ball/strike indicator, plate brush, lineup card holder, pencils
- Protective mask, chest protector, shin guards, protective cup
- Ball bags appropriate to the assignment
- Small rule reference and ground-rules notes for pregame use

SMART BAG EXTRAS

- Mask pads, throat guard if needed, extra shoelaces, shoe horn, towel
- Sunscreen, hydration, electrolyte mix, blister care
- Separate bags for clean uniform pieces and plate gear

Pack, Inspect, Perform

WHEN	WHAT TO DO
48-24 HOURS	Confirm venue, level, crew, uniform, arrival time, parking, payment process, and special instructions.
NIGHT BEFORE	Lay out the complete uniform. Charge devices. Test whistles/timers. Check weather and travel time.
ON ARRIVAL	Change or finish dressing privately. Inspect equipment. Meet the crew. Complete the required pregame.
AFTER GAME	Record game details, clean and dry gear, replace used supplies, and note anything needed before the next assignment.

AVOID THESE MISTAKES

- Wearing plate shoes on the bases
- Loose or exposed protective gear
- Relying on one indicator or pencil

Starter Budget Strategy

PRIORITY	BUY FIRST	UPGRADE LATER
1	Required uniform and footwear	Second full uniform set
2	Required tools and protection	Premium bag/organizer
3	Backup whistle/timer and basics	Weather-specific duplicates

Important: This guide provides general preparation recommendations, not a universal uniform rule. Requirements vary by sport, season, level, state, conference, and governing body.